Every Temporal and Spiritual Service

Under the leadership of Mother Margaret George the Sisters of Charity began accepting new members, and with additional personnel they opened new ministries. Within the first year they opened St. Joseph’s Orphanage for boys and started St. John’s Hospital, later named Good Samaritan. When the Sisters outgrew their first motherhouse on the western outskirts of Cincinnati, they moved to a larger facility nearby, Mount St. Vincent, Cedar Grove in 1857. Several schools and academies for girls opened in Cincinnati, followed in the late 1850s by St. Mary Academy in Dayton and St. Patrick in Fayetteville, Ohio. Sisters served as Civil War nurses from 1861-65, and as that conflict ended, four Sisters left Cincinnati to open a hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Already the groundwork was being laid for many years of service to the Church in various parts of the country.