



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

Sister of Charity of Cincinnati Whitney Schieltz professed perpetual vows during a Mass on Nov. 4, 2023, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Sisters, Associates and invited guests were present with S. Whitney in the chapel for the ceremony. In their presence she vowed to "freely and wholeheartedly commit myself for life to the service of God, God's people, and all of Creation ... I ask for the continuing grace of God and support of my Sisters, Associates, family and friends so that I may keep faith with the commitment I joyfully make today."



LEADERSHIP



The elected Leadership Council of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati includes (from left) Sister Lois Jean Goettke, SC, councilor; Sister Montiel Rosenthal, SC, councilor; Sister Monica Gundler, SC, president; Sister Teresa Marie Laengle, SC, councilor; and Sister Barbara Hagedorn, SC, councilor. The four-year term of the elected governing body runs through June 30, 2027.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Currently, 191 Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati serve in 14 U.S. dioceses. A total of 163 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	El Paso	Saginaw
Cincinnati	Lansing	Santa Fe
Cleveland	Las Cruces	Venice
Denver	New York	Washington, D.C.
Detroit	Pueblo	

ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati are joined by 209 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. To learn more about the Associate program, contact Director of Associates Chanin Wilson at Chanin.Wilson@srcharitycinti.org.

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.

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.

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.

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



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