

# In the mission of JESUS

we Adrian Dominican Sisters discover and identify ourselves as women called together to share faith and life with one another and sent into our world to be with others bearers and recipients of his love co-creators of his justice and peace.

*Adrian Dominican Constitution and Statutes, 1.6*



**1206** St. Dominic gathered a community of women in Prouilhe, France, as the first foundation of Dominican nuns.



**1859** Mother Augustine Neuhierl, one of the four German pioneers, opened Holy Rosary Convent on Second Street, New York City. This convent became the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters, who later established themselves in Newburgh, New York.



**1896** St. Joseph Academy, founded in Adrian, Michigan, is the Congregation's first educational institution.



**1896** Adrian became a province of Newburgh, New York. Mother Camilla Madden was appointed Provincial of the new St. Joseph Province.



**1923** St. Joseph Province became a canonically independent Congregation and assumed the title of Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary of Adrian, Michigan, with Mother Camilla Madden chosen as the first Mother General.

**1926** St. Clement Infirmary was dedicated. It later became the Maria Health Care Center. In 1995, it was transformed into the Dominican Life Center, a continuum of care for Sisters living in the Maria and Regina residences.



**1940** Barry College, now University, was founded in Miami Shores, Florida.



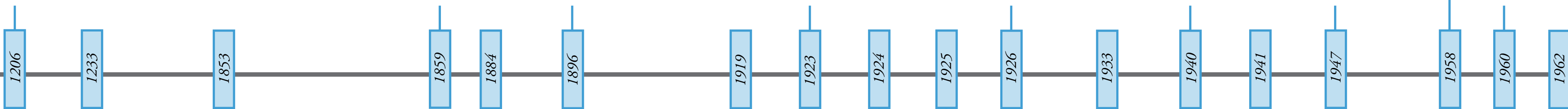
**1947** Basic Magnesium Hospital in Henderson, Nevada, was purchased from the government. It later became St. Rose Dominican Hospitals.



**1958** Regina Dominican High School was opened in Wilmette, Illinois.



**1960** The Congregation changed its government structure, establishing a Generalate and five provinces.



**1233** Holy Cross Convent in Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany, was established.



**1853** Mother Benedicta Bauer sent four Sisters from Regensburg to New York. Eleven American congregations emerged from this foundation in Williamsburg, including Holy Rosary Convent.



**1884** Six Sisters from Holy Rosary Convent were sent to Adrian, Michigan, to open St. Joseph Hospital and Home for the Aged on the grounds of the present Adrian Dominican Motherhouse.



**1919** St. Joseph College, now Siena Heights University, was founded in Adrian, Michigan.



**1924** Mother Augustine Walsh was elected Mother General upon the death of Mother Camilla.



**1925** St. Ann on the Lake, later Rosarian Academy, was established in West Palm Beach, Florida.



**1933** Mother Gerald Barry was elected Mother General of the Congregation. During her term, the Congregation witnessed expansion and growth in its membership and ministries.



**1941** Sisters Hospital was acquired. In 1950, the Congregation purchased Santa Cruz Hospital, changed its name to Dominican Hospital, and operated it as a satellite of Sisters Hospital until 1953, when it became a separate entity. In 1967, all services were consolidated at the newly built Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital.

**1962** Mother Genevieve Weber was elected Mother General. Her term of office was marked by preparation for Chapter of Renewal.



1968

1968 Mother Laurence Edward Ferguson was elected Mother General of the Congregation. Soon after, she assumed the title of Prioress and her given name, Sister Rosemary Ferguson. The ninth General Chapter provided for renewal, updating, and implementation of the decrees of Vatican II.



1970

1970 Weber Center, officially begun as a novitiate, opened as a retreat and conference center to meet the needs of the Christian community.



1974 The General Chapter called for the establishment of the Portfolio Advisory Board (PAB) to help the Congregation make socially responsible investment decisions.

That same year, the General Council approved a new Associate Program, by which lay people could be more formally connected to the Congregation.

1977

1977 Re-Membering, a gathering of all members, was held in Adrian.



1978

1978 Sister Carol Johannes was elected Prioress. A government plan was adopted at the General Chapter, with the Congregation organized into 11 Mission Chapters.



1986

1986 Sister Nadine Foley was elected Prioress. The General Chapter called members into a process of personal transformation. It endorsed the sanctuary movement, promoted women in Church and society, and condemned apartheid and racism.



1988

1988 The Adrian Dominicans became a co-sponsor of Catholic Healthcare West, the first inter-Catholic healthcare system of its kind. CHW now operates as Dignity Health, a not-for-profit management group.

1989

1989 Transformations '89 again brought the community together.



1992

1992 Sister Patricia Walter was elected Prioress. The General Chapter affirmed four Vision Statements —focusing on community/ Dominican charism, people who are poor, racism, and women—to guide the Congregation.



1998

1998 Sister Janet Capone was elected Prioress. The General Chapter affirmed the Vision Statements and added a fifth Vision Statement on ecology.



2002

2002 The Gathering brought together over 1,000 Adrian Dominicans, Associates, and guests from all over the world.



2003

2003 The Dominican Sisters of Edmonds, Washington, merged with the Adrian Dominican Sisters.



2004

2004 Sister Donna Markham was elected Prioress. The General Chapter unanimously approved the Vision: "We Dominican Preachers of Adrian ... seek truth; make peace; reverence life."



2010

2010 Sister Attracta Kelly was elected Prioress. The General Chapter affirmed the 2004 Vision and added four Commitments for living out the Vision.



2011

2011 The Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Remedies, Pampanga, the Philippines, merged with the Adrian Dominican Congregation, becoming the Our Lady of Remedies Mission Chapter.



2016

2016 Sister Patricia Siemen was elected Prioress. The General Chapter reaffirmed the 2004 Vision and approved four Enactments on spirituality, sustainability, resilient communities, and deepening relationships.



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