



## FACT SHEET

# *S. Blandina Segale* 1850-1941

*January 23, 1850* – Born in Cicagna, near Genoa, Italy. Immigrated with her family in 1854 to Cincinnati, Ohio, United States.



*1856* – Educated at schools conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Sisters of Mercy, and the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati at Mount St. Vincent, Cedar Grove. Joined the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati in 1866.

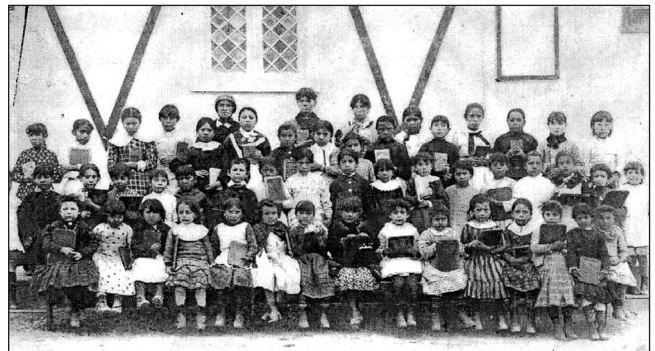


*1872* – Traveled over the Santa Fe Trail to Trinidad in the Colorado Territory; taught at the public school. Later returned there (1889-'92) to teach at Holy Trinity School.



*1877* – Moved to Santa Fe in the New Mexico Territory where her work encompassed the schools, orphanage, and St. Vincent Hospital that served as a multi-purpose social service center. Traveled throughout the southwest on begging trips to mining and railroad camps, raising funds to support the hospital.

*1881* – Went to Albuquerque in the New Mexico Territory where she taught, founded a Wayfarers' House, and did outreach work with the Native Americans and the poor of the areas.



*1893* – Returned to Cincinnati where she taught briefly at St. Aloysius Boys' Academy and at St. Gabriel in Glendale.



*1897* – Went, with her sister, Sister Justina Segale, “to see if they could do anything for the poor Italian [immigrants]” in the inner city of Cincinnati. Founded Santa Maria Institute, one of the first Catholic settlement houses in the United States.

*1897-1933* – Worked among the immigrants and poor at Santa Maria creating educational, evangelization, and catechetical programs.



*1897-1933* – Inculturation and outreach programs at Santa Maria included classes in English, citizenship, music, homemaking; a home for homeless young women; night school; job placement services; social clubs; day nursery; and boy scouts.



*1897-1933* – Involved in issues such as human trafficking, juvenile delinquency, care for unwed mothers, and establishing outreach centers in Italian neighborhoods.



*February 23, 1941* – Died at Mount St. Joseph, Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity, after spending eight years of active retirement. When she died, it was said that she had instructed 80 percent of the Italian population who came to Cincinnati.



*June 29, 2014* – A Vatican decree announcing the opening of the Sainthood cause of S. Blandina Segale, Servant of God, was posted on the doors of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

