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*The story of the Sisters of Charity  
in America spans 200 years.*



It is a story of thousands of lives of love and service,  
a story of passion for God's poor,  
a story of tough love and high standards,  
a story of caring and compassion.

It is a story of needs met, difficulties faced, challenges overcome,  
societies changed – mostly, with little or no resources.

It is a story of the marvelous mission of Charity —and without you,  
our partners in ministry, the story wouldn't be complete.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This year we celebrate the abundant blessings God has bestowed on us during the 200 years since the foundation of the Sisters of Charity by Elizabeth Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Eight years into the life of her small community, Elizabeth sent three sisters back to her “native city”, New York, in response to a call for assistance from Bishop John Connolly. These were our beginnings as Sisters of Charity of New York and it is this New York history we celebrate together this evening.

The sisters who first came to this city and those who came after them laid the foundation for the Catholic School system, opened hospitals and cared for children and their families. They did not do this alone but rather had the support of priests, trustees, friends, neighbors, and benefactors. Only with these ‘partners in ministry’, were the works of the Sisters of Charity able to flourish. This evening we, the Sisters of Charity and our Associates, celebrate you, our partners today, and the vital role you play in carrying forward our mission to serve all in need, especially the poor.

This journal, however, only tells a part of our story. What is written in our hearts and in the hearts of those we serve would reveal so much more. It would speak of the immeasurable gratitude that we have for each of you and for those who preceded you. As Elizabeth Seton once remarked, “Where would we be if it were not for you...” As we Sisters of Charity step back and look at the whole spectrum of ways in which all of us together have made a difference in peoples’ lives, we are filled with joy and we thank our God who has been and will continue to be at work in us.

This is a time to celebrate our rich heritage and to look forward to a future of loving service to the people of God. We may not know exactly what the future will bring, but we truly believe that God is with all of us and we need not worry, for as St. Vincent de Paul assured us... “Love is inventive unto infinity”!

Gratefully in Christ,

Sister Dorothy Metz, SC  
President



Introductions	Alfred E. Smith, IV Master of Ceremonies
Welcome	Sr. Dorothy Metz, SC President, Sisters of Charity
Invocation	Archbishop Timothy Dolan Archbishop of New York
Dinner	
Media Presentation	<i>Only Because of Your Love...</i> <i>The New York Mission of Charity</i>
Call to Mission	Sr. Jane Iannucelli, SC Director, Sponsored Works
Gratitudes	Sr. Dorothy Metz, SC President, Sisters of Charity
Buffet Dessert	

**1774** ELIZABETH ANN BAYLEY was born into a colonial America that was alive with the challenges of new beginnings and subsequent growth. She carried the American spirit with her as her life advanced through love and devotion to her husband William Magee Seton and their 5 children, to a painful but joyous conversion to the Catholic faith and unforeseen and exciting foundations. Elizabeth Seton founded the



Mother Seton traveled from New York to this house on Paca Street, Baltimore, MD. It is here the Sisters first appeared in habit.



September 14, 1975 "Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Saint."  
– Pope Paul VI.



Above, Elizabeth's State Street home in New York City.

Sisters of Charity in 1809, and died in 1821. In 1975, she became the first native of the United States to be canonized a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church. Hers was always a life of challenge and beginnings. We, her daughters, rejoice in her story.

*Elizabeth Ann Seton*



The Stone House in St. Joseph's Valley, Emmitsburg, MD is the first permanent home of the Sisters of Charity.

**1817** The mission of the Sisters of Charity in New York began in 1817 when, at the request of Bishop John Connolly, Mother Seton sent three Sisters to New York to care for orphaned immigrant children in the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum. Popularly known as St. Patrick's Asylum because of its proximity to St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, this orphanage began with 5 orphans and three Sisters. One year later it was filled to capacity. It served as a haven for children bereft of relatives and friends in a city where poverty, illness, and death were commonplace in the lives of the burgeoning population of Irish immigrants.



**1822** The seeds of the parochial school system in New York were sown as the Sisters of Charity took charge of the girls' department of St. Patrick's School on Mott St.



St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, Prince Street, NYC, 1825.



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St. Joseph Academy, 1st and 2nd grades, May 1946.



St. Joseph Academy, 1952.



Sr. Patricia Quinn and first graders at St. Peter's School, Yonkers.



Sr. Margaret Dennehy and students at St. Aloysius School, Manhattan.



Sr. Rosemarie Walsh and students at St. Peter's School, Yonkers.



Sr. Mary Catherine Cleary and students at Our Lady of Angels School, Bronx.



Second graders at Holy Name School, March 1960.

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Sr. Carol Ann Ruf and first graders at Sts. Peter and Paul, Bronx.



*Mother Elizabeth Boyle*

**1846** The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, of New York were formally established as an independent congregation. Sister Elizabeth Boyle, friend and colleague of Mother Seton, was elected the first Mother. The Academy of Mount Saint Vincent offered quality education to girls at the new community's headquarters at McGowan's Pass, near 106th Street and Fifth Avenue, in what is now Central Park.

Mount Saint Vincent Academy and first Motherhouse at McGowan's Pass.



Srs. M. Beatrice, Gonzaga and Ann Dolores, 1875.



The first Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of New York and the Academy of Mount Saint Vincent, 1847-1859.

# St. Vincent's Hospital, N.Y.C.



Washington Institute, building on left, was rented by the community in 1849 and re-conditioned for its first hospital now St. Vincent's at 11th Street and 7th Ave., NYC.

**1849** The cholera epidemic ravaged New York. To respond to this need, Sister Angela Hughes and three other Sisters of Charity opened St. Vincent's Hospital in a rented brick house on Thirteenth Street. With the assistance of trained lay colleagues, these pioneers laid the foundation of a great institution while they fulfilled one of the fundamental obligations of their rule: the spiritual and corporal service of the sick poor.



Relaxing on the rooftop of the hospital, circa 1900.



Administrative and Nursing staff in traditional habit, 1908.



Sisters and lay colleagues provide services to the young and old in the mid 1940's.





Sr. Margaret Carmela Terry, assisting in the nursery.



Sr. Mary T. Boyle, 1970.



Sr. Mary Sugrue, left, 1983.



St. Vincent's operating room.



From left to right: Srs. Mirian Vincent Wild, Marie Kiernan Devery, Marian Catherine Muldoon, Marianne Robertson, Mary Brigida Clancy and Edward Mary McNamara.



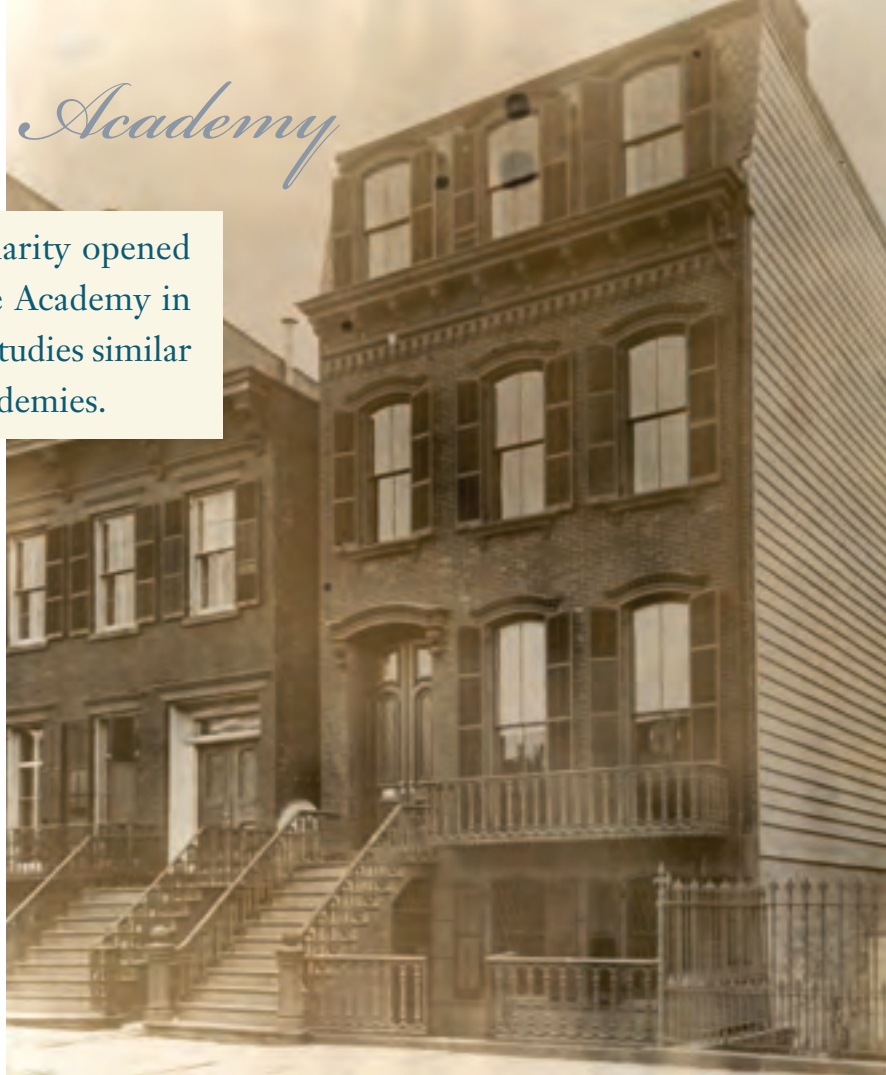
Sr. Marita Rose O'Brien



Sr. Ellen Quirk visiting the homebound to provide medical care and companionship.

## *St. Lawrence Academy*

**1854** Sisters of Charity opened St. Lawrence Academy in Yorkville with a program of studies similar to that of the established academies.



St. Lawrence Academy, NYC, circa 1954.



**1856** St. Joseph's Academy opened in the village of Greenwich, then a quiet residential section of the growing metropolis of New York. It was originally located in the vicinity of St. Joseph's Church and St. Joseph's Half Orphan Asylum.

## *St. Joseph's Academy*

St. Joseph Academy, circa 1940's. Shown here Sr. Mary Beatrice Persino.

## *Mount Saint Vincent*



**1859** Because of the city's plans to create Central Park, the Sisters had to relocate Mount Saint Vincent - their motherhouse, novitiate and academy — from McGown's Pass to the present location in Riverdale, NY.

**1861** Sisters served as Civil War nurses and fought the smallpox and tuberculosis.

## *Sister Mary Irene Fitzgibbon*



**1869** Sister Mary Irene Fitzgibbon opened the New York Foundling Hospital in a rented house on East Twelfth Street. In the post Civil War years an alarming increase in cases of infanticide urged a group of prominent laymen to ask Archbishop McCloskey to enlist the Sisters of Charity to respond to this need.



New York Foundling Hospital

First house of the New York Foundling Hospital on East 12th Street, NYC.



Sr. Anna Michaela Bowen.



Sr. Mary Irene Fitzgibbon.



Children at the New York Foundling Hospital, circa 1920's.



Above, Sr. Carmela Joseph Stranz, circa 1950's.  
Left, Sr. Genevieve Mary Scalfani, New York Foundling Hospital.



Baby parade moving day, 1958.



Above, Sr. Marie Catherine Blaine. Right, Sr. Eileen T. Feore. Top, Sr. Teresa Kelly.



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**1879** The Sisters of Charity opened St. Vincent's Retreat for the Insane in Harrison. Confidence in this institution grew when families experienced the return of loved ones restored to health.



*St. Vincent's Retreat*



World Sodality Sunday,  
Mother's Day, May 10, 1942

Pictures sponsored by St. Vincent's Hospital, Westchester

*St. Agatha's Home*



**1884** St. Agatha's Home in Nanuet opened to care for "destitute children." By November of 1885 there were 185 children under the care of the Sisters of Charity in this institution.



School room at  
St. Agatha's.



Sr. Mary Melita Rooney, summer 1947.



St. Agatha's Home 1939.



Sr. Helen Rowan, summer 1947.



Sr. Mary Christine Rogers and Sr. Robert Marie Fimbel.



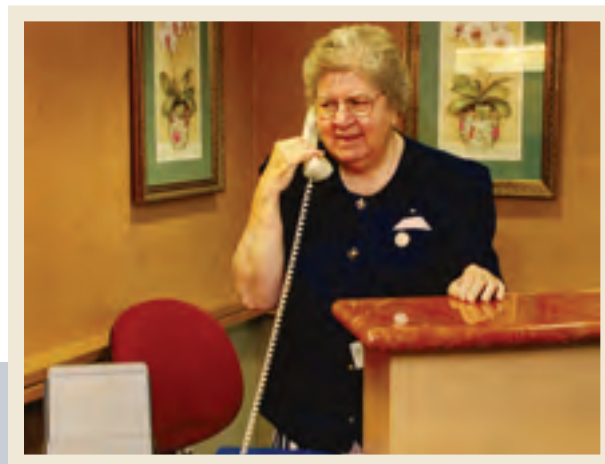
Above, St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet, 1947. Sr. Mary Melita Rooney, back, Sr. Mary Jo Loftus, front.



Former St. Agatha's residents return to visit the sisters.



Sr. Florence Mallon, 1992.



Sr. Mary Linehan at St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL  
YONKERS N.Y.

**1888** St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers was incorporated under the direction of the Sisters of Charity. From its beginnings, St. Joseph's service to the poor has been its hallmark. Dr. Peter Callan in his 1891 Annual Report said that over half of the patients had been treated free of charge.

*St. Joseph's Hospital*

Pictures sponsored by Saint Joseph's Medical Center

## *Nassau, Bahamas Mission*

**1889** The Sisters of Charity established their first mission outside the United States in Nassau, Bahamas. The missionaries lived in a small rented house in which they immediately opened a free school. From this small beginning the work of the Nassau mission expanded as rapidly as Sisters and funds could be provided.



Bay Street, Nassau.

Sr. Genevieve Brown, 1950's.



Sr. M. Angelus Joyce, 1950's.



Sr. Mary Ancilla Egan, 1950's.



Sr. Mary Patricia Dengel, 1960.



Srs. Elizabeth Judge, Eileen Kelly, Carol DeAngelo, Teresa Symonette and Regina Michael Lowe in Nassau, 1991.



Sr. Regina Michael Lowe, Archbishop Patrick C. Linder and Sr. Elizabeth Judge, at Francis Cathedral, 2004.

# Congregation

**1900** There were over eleven hundred Sisters of Charity in New York operating 77 schools, hospitals, orphanages and other institutions in the Archdiocese of New York.

Sr. Teresita Duque.



Sisters of Charity Formation Conference.



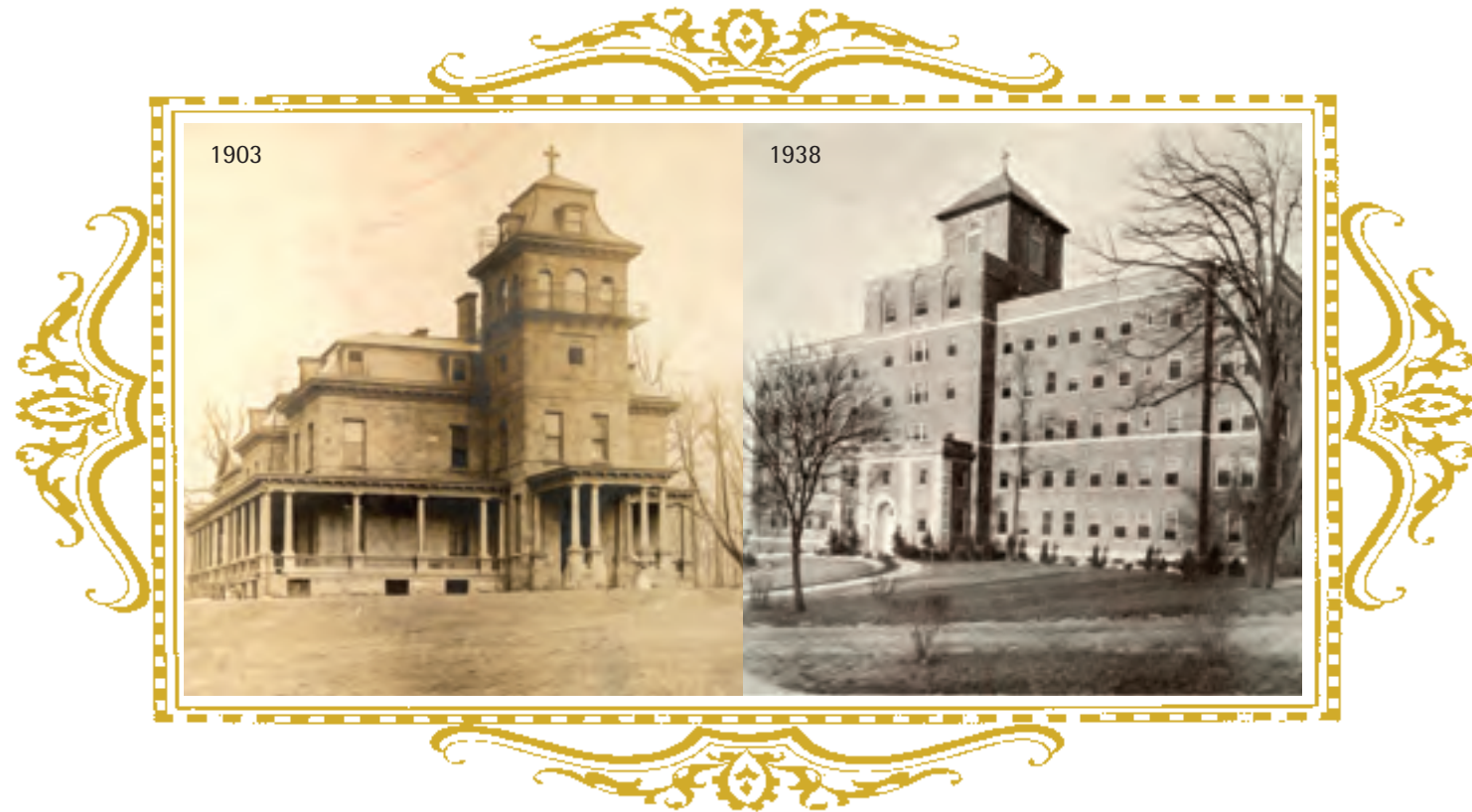
1982 - Convocation.



Sr. Mary de Sales Collins, director, maternity residence, New York Foundling Hospital, 1990.

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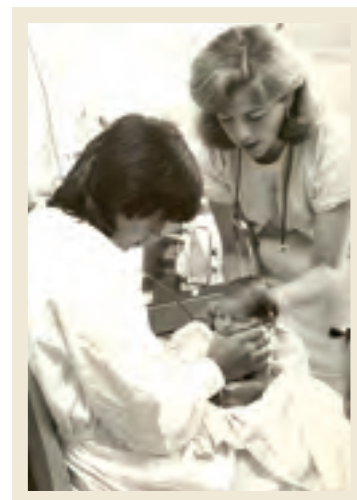
## *St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island*



**1903** St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island, opened in response to a need that Sister Louis Gonzaga, superior of St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, saw for a facility on Staten Island. This hospital was very proud of its horse-drawn ambulance, the first on Staten Island. This hospital, along with other Sister of Charity hospitals, profited from the work of experienced lay physicians.



Emergency department, St. Vincent's Medical Center, Staten Island, 1983.



Neo natal unit, St. Vincent's Medical Center, Staten Island, 1983.

**1905** The Sisters of Charity began Cathedral High School for Girls. It became an "Archdiocesan School" in 1925.



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College of Mount St. Vincent



1918

1910 New York State granted a charter for the College of Mount St. Vincent, which evolved from the Academy of Mount St. Vincent's fifth-year program established by the Sisters.



Sr. Theresa Capria with RCIA students and friends.



Class of 1953 reunion. Sr. Patricia Draddy presents gift to Corazon Aquino, President of the Philippines.



1923

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Convent of Mary the Queen

1958 The Sisters of Charity opened the Convent of Mary the Queen in Yonkers as a residence for Senior Sisters. Ten thousand contributions were sent as a tribute to the Sisters living and dead who had labored for one hundred forty years in the Archdiocese.



Ground breaking ceremony, June 5, 1958. Bishop Dargin, Dr. D'Isernia, Mother Mary Fuller and Sr. Mirian Vincent Wild.



Sisters pray for the needs of many.



Cardinal Spellman prepares to bless all gathered.



Donor Wall of Recognition in front parlor of Convent of Mary the Queen.

## Mount Saint Vincent Convent



Srs. Miriam Agatha O'Dea and Anne Miriam Connellan.



Srs. Dorothy Emanuel and Patrick Regina Sullivan.



Srs. Laura Ruckell and Mary Whamond.



Srs. Mary Ellis and Rosemary O'Donnell.



Srs. Miriam Helen Callahan and Helen Horton.

## St. Patrick Villa



Srs. Elizabeth McLoughlin, Damian Marie McKeever and Kathleen Gilmartin.



Srs. Marguerite Mahony, Elizabeth Carmela Engelhardt, Margaret Darby, Eileen Grubert and Marita Regina Bronner.

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# Elizabeth Seton College



**1961** Elizabeth Seton College was established in Yonkers. As the first Catholic two-year college in New York State, it pioneered diversification of higher education opportunities.



**1962** Photo John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. Its documents encouraged religious to engage with their by studying the Scriptures, the spirit of their founders and the signs of contemporary times. The Sisters of Charity began an intensive renewal of their spirituality, mission and every facet of their lives, under the direction of Mother Loretto Bernard.

# Harlem March

**1965** The Sisters of Charity joined the Harlem March for justice and equality.



**1971** The Congregation opened its first mission in Central America in Santa Lucia Utatlan, Guatemala to serve the Mayan Indians. In response to Pope Paul VI call to mission, the sisters also served in Chile and Peru.

## First Mission in Guatemala



Sisters minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the people.





## Justice and Peace

Anti-war protest in Washington D.C., October 2002. Left to right: Srs. Patricia Brennan, Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Teresita Duque, Margaret Murphy and Florence Speth.

**1974** Sr. Regina Murphy, SC, and others founded the Intercommunity Center for Justice and Peace in New York, a network of religious congregations that sought to effect social change for a more just and peaceful world, in the spirit of the Gospel.



## Associates



**1975** In the year that Elizabeth Seton was canonized as the first American-born saint, the Sisters of Charity established the Associate Relationship Program. It offers a way for lay women and men to share in our charism, spirituality and mission while continuing in their own lifestyles.

Associates participate in the life and ministry of the congregation.



Alicia Alvarez, Marlene Jean-Baptiste, Helen Brett.



Pat Devaney, Sr. Mary Regina Caulfield and Roberta Lener.



Kathleen McGrath Skinner and Christine Gallagher.

# Ministries



Sr. Jane prepares a meal for the guests who will visit P.O.T.S.



**1982** Sister Jane Iannucelli, SC, Rev. Ned Murphy, SJ, and Tim Boone co-founded P.O.T.S. (Part Of The Solution) as a soup kitchen in the Fordham section of the Bronx. Now a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity, P.O.T.S. offers a wide variety of services to people in need.



**1986** Sister Dorothy Gallant, SC, with Sister Theresa Skehan, RSM, initiated the Life Experience and Faith Sharing Program (LEFSA) for homeless men and women in city shelters.



Participants in LEFSA gather to share prayer and community.



**1989** Sister Florence Speth, SC, opened Fox House in East Harlem, to provide temporary housing, education and social services for homeless women and their children.



Sisters Florence Speth and Pat Brennan provide assistance to their clients.

**1991** Sisters Margaret Ellen Burke, SC, and Nora Cunningham, SC, began CORE (Center of Renewal and Education), in rural Sullivan County. CORE's programs for the laity foster faith formation, evangelization and lay leadership, and offer a vital spiritual witness in a pastorally underserved area of the Archdiocese of New York.



Sisters Nora and Margaret Ellen prepare classes in the faith formation program.

# Ministries



Sr. Trinita Flood meets with some of the children who live at Seton House.

**1993** Sisters opened Seton House in East Harlem to provide permanent housing for formerly homeless persons and families. This first venture into the field of housing was developed in collaboration with city and state organizations.

**1996** The Elizabeth Seton Women's Center opened, directed by Sister Arleen Ketchum, SC and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, to offer holistic spiritual and educational programs for women.



**1995** Sisters Jean Bocian, SC, and Terese McElroy, SC, established Casa de Esperanza, a multi-service center for immigrants in Yonkers.



The center provides ESL classes, help with applications for immigration and other services, childcare and celebrations. Many sisters have come to volunteer their time and expertise.



ESWC provides many enrichment programs for women which enable them to become empowered members of their communities.





*Sisters  
Hill  
Farm*



**1998** Sisters of Charity established Sisters Hill Farm, under the leadership of Sister Mary Ann Garisto, SC. The farm shares its nutritious, chemical free, organic food at a reasonable cost to its 200 shareholders. The mission of Sisters Hill Farm is “to grow healthy food which nurtures bodies, spirits, communities, and the earth.” Each week a portion of the food is donated to the materially poor including individual families as well as soup kitchens and other organizations.

## *Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation*

**1998** Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation was established to oversee and coordinate the growing number of congregationally-sponsored housing efforts, including several sites serving the elderly on Staten Island and also housing in Manhattan at Casa Cecilia and Seton House.



Saint Vincent Manor.



St. Elizabeth's Manor.



Joseph House.

*Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers of New York*



St. Vincent's Hospital.

**Late 1990's** The Sisters of Charity were instrumental in creating a system that linked a number of hospitals and health care organizations in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island, and Westchester. This corporation, now known as Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers of New York, is the region's largest Catholic health care provider.

Sr. Eileen Judge at Bailey Seton Hospital, Staten Island, 1988.



Sr. Catherine Sherry, Director of Labs at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center, with two staff members.

*Sister Barbara Ann Ford*



**2001** Sister Barbara Ann Ford, SC, a noted advocate for healing and human rights in Guatemala, was killed there. She is revered as a martyr by the Guatemalan people.

## *Aftermath of 9/11*

**2001** Many Sisters and Associates provided health care, counseling, and spiritual support to those struggling with the aftermath of the tragic 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.



This wall developed spontaneously in the hours following the attack.

## *Seton Village*



**2004** Sisters established Seton Village in Nanuet, Rockland County, NY, an affordable housing complex for senior citizens.



# Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center



Sr. Dorothy Metz wheels a child into chapel.



Sr. Elaine Owens cares for a child.



Music provides comfort for children.



Graduation is a time to celebrate!

Pictures sponsored by Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center



**2005** The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, begun as an affiliate of the New York Foundling to provide specialized residential and rehabilitative services to medically fragile children, became an independent healthcare organization, which includes the John A. Coleman School in Manhattan and Westchester County.



Sr. Rita Nowatzki



Cheerful greetings as people gather outside the new novitiate.

**2008** A novitiate began in Guatemala as young women there expressed interest in living the life of a Sister of Charity.



**2009** Sisters of Charity are currently developing the Sr. Barbara Ford Peace Center in Quiché, Guatemala. This Center aims to promote peace, justice and integrated human development by offering programs to individuals and groups of lay and religious leaders. The participants will be a source of healing and reconciliation to their communities.



The Peace Center in the midst of construction and the planning of programs.



# Sisters of Charity Today

**Education** The Sisters of Charity presence in education is widespread. We serve in 20 elementary schools, 7 secondary schools and 5 colleges and institutions of higher learning. In addition, Sisters of Charity administer four elementary schools and one secondary school. Other Sisters and Associates teach adults in GED or ESL programs, and foster faith as teachers of religious education or members of RCIA teams.



Sr. Michelle McKeon, principal at St. Peter and Paul school in the Bronx.



Sr. Mary Ann D'Antonio and high school senior at St. Raymond Academy.



At the College of Mount St. Vincent, campus ministry volunteers gather at the Villa.



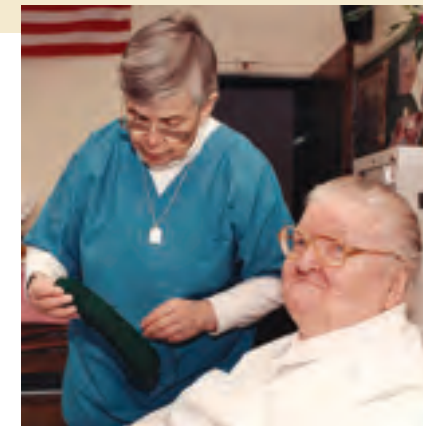
Sr. Kathleen Sullivan and Children of St. Mark's school, Harlem.



At Mount St. Vincent Chapel, Sr. Elizabeth Vermaelen, Dr. Charles Flynn and Betty Kitson lead the procession.

Pictures sponsored by Joan Squires and Tom Moran

**Health and Human Services, Social Services** The essence of the Charity mission is to serve Christ in the persons of those at the margins of society. From our earliest days in New York, we cared for abandoned children, supported families at risk and empowered women. Today, as we continue to serve children, women and families, our ministries of healing and social service have expanded to include immigrants, the elderly and victims of homelessness, hunger, oppression and violence.



Sr. Ann Reynolds checks blood pressure for Sr. Ruth Marion McCullough at Convent of Mary the Queen in Yonkers, NY.



Sr. Eileen Judge caring for the people of Appalachia in Morehead, KY.



Sr. Andrea Dixon, a social worker ministers to crime victims.



Sr. Trudé Collins, seated and wearing a white blouse, meets with staff and clients at Multi-Service Center in Bronx NY.



Srs. Katie Aucoin, Carol Barnes and Kati Hamm with a volunteer.

Sisters of Charity and Associates are committed to being a healing presence in our communities. We serve as doctors, nurses, therapists, administrators, educators, and directors of mission at health care facilities in the New York metropolitan area and beyond.

As sponsors of several hospitals and health related institutions, we partner with our lay colleagues to provide quality care for all in need. Our concern for the growing number of uninsured persons, and our commitment to health care as a basic human right, impels us to advocate for just health care for all.

We provide counseling in parish offices, social service agencies, private offices, funeral homes and retreat house settings.

# Pastoral Care & Spiritual Services

Sisters of Charity serve as chaplains and pastoral ministers in health care institutions, social service agencies, colleges and secondary schools. They work with colleagues to bring to life the mission of Charity in our sponsored institutions. Sisters of Charity are spiritual directors and retreat leaders who guide others in their efforts to follow Jesus Christ through the Vincentian-Charity spirit. They lead, guide and teach in programs of faith formation. The Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer is known world-wide for its programs in the Charismatic Renewal.



James Addison, ministering to persons who live on the street (LEFSA).

Sr. Eleanor Fitzgerald, volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital, 1992.



Sr. Margaret Carmel Kelly brings the Holy Eucharist to a patient at Saint Joseph Medical Center, Yonkers, NY.

# Social Justice

The Sisters of Charity of New York are committed to a preferential bias for immigrant persons according to the tradition of Catholic social teaching. Our shared commitment to this cause for justice includes legislative advocacy for and direct service to immigrants, opposition to human trafficking, and participation in coalitions working on behalf of immigrants.



Sr. Therese McElroy.



Sr. Mary Kay Finneran.



Sr. Elizabeth Judge.

**Reverence for Creation** Through our Office of Ecological Concerns, we educate others about the interdependence and mutual relationship of all life on our planet. Sisters Hill Farm, our organic farm and community-supported agriculture (CSA) project in Dutchess County, New York, was featured on a recent Martha Stewart show.

We raise awareness about using water responsibly and keeping the world's water supply clean and available to all. We seek to be good stewards of the land we own and to manage our properties in ecological and sustainable ways.



Sr. Mary Ann Garisto.



## *Canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton*

On the eve of Elizabeth Ann Seton's canonization, Terence Cardinal Cooke, the Archbishop of New York, wrote:

In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a Saint  
for our times;

In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a woman of faith  
for a time of doubt and uncertainty;

In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a woman of love  
for a time of coldness and division;

In Elizabeth Ann Seton we have a woman of hope  
for a time of crisis and discouragement;

Thanks be to God for this saintly daughter of New York,  
for this valiant woman of God's Church!



The assembly in St. Peter's Square on September 14, 1975. Many thousands gathered to witness Elizabeth Ann Seton's canonization.

# Historical Moments



Harlem March for the Civil Right Movement, 125th Street, NYC.



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# Conclusion

The spirit of Charity never rests satisfied with past glory.  
It propels us into the future, with the energy of the Spirit of God, to do more, always more, in faithful response to the overwhelming needs of our day.  
“The Charity of Christ impels us.”  
With you, our lay associates and partners in ministry,  
we stride into the future with confidence and enthusiasm,  
for we know God is waiting to meet us there.

“As it wasn’t then what it is now,  
there’s reason to believe that it’s still not what it will be  
when God has perfected it as He wants it.”

*(St. Vincent de Paul)*

“Only do your best, and leave the rest to our dear God.”

*(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)*





In Gratitude to  
The Sisters of Charity of New York  
For Their Contributions  
to the Care of  
The Sick Poor  
&  
Leadership to  
the Healthcare Community

Karl Adler, M.D. Board Chair, the Board,  
Administration, Doctors, Nurses and Staff  
ST. VINCENTS HOSPITAL - MIDTOWN



Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers  
of New York, Continuing Care Division

Throughout two centuries, The Sisters of Charity  
have offered hope and healing to all who have  
come to them in need. Their charity has touched  
millions of lives, and they have helped many.

At Continuing Care Division, we are  
honored to follow their tradition by delivering  
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**The New York Foundling Congratulates  
The Sisters of Charity on 200 Years of Faithful Service.**

**They are our inspiration  
and we are proud to carry their legacy forward.**

One hundred and forty years ago,  
two Sisters of Charity welcomed the first abandoned baby  
on their doorstep, creating what is now The New York Foundling.

Because of our sponsors' compassion, fearlessness  
and vision, we have been able to ensure that hundreds of  
thousands of children live, thrive and know the blessing of a loving home.

**The New York Foundling.  
*Abandon No One.***

**Saving Children. Preserving Families. Building Communities.  
Since 1869.**

Joan Squires and Tom Moran

*are delighted to honor*

The Sisters of Charity  
of New York

*and their*

Sponsored Ministries

*for their service and devotion  
to those in need*



## Saint Vincent's Hospital Westchester

In 1879, seven Sisters of Charity undertook a courageous new mission: to provide a place where people with mental illnesses could receive compassionate and respectful care, at a time when mental illness was misunderstood and feared.

We are inspired by and grateful for the Sisters' tireless dedication and devotion to the thousands of people with mental illness and chemical dependency who have found hope and healing here.

*The Patients, Staff, & Advisory Council of  
St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester*



Saint Joseph's Medical Center, its Board of Trustees, Administration, Physicians and Staff are proud to promote the Mission of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of New York.

Since our founding in 1888, we have met the healthcare needs of our community. Saint Joseph's continues the mission of expanding our services and caring for all those in need of quality healthcare.

We are grateful for the guidance provided by the Sisters of Charity and remember fondly the leadership and friendship of Sister Mary Linehan.

Congratulations for 200 years of charity and dedication.

Michael J. Spicer  
President & Chief Executive Officer

James J. Landy  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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## The Mission and works of the Sisters of Charity embody the very Words of Christ:

Mark 9:35-37--Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Then He took a little child...in his arms and said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Our very best wishes to the Sisters of Charity for another 200 years!

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Congratulations  
to the

Sisters of Charity  
who have served

countless men, women and children  
with their unwavering spirit and dedication  
for the past 200 years.

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Who Have Served and Inspired  
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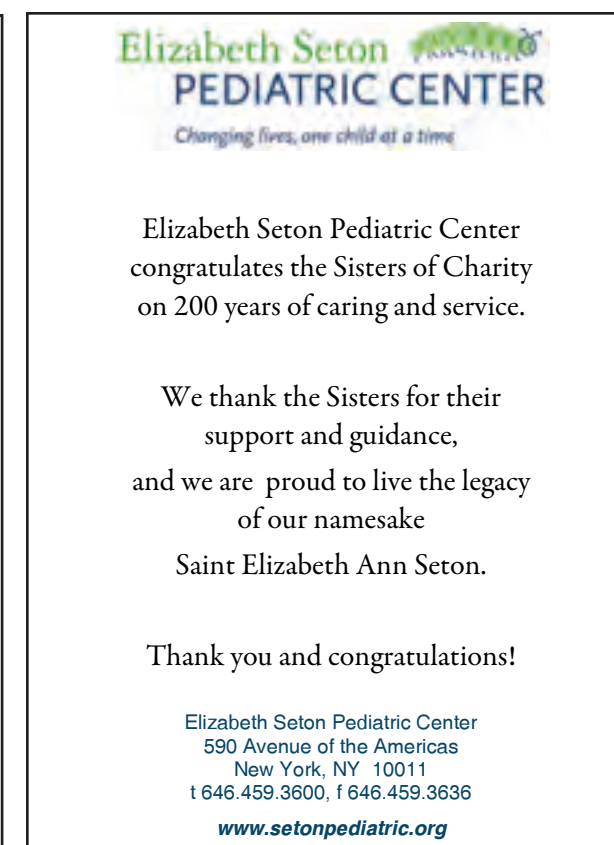
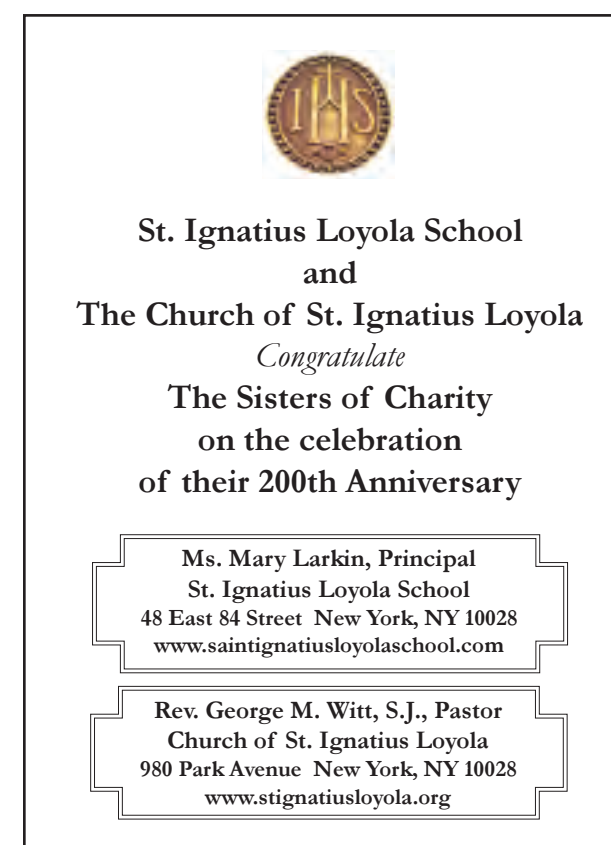
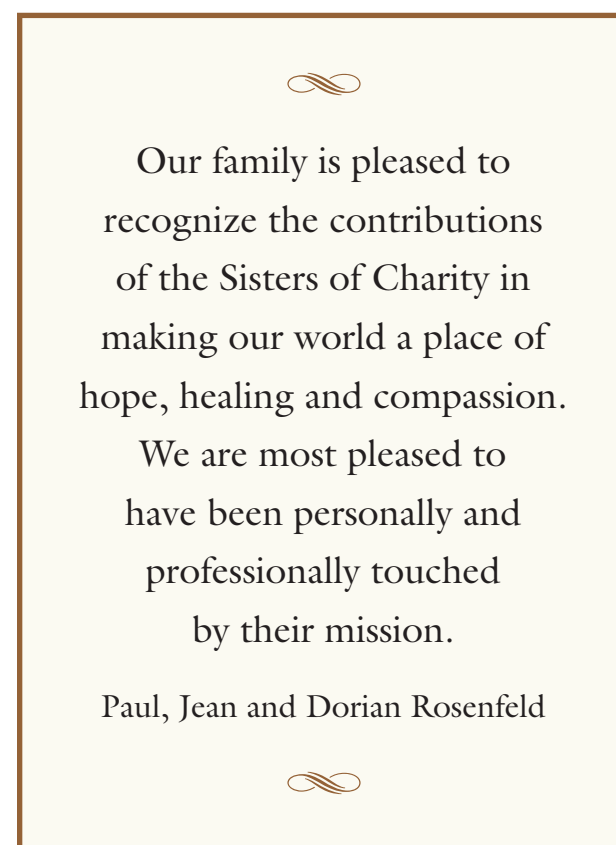
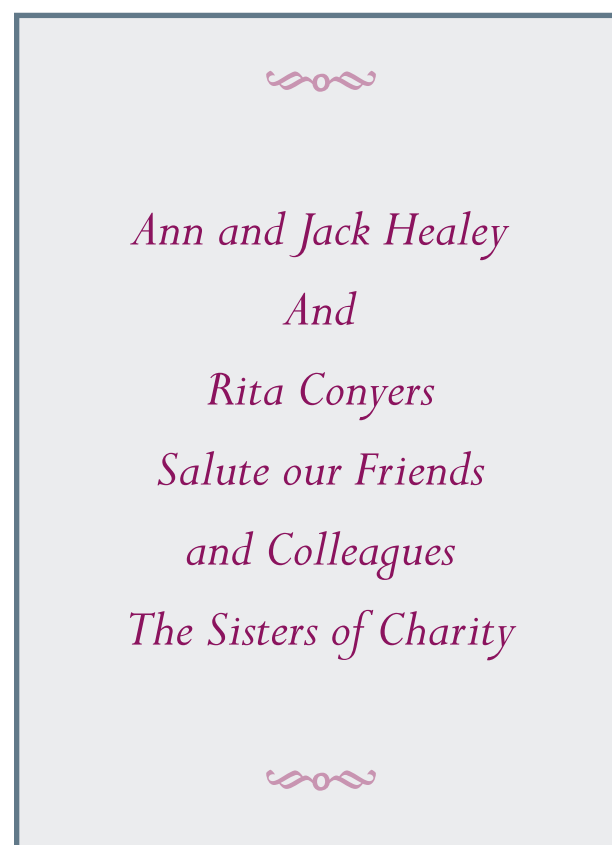
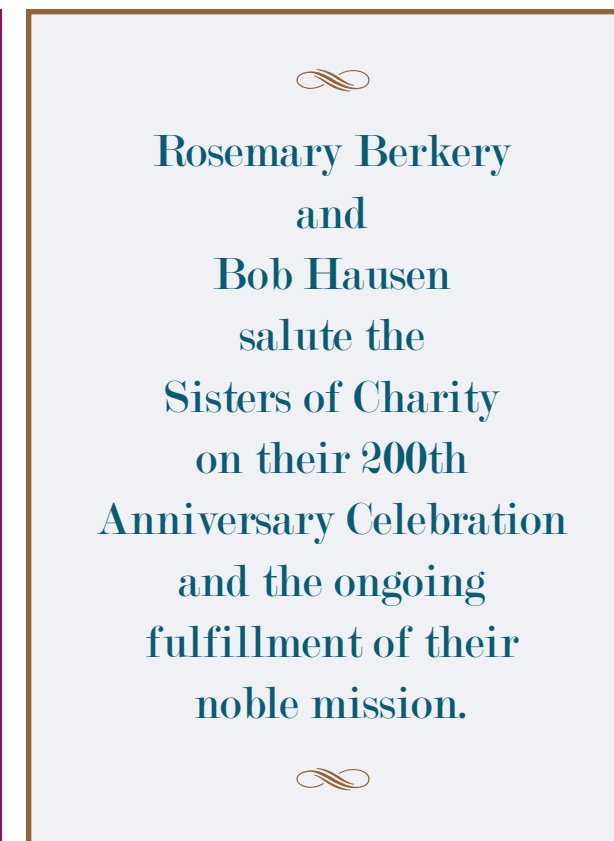
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*In Honor of Sr. Nora Cunningham  
and our 60 (!) years of friendship.*

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for their dedication  
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We gratefully salute all the magnanimous Sisters of Charity on their Bicentennial. Ever since Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, erected ours as the "first parish in the world named after Mother Seton," her indomitable spirit has shone brightly among us in your delightful confrères, who have served us loyally for forty-three years:

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We are richer because the Sisters of Charity have always given us their very best—*themselves*—in the vivacious spirit of their precious Mother and ours!



Congratulations  
Sisters of Charity  
as you celebrate your  
200th anniversary!  
Ad multos annos!

Mary Ann Jordan



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