**INSTITUTE HISTORY WORKSHEET**

**TOPIC: Mère Josépha des Anges (1934-1937) & Mère Monica de la Passion (1937-1950)**

**Maryland, Growth in U.S. Preparing for War**

**Places:**

**1840-1922 foundations in what would become Maryland Province**

1856 Assumption Parish, Philadelphia, PA

1867 Academy of Notre Dame, West Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA

1873 Industrial School & St. Aloysius Parish, Washington, D.C.

1876 Academy of Notre Dame, Washington, D.C.

1878 St. Peter Claver Parish, Philadelphia, PA

1879 The Gesu Parish, Philadelphia, PA

1897-1900 Trinity College (Trinity Washington University), Washington, D. C.

1913 St. Martin Parish, Washington, D.C.

1921 St. Stephen Parish, Washington, D.C.

**1922-1934 foundations made by Waltham in what would become Maryland Province**

1923 St. Martin of Tours Parish, Gaithersburg, MD

1924 St. Catherine of Genoa, Brooklyn, NY

1925 Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish, Queens Village, NY

1926 Academy of Notre Dame, Moylan, PA

1927 West Catholic Girls’ High School, Philadelphia, PA & St. James Parish, Mt. Rainer, MD

1929 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Ridgewood, NY

1930 St. Joseph Parish, Bound Brook, NJ & Our Lady of Peace Parish, Fords, NJ

1934 Ilchester, Maryland purchased to be provincial house & novitiate for new province

1937 Southern Pines, NC

1939 St. Francis Xavier, Washington DC & Little Flower Catholic Girls’ High School, Philadelphia

1940 St. Therese/Little Flower, Brooklyn, NY; St. Ursula, Baltimore, MD;

1940 (faculty house) 1942 Notre Dame High School, Wyncote, PA

1941 St. Hubert’s High School, Philadelphia, PA

1942 Our Lady of Victory, Southern Pines, NC & St. Eleanor’s, Collegeville, PA

1943 St. Jerome, Hyattsville, MD

1944 Villanova, PA **1950: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale, AZ**

1945 Brooklandville, MD **1953: Most Holy Trinity, Phoenix, AZ**

1947 Villa Julie, Stevenson, MD

1948 St. Bernadette, Drexel Hill, PA

1950 St. Thomas More Parish, Decatur, GA

1953 Little Flower Parish, Great Mills, MD & 1953 Blessed Sacrament Parish, Norfolk, VA

1954 St. Camillus Parish, Silver Spring, MD & Holy Trinity/Arthur Slade Regional Catholic School, Glen Burnie, MD

1955 St. Maria Goretti High School, Philadelphia, PA & Holy Spirit School, Washington D.C.

1955 St. Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines, NC & Notre Dame High School, Greensboro, NC

1955 St. Peter Parish, Cheraw, SC

1956 St. Anthony Parish, Florence, SC & Holy Rosary Parish, Staten Island, NY

1957 Our Lady of Victory Parish, Baltimore, MD & Norfolk Catholic High School, Norfolk, VA

1958 Pius X High School, Atlanta, GA

1959 Holy Trinity High School, Glen Burnie, MD & Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Institute, Washington, D.C.

1963 St. Joseph Parish, Beltsville, MD

1964 St. Philip Neri Parish, Linthicum, MD & 1964 St. Thomas More Parish, Chapel Hill, NC

1964 St. Albert the Great Parish, Huntington Valley, PA

1965 Martin de Porres Center, Baltimore, MD

1966 Archbishop Ryan High School for Girls, Philadelphia, PA & Martin Spaulding High School, Severn, MD

1968 St. Nicholas Parish, Virginia Beach, VA

1969 St. Mark High School, Wilmington, DE & St. Mary’s Inter-parochial School, Philadelphia, PA

1970 Emmanuel House, Philadelphia, PA & Monserrate Mission, Brooklyn, NY

1971 Migrant Ministry, Apopka, FL

1972 SHALOM Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, Philadelphia, PA & Westbury, Long Island, NY

**People & Relationships between them:**

* Mère Maria Julienne
* Mère Josépha des Anges
* Maryland Provincial: Sister Rosalia of the Blessed Sacrament (1934-1947)
* Ohio Provincial: Sister Teresa of the Passion (1931-1947)
* Sr. Mary Kostka (Japan)
* Sr. Constantine of the Sacred Heart (China)
* Sr. Therese Marguerite (Italy)
* Sr. Claude du S. C. (English): Assistant to Mère Monica de la Passion; in Britain for duration of WWII
* Sr. Julie de la Ste Famille (American): 3rd General Councilor at Namur for duration of WWII
* Sr. Maura Lynch (American): General Secretary at Namur for duration of WWII
* Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore – encourages beginning Maryland Province, suggests Ilchester property, asked for advice when communication with Namur is lost

**Dates & Events:**

**1934:** May 8– Mère Josépha des Anges elected Mother General (b. October 13, 1871 in Luxembourg, family resided in Liege; boarder at Namur; entered May 24, 1890, received habit July 20, 1890, 1st vows September 8, 1892; superior at Namur when she is elected)

**1934:** Sœur Monica de la Passion elected Assistant General at General Chapter

**1934:** division of Waltham Province into Massachusetts & Maryland

**1934:** September 9 – blessing of Oratory at Cuvilly

**1935: May – 1936, May** – Visitation in the United States by Mère Josépha des Anges & Sœur Monica

**1935:** Mère Josépha des Anges is present at Ilchester for dedication of house

**1935:** Golden Jubilee of Mère Maria Julienne

**1937:** August 10 – Mère Josépha des Anges dies – Sœur Monica de la Passion takes over administration with Sr. Adèla du Sacré Cœur as her assistant

**1937:** November 1 – Sr. Adèla du Sacré Cœur dies

**1938:** January 25 – Mère Maria Julienne dies

**1938:** May 9 – Mère Monica de la Passion elected Mother General

**1938:** Sister Claude du S. C. (English; Assistant to Monica), Sister Julie de la Ste Famille (American; 3rd councilor)

**1938:** May - Hitler visits Mussolini; American SND's on their way home from General Chapter are there at the same time

**1939:** July – August American embassy encourages all Americans to leave Italy; Sisters get passports ready & visas in preparation for departing for France. Mère Monica says, “Stay as long as you can.”

**1939:** August – Belgium mobilizes its army; largest school building at Namur taken over as barracks for soldiers; English & American Sisters & Novices sent home except for Srs. Julie de la Ste Famille & Maura

**1939:** September - Germany invades Poland

**1939-1940:** Sr. Claude leaves for England

**1940:** Italy – rationing begins; Villa Certosa cellars made an air raid shelter

**1940:** February: elderly Sisters from Namur sent to Jumet; Novices sent first to Ixelles then to Jumet

**1940:** April – Germany invades Norway and the war begins in earnest

**1940:** May – Namur bombed and communication lost

**Impact of War/Political Unrest:**

* Belgium: social revolution in the wake of Rerum Novarum – while provincial Monica de la Passion tries to mix social classes in our primary schools
* Belgium: Flemish Nationalists during Mère Josépha’s generalate (will lead to Flemish novitiate opened under Mère Monica)
* Italy is at war from 1935: rationing, increasing poverty
* Japan and China are at war from 1937
* “Blitzkrieg” is too fast for Mère Monica to get letters out the way Mère Maria Julienne did

**Relationship with Hierarchy & Clergy:**

* It depends on where we are
* Philadelphia becomes more and more un-collaborative
* Archbishop Curley in Baltimore is AMAZING

**Primitive Spirit:**

* Devotion to Julie
* Care for the poor - Mère Monica de la Passion works tirelessly throughout her life to help the disadvantaged
* Teach them what is necessary for life: introducing technical classes in secondary schools, strengthening libraries, updating schools = Mère Monica de la Passion’s emphasis
* Hearts wide as the world means suffering with our Sisters in other parts of the world
* Unity: there are English & American Novices in Belgium when War breaks out and they are immediately sent home
* Visitation: Mère Monica is planning on being in the U.S. for Centennial celebration in 1940
* Care for our Sisters: elderly and novices sent away from Namur to safer places
* Consultation with Bishops

**Spirituality underpinning everything:**

* China: Jesuit arrives to give retreat in 1937 – 1st Jesuit retreat in 8 years & it touches their thirsting souls
* Standing with Mary at the foot of the cross – especially strong for Mère Monica de la Passion
* Trust in God
* Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – Rosalia’s source of strength and courage
* Extra prayers being said in USA; Mass being offered for safety of our Sisters beginning in 1937

**What touched your heart?**

* China: Sino-Japanese War – Sisters go through night after night of bombing before the July 19, 1938 bombs that send them to Okayama
* American Provincial’s sense of panic after communication with Namur cut off – thinking we had to become a SEPARATE congregation????

**New insights?**

* Chapter of 1938 consists of 23 SNDdeN
* Chapter of 1938: SNDdeN know trouble is coming – Delegates see it in Rome when they pass through and Hitler is visiting Mussolini; Belgians and English have been through it before – and remember it!
* Beginnings of USL: Mère Monica de la Passion tells American Provincials: you’re dealing with similar issues, meet once a year, decide what you want me to do and let me know.
* Faculty and lay contacts in Japan do everything to help Sisters before war breaks out, protect them from ultra-nationalism
* Sisters in Japan: American Consulate had tried to get them to leave before the war. Sister Mary Kostka interviewed each Sister individually giving her the chance to leave – each one said only under obedience would she go. Perhaps that is part of why it was so hard to get them out of Japan later???
* Preparations in Belgium: treasures and Trésor hidden, some things buried, Novices sent to Jumet; aged and infirm transferred to safer sites
* Sisters in America had time to prepare: storing up supplies including food, material for habits, etc.