



*Sisters of Charity*  
of Cincinnati

# FACT SHEET

*The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, an apostolic Catholic community of women religious, exist to carry out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer and service in the world.*

## HISTORY

- 1809 - The Sisters of Charity were founded by St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- 1829 - Four Sisters of Charity first came to Cincinnati.
- 1852 - Mother Margaret Farrell George founded the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, a separate community from the Sisters in Emmitsburg.
- 1975 - Elizabeth Ann Seton canonized a saint.

## NEWS

Sisters of Charity Federation members, Associates, staff and guests representing 14 congregations gathered in Chicago, Illinois, June 13-16, 2019, for the first-ever Assembly of the Whole. The assembly was a moving and thought-provoking time to consider what congregations have accomplished over the years, and how to move forward together, weaving unstoppable charity.



## LEADERSHIP



The elected Leadership Council of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati includes (front row, from left) Sister Marge Kloos, SC, councilor; Sister Teresa Dutcher, SC, councilor; Sister Patricia Hayden, SC, president; (back row, from left) Sister Joanne Burrows, SC, councilor; and Sister Monica Gundler, SC, councilor. The four-year term of the elected governing body runs through June 30, 2023.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Currently, 259 Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati serve in 19 U.S. dioceses (nine states) and two foreign countries. A total of 214 Sisters serve in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Ministries include education, health care, retreat work, parish, social work, ministry of prayer and congregational service. More specifically, Sisters minister in elementary, high school and university education, justice education and advocacy, health care, retreat work, parish and pastoral ministry, social services, counseling, earth and sustainability ministry, spiritual direction, formation ministry, congregational services and the ministry of prayer.

### DIOCESES

Brownsville  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Colorado Springs  
Columbus  
Covington

Denver  
Detroit  
El Paso  
Fort Wayne-South Bend  
Helena  
Lansing  
Las Cruces

New Orleans  
Pueblo  
Saginaw  
San Francisco  
Santa Fe  
Venice

### FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Guatemala  
Mexico

## ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati are joined by 198 Associates, lay women and men, who reside throughout the United States. The Sister/Associate relationship was established in 1973 so that individuals could partner with the Sisters in responding to the Gospel in the spirit of St. Elizabeth Bayley Seton.

## NONPROFIT MINISTRIES

*Since the Community was founded, the Sisters of Charity have sponsored numerous schools, hospitals, orphanages and social service agencies. They continue to sponsor the following ministries, which are all in Cincinnati.*

**Mount St. Joseph University (1920)** is a coeducational, Catholic liberal arts university serving 2,300 students.

**Seton High School (1854)** is a comprehensive, Catholic high school for girls. Originally founded as Mount St. Vincent Academy, it was renamed Seton High School in 1927.

**DePaul Cristo Rey High School (2009)** provides an opportunity for young women and men with economic need to obtain a Catholic, college preparatory education made affordable through an innovative corporate work study program.

**St. Joseph Home (1873)** is a residential facility for children and adults with severe mental and multiple physical disabilities. Founded as St. Joseph Infant Asylum, it also served for many years as St. Joseph Infant and Maternity Home.

**Bayley (1990)** is a continuing care retirement community that offers a full spectrum of lifestyle options that promote engagement, wellness and vitality. Bayley offers progressive services for adults through two service lines: *Bayley Access*, a collection of programs enabling older adults still living at home to enjoy community and fellowship, and *Bayley Living*, which provides varied residential options for mature adults of all faiths.



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