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## Sampling of Significant Firsts Associated with the Sisters of Charity of New York (SCNY)

1812	Elizabeth Ann Seton, originally of New York City, founds the first American congregation of women religious, the Sisters of Charity.
1817	The Sisters of Charity become the first congregation of women religious to establish a permanent community in what was then the Diocese of New York. The feast of Corpus Christi is the first time that the Sisters wear the habits on NYC streets.
1817	Three Sisters sent from Emmitsburg to Manhattan by Elizabeth Seton establish St. Patrick's Asylum, AKA the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, the first mission of the Congregation in New York.
1822	Sisters of Charity staff St. Patrick's School on Mott Street, the first Catholic school in New York City. It is still in operation.
1846	The Sisters of Charity of New York are established as a separate congregation from that in Emmitsburg. Elizabeth Boyle is elected the first Mother General.
1847	SCNY open a new motherhouse at McGown's Pass, now part of Central Park.
1849	The first Sisters are sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1856, they become a separate congregation from New York.
1849	Sr. Mary Angela Hughes opens St. Vincent's Hospital, the first Catholic hospital in New York City. The Sisters proved so adept that by 1898, more than half of all private institutions in New York City were "Sister" managed hospitals.
1857	SCNY open St. Mary's School, the first Catholic school in Yonkers.
1859	The first Mass is celebrated in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the new motherhouse at Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale, on September 24 <sup>th</sup> . This chapel is where church scenes in <i>Doubt</i> were filmed.
1868	SCNY establish St. Mary's Female Hospital, our first hospital in Brooklyn. Free care to Brooklyn women was given.
1869	Sr. Mary Irene Fitzgibbon opens The New York Foundling Hospital.
1879	SCNY found St. Vincent's Hospital in Westchester, the first hospital in New York State for the mentally ill.
1888	SCNY found St. Joseph's Hospital, the first Catholic hospital in Yonkers.
1889	SCNY establish a mission in Nassau, Bahamas, their first mission outside the U.S.
1897	SCNY are asked to serve as the first religious administrators and teachers in the Grace Institute, established by Mayor William R. Grace.

1903	SCNY found St. Vincent's Hospital, the first Catholic Hospital on Staten Island.
1905	SCNY staff the first Archdiocesan high school, Archbishop Hughes Memorial HS, now known as Cathedral High School.
1910	The College of Mount Saint Vincent, founded by the Sisters, becomes the first women's college in New York City.
1960	SCNY open Elizabeth Seton College, the first Catholic two-year college in New York State.
1965	SCNY participate in their first public demonstration for Civil Rights – the March in Harlem.
1971	SCNY open their first mission in Central America, in Guatemala, to serve the Mayan Indians.
1974	Sr. Regina Murphy becomes a co-founder of the Inter-Community Center for Justice and Peace. She served as Director from 1979-1985.
1975	Elizabeth Ann Seton becomes the first native-born American – man or woman – to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.
1976	SCNY welcomes first lay Associates.
1983	SCNY becomes a founding member of the Leviticus 25:23 Alternative Fund, a community development loan fund whose purpose is to extend low interest loans to non-profit organizations that aid the poor.
1984	SCNY pass their first Corporate Stance Policy: "immediate, bilateral, verifiable agreement to halt the testing, production, and deployment of new nuclear weapons systems."
1993	Dedication of Seton House, NYC, the first permanent housing for homeless people in New York City. Sr. Claire E. Regan is appointed First Building Manager.
2007	Sr. Mary Ann Daly is appointed the first Executive Director of the Sisters of Charity Federation.