

Annals from 1896 to 1902. Sault Ste. Marie Mich *Excerpt Sault Annals*  
In May 1896 Reverend Mother Ignatia Lynn in company with Mother Loyola Byron came to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to see if the city would be a suitable place to found a new mission.

July 15, 1896 Mother A. Gonzaga Gallivan and Mother Mary Stanislaus Liddy left Canada to act as missionaries in the new foundation. They remained three weeks at Saratoga House followed by one week at the house of a lady, Mrs. George Carrie Dawson on Spruce Street.

August 13 two additions to the community arrived in the persons of Sisters St. Michael and Germana who met the above Mothers at the aforesaid house. All then moved to their new residence, on 133 Spruce Street, belonging to Mr. M. F. McDonald, lawyer. After being there for two weeks, two more arrived. Sisters M. Euphrosyne and Agnes. They were welcomed to the city by a torch-light. A fire broke out during the afternoon and the lower part of the city was burned. A flame from a gasoline stove caused the destruction. The Post Office and many large buildings were destroyed.

The morning after the arrival of the first members as Mothers Gonzaga and Stanislaus in company with the priest, Father Connolly were issuing from the door at the back of the school house, Mother Gonzaga sprained her ankle. In the midst of the violent pain caused by the turning she limped slowly to the boarding house and was obliged to go to her bed and for fully five weeks she was laid up with the ankle.

Her work then, in this foundation was from a sick bed. The constant care and prayers of her companions were fully appreciated. Kindness from all parties was received and in a strange land and under such circumstances they were not without friends. During these weeks while Mother Gonzaga was on the bed of suffering Mother Stanislaus was up at dawn every morning and out at Six o'clock Mass accompanied by one of the boarders, a young lady at the house, Clara Riordan. Was it not for this young lady and her elder sister Anna, who assiduously attended the invalid, time would have saddened and perhaps dispirited them.

Now we have reached the time when things must assume a settled form.

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One day a letter came from Reverend Mother in Toronto recalling Mother Gonzaga home. Our new Superior, Mother Stanislaus, finds it a difficult task that has been placed on her.

August 29, Friday. Three Nuns, Sisters M. Isabelle, Frances and Sebastian, our last expected from Canada arrived. All were delighted to receive the new comers. The following Monday then we were obliged to say farewell to Mother A. Gonzaga who was returning that day to the Abbey, Toronto.

The Parochial School opened on the following Wednesday, September 2. The teachers were Sisters M. Isabella, Agnes, Frances, and Euphrosyne. The school was filled. The children were bright, intelligent, and very good. Two hundred and six assembled in the lofty, airy, rooms. Within the first month the number mounted to over three hundred. September 12, 1896 we all moved from the home on 133 Spruce Street. While we remained at 133 Spruce we were frequently visited by our neighbors, particularly by the neighbors on the left, Mrs. Mackies and her daughter, Lizzie from whom we received many kindnesses. The use of the sewing machine was given us and we took advantage of the offer, and sewed some pillow cases and comforters. Then she rented us one of her pianos, the one belonging to her married daughter, Mrs. McKenna, for \$30 a year.

A little silver bell which Sister St. Michael brought with her from the Falls called the new community to their duties. During the month we lived at this house we went out to Mass every morning at 6 o'clock. One was never sure what kind of weather to expect. The mornings were always damp.

When the house was rented it was agreed to leave the green blinds on the windows also to leave the kitchen range in the house. Other conveniences and comforts were also left. Carpets were left on three floors, also a table in the dinning room, side-board, some double beds, one of which was used for sometime. The others were stored in the shed with many chairs, dishes, and kitchen utensils. The owner was burnt out at that great fire so he was obliged to come and take the furnishings from our house, much to his necessity, causing us inconveniences. However, among some of the things