HISTORY

Franciscan Sisters, Wheaton, Illinois

St. Elizabeth Hospital
Appleton, Wisconsin

ORIGIN:

Mother M. Clara Pfaender (1827-1882)
1. Olpe, Germany - October 30, 1860
   A. Sick
   B. Education
   C. Perpetual Prayer
   D. Social work to meet the needs of the time
2. Salzkotten - 1863
3. Kulturkampf - 1874
4. Bishop Martin Arrested
5. New Provinces Begun
   A. Germany 1860 (860 Sisters)
   B. France 1871 (150 Sisters)
   C. America 1872 (280 Sisters) - Brazil (3 Sisters)
   D. Holland 1875 (490 Sisters) - Indonesia 1930 (65 Sisters)
6. 1880 Mother Clara Expelled - Died October 5, 1882 in Rome

Basic Rules:
1. Augustinian (354 - 430)
2. Benedictine (- 543)
3. Dominican (- 1221)
4. Franciscan (1182 - 1226)

AMERICAN EVOLUTION OF FRANCISCAN APOSTOLATES:

1872 - 3 Sisters came to America
1873 - St. Boniface Hospital, Carondelet, Missouri
1875 - St. Mary's Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
1875 - "Wreck of Deutschland" - 5 Sisters drown
1877 - Deaf Mute Institute, St. Francis, Wisconsin
1877 - Herbert Street Motherhouse Founded, St. Louis, Missouri
1882 - St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
1882 - St. Mary's Hospital, Racine, Wisconsin
1882 - House of Divine Providence, Chicago, Illinois
1883 - St. Joseph, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1886 - St. Anthony Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin
1888 - St. Elizabeth's Parochial School, Denver, Colorado
1890 - St. Clara Home, Denver, Colorado
1898 - St. Andrew's Hospital, Murphysborough, Illinois
1898 - Nurses Training School, St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1899 - Motherhouse, St. Louis, Missouri
Financial History

I. In the beginning
   Totally nonprofit
   Only Sister personnel staffed

II. Mid 50's Sisters were reimbursed for their services
    Sisters continued to provide financial loans for construction, etc.
    Hospitals repaid loans at interest rate dollar for dollar
    Loans were made with interest payable early 60's

III. Mid-late 60's The Order stopped financing. Hospitals were expected to do fundraising and raise money themselves.

IV. Current status. Hospitals are financially responsible for themselves. If an early Sister is reimbursed for services her gain is put back into the institution.

Fund: depreciation (some) for operations (capital (acquisition primarily)
1899 - ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, APPLETON, WISCONSIN
1901 - Nurses Training School, St. Anthony Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri
1901 - St. Blandina Home For Working Girls, St. Louis, Missouri
1902 - Sacred Heart Orphanage, Pueblo, Colorado
1909 - St. Clara Orphanage, Denver, Colorado
1910 - Nurses Training School - St. Mary's, Racine, Wisconsin
1910 - St. Francis Hospital, Waterloo, Iowa
1917 - Oct 4, Pope Pius XI gave the Third Order Reg. of St. Francis a new Rule, written according to the spirit of the Founders.
1947 - Move of St. Louis Motherhouse to Wheaton, Illinois
1948 - Transfiguration Grade School, Wauconda, Illinois
1950 - St. Joseph's Grade School, Raymond, Iowa
1954 - Co-sponsorship of St. Francis High School, Wheaton, Illinois
1957 - St. Michael Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1963 - Brazil Mission
1966 - Franciscan Residence, St. Louis, Missouri

1966 - Beginning of new Constitution for the Franciscan Sisters
1968 - Marian Park Housing, Wheaton, Illinois
1969 - Francis Heights Housing, Denver, Colorado
1969 - Task Force appointed to study hospital systems.
1970 - Commune House in Brazil - closed July 1, 1970
1970 - Senior Citizen Center, Wheaton, Illinois
1970 - Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton, Illinois
1973 - First Human and Community Development (HCD) Orientation Seminars held at Wheaton, Illinois.
1975 - The Highland Center for care and rehabilitation of alcoholics, St. Louis, Missouri
1976 - Anthony House, Skilled Nursing Home, St. Louis, Missouri
1976 - Dedication of new St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
1977 - Dedication of St. Mary's Medical Center, Racine, Wisconsin

NEW MINISTRIES:
Parish Ministry
Counseling
Day Care Center
Senior Citizen Centers
Housing
Pastoral Care

In response to the directive of the Second Vatican Council, we set as our goal:
- to take the Gospel as our highest norm of life;
- to be mindful of the original spirit of our founders and the authentic heritage of our congregation
as we respond to the current needs of the church and society.