

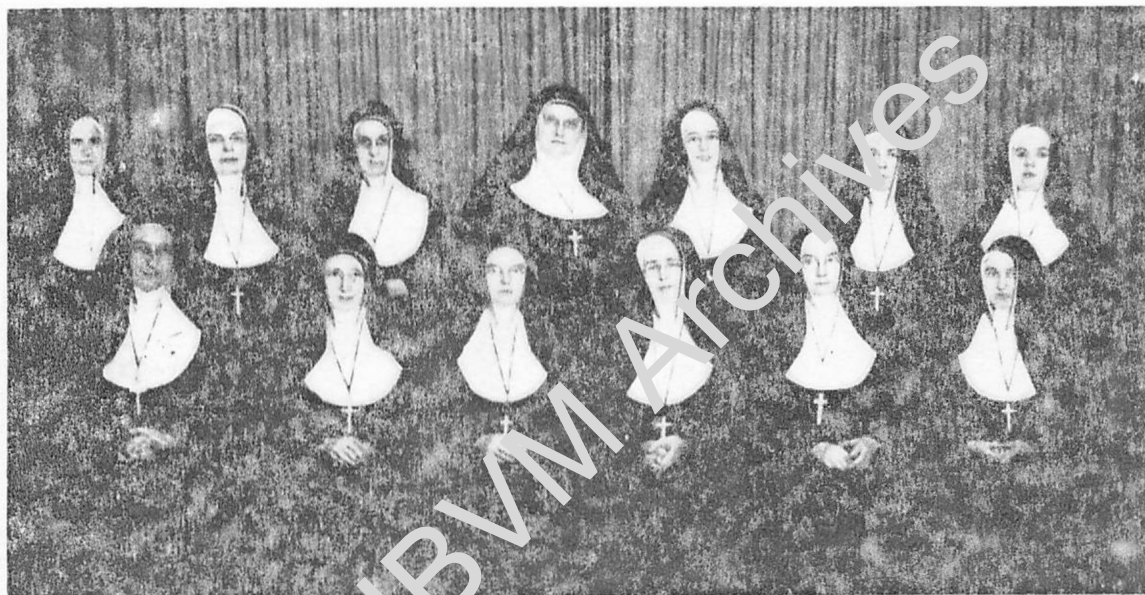
The Sisters of Loretto in St. Mary's Parish Joliet, Illinois, 1879-1919

The Ladies of Loretto, after having first spent a year at Saint Patrick's, transferred, at the suggestion of His Excellency, Archbishop Feehan, D.D., to St. Mary's parish. The nuns and school were housed in a small place on Cass Street until St. Mary's Academy was completed, and dedicated August 16, 1883.

From then until the withdrawal of the Ladies of Loretto, the academy continued to flourish, and to

graduate pupils who have shown a loyalty to their religious teachers that is little less than phenomenal, a loyalty in the face of the fact that, though no new members have entered their alumnae for the past twenty-seven years, they have held tenaciously to each other and to the Ladies of Loretto in Chicago, frequently testifying their undying devotion by splendid gifts and affectionate tributes to the community of their former teachers.

The Sisters of Providence in Saint Mary's Parish Joliet, Illinois-1918 to the Present Time



First row (left to right) S. Ann Joseph, S. Mary Angelica, S. Winifred Ann, S. Annunciata, S. Mary Joachim, S. Annette.

Second row (left to right) S. Marie Anthony, S. St. Basil, S. Mary Roberta, S. Marie Athanasius, S. Miriam, S. Gertrude Eileen, S. Thomas.

In 1879, the Ladies of Loretto had come from Toronto, Canada, to make a foundation in Joliet. From that time until 1919, they remained in the city, opening schools in Saint Mary's, Sacred Heart, St. Bernard, and St. Patrick parishes. The needs of the growing city made it necessary to provide larger staffs for each of these schools, and this the congregation of the Ladies of Loretto found it difficult, if not impossible, to do. As a consequence they relinquished one school after another until in 1918, they gave up the commercial high school which they had formerly operated on Eastern avenue, and retained only for one more year, the grade school of Saint Mary's parish.

At the invitation of the Reverend Thomas F. Quinn,

the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, made plans to take over the high school. On September 16, 1918, the high school opened formally in the building on Eastern avenue, since the Ladies of Loretto still occupied the building on Cass and Ottawa Streets as their convent. The high school was conducted as a four-year commercial high school, and on October 22, 1918, Foundation Day, the name of the high school was officially announced as Providence High School. Sister Aloyse was the first superior. Sister Aloyse and Sister St. Philomene were in charge of the high school classes; Sister Mary Reparata in charge of the Commercial; Sister Louise Marie, the music classes; and Sister Alma Therese, the household duties.

ST. MARY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1945



1893—1st CLASS ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, EASTERN AVE.
Cele Murray, Mgt. McGarry, Ollie Hennessy, Sadie Toughy,
Delia Murphy, Julia O'Connell

Religious Vocations from St. Mary's Parish and Schools

Bannon, Mary
Baskerville, Genevieve
Bolls, Agnes
Broderick, Mary
Clark, Mary
Creed, Miss
Devine, Lillian
Dunne, Rose
Falker, Veronica
Feeley, Agnes
Feeley, Bessie
Gatons, Agnes
Gibbons, Cecilia
Hess, Miss
Hess, Miss
Johnson, Marie T.
Kelly, Viola
Magner, Elizabeth
Martin, Mary
Martin, Mary
McAndrew, Ann
McCann, Katherine
McCann, Margaret
McGuire, Mary
McGuire, Olive
McKeown, Pauline
McNamara, Geraldine Cecilia
Mitchell, Kate
Morrissey, Kathryn
Raleigh, Rosella
Robinson, Agnes
Robinson, Genevieve
Ryan, Agnes
Ryan, Sarah
Shearon, Rosemary
Ulm, August
Wall, Genevieve

Mother M. Bernardine, I.B.V.M.
Sister M. Genevieve, O.S.D.
Sister M. Victory, C.S.C.
Sister M. John, O.S.F.
Sister M. St. Vincent, I.B.V.M.
Sister Rose Vincent, S.P.
Sister M. Ignatia, O.S.F.
Mother M. Aquinas, I.B.V.M.
Sister M. Winifred, O.S.F.
Sister M. Bernadette, R.S.M.
Sister M. Verena, R.S.M.
Sister M. Germaine, R.S.M.
Sister M. Rosemary, O.S.U.
Sister Agnes Veronica, S.P.
Sister Loretta Eileen, S.P.
Mother Alphonsus, I.B.V.M.
Mother Mary Teresa, I.B.V.M.
Sister M. Josepha, R.S.M.
Sister M. Leonora, I.B.V.M.
Sister M. Editha, O.S.D.
Sister Pierre, O.S.F.
Sister Gonzaga, S.P.
Sister Madeline Therese, S.P.
Mother M. Emeliana, I.B.V.M.
Mother M. Calista, I.B.V.M.
Mother Mary of St. Cyril, R.G.S.
Sister M. Yvonna, O.S.D.
Sister Mitchell, R.H.
Sister M. Bernice, O.S.F.
Sister M. Roselia, C.S.C.
Sister Loyola, S.P.
Sister Mary Gratia, R.S.M.
Sister Joseph Eleanor, S.P.
Sister M. Hugh, O.S.D.
Sister M. Olivia, O.S.D.
Mother M. Agnes, I.B.V.M.
Mother M. Ielda, I.B.V.M.
Sister M. Redempta, S.P.

The Following Were The Superiors At St. Mary's Schools

Mother M. Aloysius Gonzaga, I.B.V.M.
Mother M. Eucheria, I.B.V.M. (Magan)
Mother M. Stanislaus, I.B.V.M.
Mother Mary of the Angels, I.B.V.M.
Mother M. Catherine, I.B.V.M.
Mother M. Joseph, I.B.V.M.
Mother Mary of the Angels, I.B.V.M.
Mother Mary Eucheria, I.B.V.M. (Tuohey)
Mother M. Felix, I.B.V.M.
Mother M. Jerome, I.B.V.M.

Sister Aloyse, S.P.
Sister Catherine Loretta, S.P.
Sister Catherine Gertrude, S.P.
Sister Margaret, S.P.
Sister Ignatia Therese, S.P.
Sister Marie Bernadette, S.P.
Sister Margaret Louise, S.P.
Sister Irene, S.P.
Sister Mary Reparata, S.P.
Sister Marie Bernard, S.P.
Sister Clementia, S.P.
Sister Mary Amata, S.P.
Sister Winifred Ann, S.P.