



1800-1851

Mother Emilie
Gamelin, Foundress,
Sisters of Providence
Montreal, QC



1843

Foundation of the
Sisters of Providence
Montreal, QC



1894

St. Bernard Mission
Grouard, AB



1890

St. Eugene Mission
Kootenay, BC



1894

St. Paul's Hospital
Vancouver, BC



1900

Providence St. Genevieve
New Westminster, BC



1900

St. Henry Mission
Fort Vermilion, AB

1912
**Creation of Holy
Angels Province**



1908

Sacred Heart Hospital
Athabasca Landing, AB



1907

St. Francis Xavier Mission
Sturgeon Lake (Calais), AB



1930

Providence Hospital
Fort St. John, BC



1929

Sacred Heart Hospital
McLennan, AB



1913

St. Bruno Mission, Jousard, AB



1951

Notre-Dame de l'Assomption, Chateh, AB



1950

Holy Angels Convent
Fairview, AB



1937

St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Friedenstal, AB



1937

Providence Hospital
High Prairie, AB



1946

Convent of Christ the King
Whitehorse, YT

1852-1853

First Sisters of
Providence arrive
in the American
West & Chile.



1898

St. Augustin Mission
Peace River, AB



1900

St. Eugene Hospital
Cranbrook, BC



1903

St. Joseph's Hospital
Kenora, ON



1911

Notre Dame Hospital
North Battleford, SK



1933

Our Lady of Providence
Residence, Calgary, AB



1943

Providence Crèche
Calgary, AB



1886

St. Mary's Hospital
New Westminster, BC



1899

St. Joseph Mission, Cluny, AB



1901

St. Martin Mission, Desmarais, AB



1909

Lacombe Home
Midnapore, AB



1932

St. Joseph General Hospital
Dawson Creek, BC



1940

St. John's Hospital
Vanderhoof, BC



1953
St. Anne Convent
Joussard, AB



1965
Providence Centre
Edmonton, AB



1954
St. Charles Mission
Wabasca, AB



1965
Father Lacombe Nursing Home
Calgary, AB



1958
St. Mary's Convent, Taber, AB



1982
Providence
Renewal Centre
Edmonton, AB



1989
Holy Angels Province
administration of
Philippine Sector



1988
Anawim Place
Edmonton, AB

1979
Sisters' residence
Chateh, AB



1959
Our Lady of Mercy
School, Burnaby, BC



1969
Operation Friendship
Seniors Society
Edmonton, AB



1984
First
Holy Angels Province
Providence Associates



1985
WINGS of Providence
2nd Stage Housing
Edmonton, AB



1962
Providence Ste. Therese
Otterburne, MB



1967
Gamelin Nursing Home
High Prairie, AB



2013
Providence Care Centre
Calgary, AB

Mother Emilie Gamelin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, understood what it was like to be needy and suffering; she lost both parents when she was very young and had to rely on the charity of relatives for her care and education. After the loss of her husband and three young children, she organized with a group of women and devoted her life to service and caring for the needy.

Bishop Ignace Bourget admired this work and brought about the formation of a new religious community. People called them the "Sisters of Providence" because they were very poor and relied upon God's Providence (God's loving care) to provide what they needed to help the people. Everywhere the Sisters went they praised God's Providence and taught others to rely on God, too. It was only a few years before people in other areas began to ask for Sisters of Providence.

Their institutional ministries served multiple community needs. A hospital, for instance, might take in orphans and the elderly and care for them for many years, a school might set aside a place for the elderly and sick. Most of the Sisters' work was done in frontier areas where other people were not available or not willing to go. The Sisters often had very little to work with and in common with other pioneers they learned much on the job and used all their courage and inventiveness to do the best that they could.

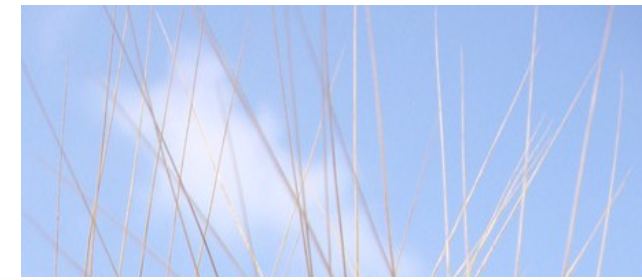
Today, the Sisters of Providence are responsive to the need for shelter, food, respite, spiritual direction, pastoral and palliative care. They provide for the marginalized and vulnerable by working together with existing social, education and health care organizations. Their emphasis is on leadership to promote justice through effective social change and by providing direct service to those in need.

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Sisters of Providence in Western Canada since 1886



*Divine Providence, Be Forever
Adored, Loved and Thanked*

