



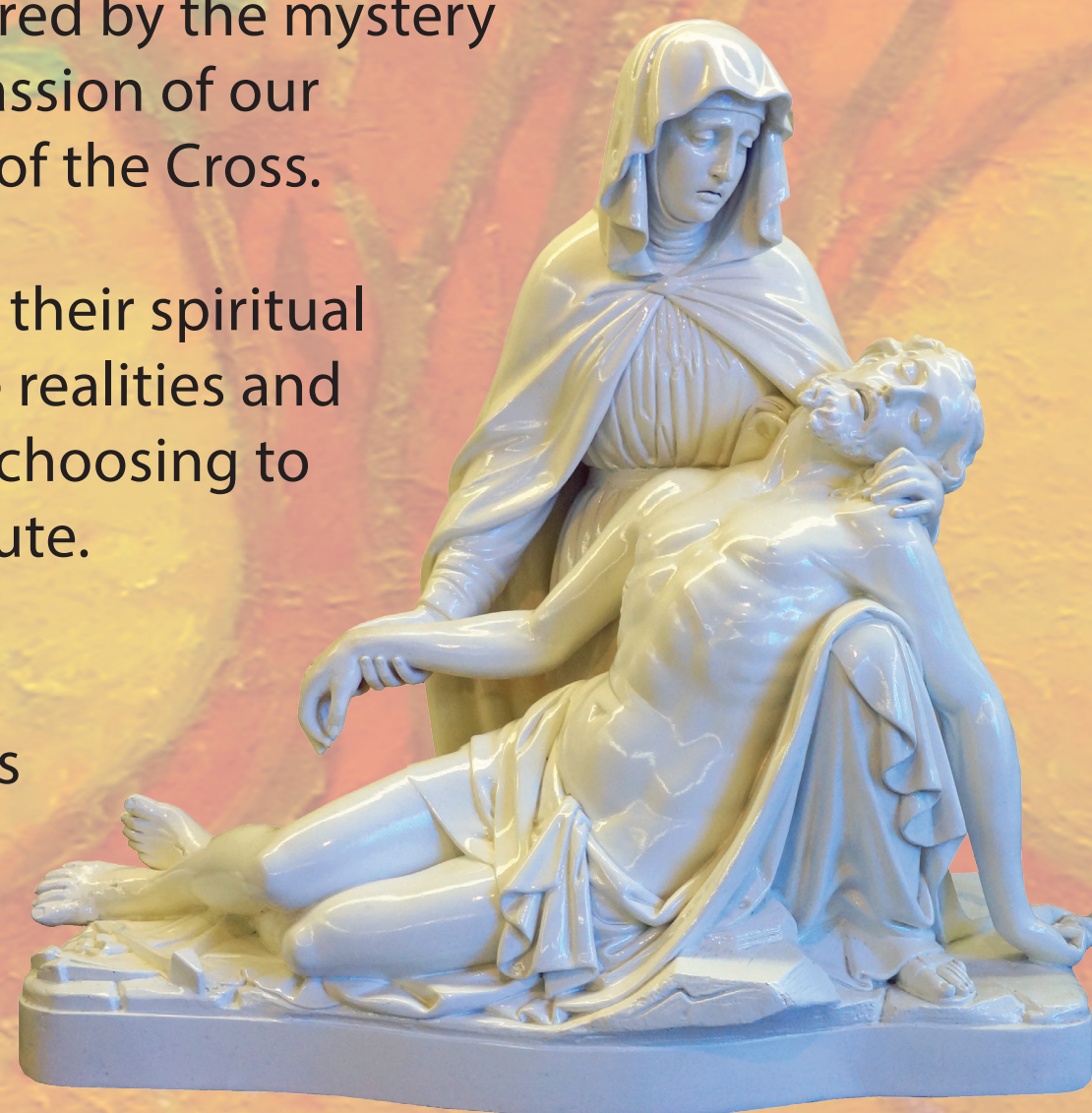
Blessed Emilie Gamelin, 1843

OUR HISTORY

Blessed Emilie Gamelin founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence, a catholic religious community, in Montreal in 1843. In response to the needs of the poor, the sick and marginalized. Thousands of women of different origins and social status joined the Community over the years. Inspired by the mystery of our Provident God, and the compassion of our Mother of Sorrows, Mary at the Foot of the Cross.

As "Women of Providence", we invest their spiritual energy and anchor our actions in the realities and the needs of the society of our time, choosing to live in solidarity with the most destitute.

Our apostolic life engages us in charitable and pastoral commitments in the areas of health, education and social service and in the promotion of social and ecological justice.



OUR SPIRITUALITY

OUR CHARISM

We have received the gift of proclaiming God's Providence and God's compassion, shown in Our Mother of Sorrows.

OUR MISSION

To be the human face of this Provident God is to place ourselves at the service of compassionate love and prophetic solidarity with the poor.

For us Sisters of Providence, the poor are those whose needs are not met, the victims of injustice, the rejected, the marginalized and the voiceless.

A PROMISE OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe. Plans to give you a future full of hope. — Jeremiah 29:11



DOES YOUR HEART BEAT FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE?

A CALL TO SERVE

Our life as Sister of Providence revolves around three elements:
SPIRITUALITY, COMMUNITY & MINISTRY.

NOURISHED IN PRAYER

Our deep relationship with God and the people lies at the heart of our experience and spirituality which permeates our work and daily life.

Our life of prayer includes contemplative listening, dialogue and discernment in our decision making.

SUPPORTED IN COMMUNITY

We, Sisters of Providence are an international, multicultural, inter-generational community of religious women. Living in community enables us to love, support, challenge and encourage each other. Through personal and communal growth, we witness to Gospel Values.

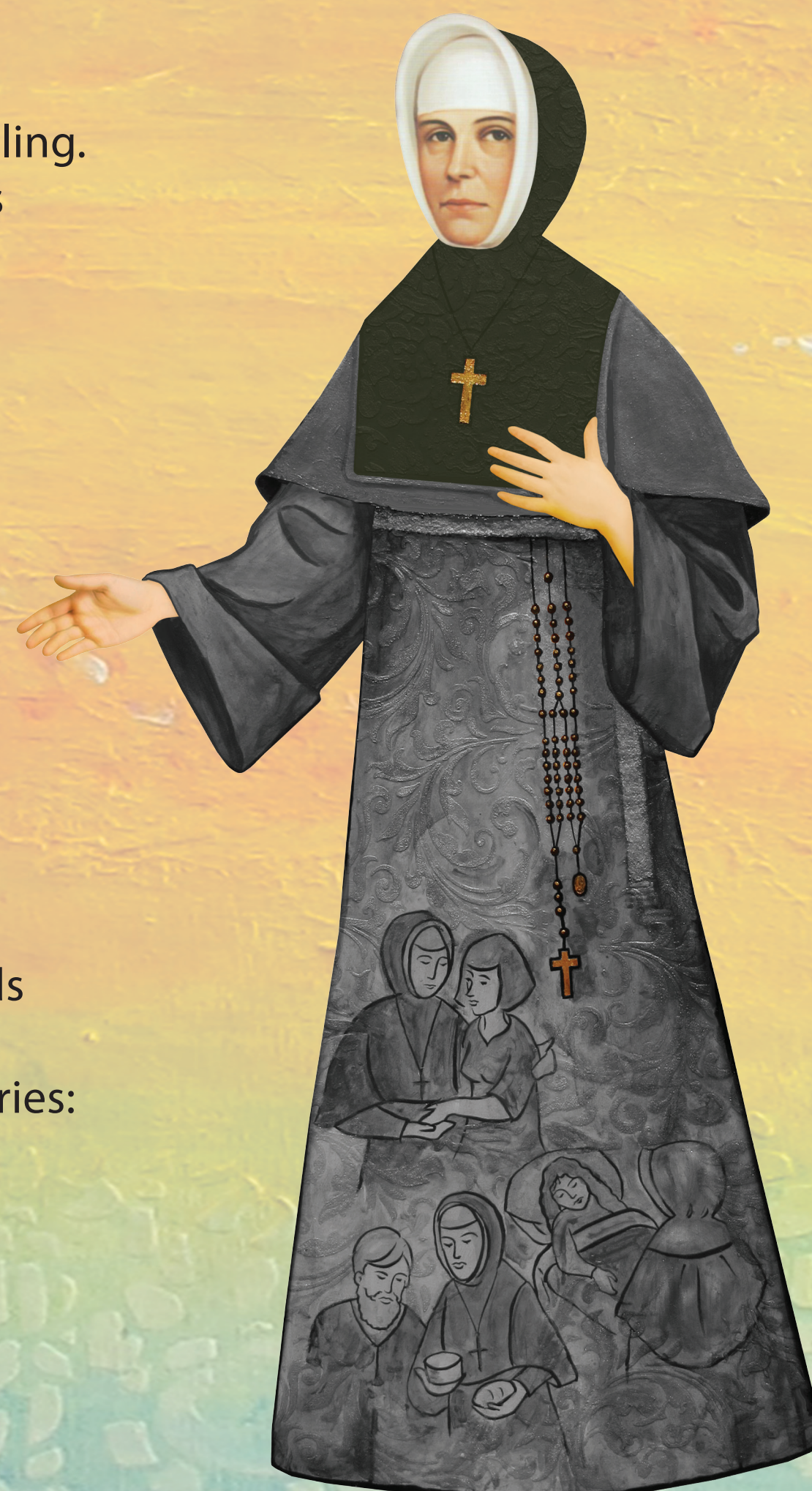
DIVERSE MINISTRIES

Our ministries are diverse and fulfilling. We continue to evolve and address the needs in our society.

- Providence Centre
- Providence Renewal Centre — Retreats & Spiritual Programs
- Father Lacombe Care Centre
- Providence Care Centre
- Providence Infirmary
- Anawim — Food Bank
- Prison Ministry
- Ministry with Deaf Persons
- Community Service
- Education
- Responding to the evolving needs

We minister in the following countries:

- Canada
- Chile
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Haiti
- Philippines
- United States



Are you considering a vocation to religious life? Would you like to know more about becoming a Sister of Providence?

GET TO KNOW US

Through email conversation, convent visits, a retreat or the annual live-in experience. These are all great ways to explore a call to religious life.

COME AND SEE EXPERIENCE

A Come and See Experience is also available for women, who are seriously considering an active religious life and have an interest in immersion with the daily life of the Sisters of Providence. It can last for a week, a month, or up to a year.

This is open to single women between 20 to 40 years of age.

STAGES IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

CANDIDATE

One to two years living with the Sisters of Providence to become acquainted with our charism and mission, experience community life and continue your Christian formation as a pre-novice.

NOVICE

Two-year formation to experience the call to vowed life in community.

PROFESSION OF TEMPORARY VOWS

Three to six years living in community under the temporary vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and sharing in full-time ministry.

PROFESSION OF PERPETUAL VOWS

Finally, the sister pronounces her perpetual vows which give expression to a commitment for life in the religious community.

We are interested in women with strength and conviction to serve those in need with the same compassionate care demonstrated by our foundress, Blessed Emile Gamelin.

CONTACT US

Let us help you explore the life of a Sister of Providence.

*May it always be the basis of your perfection:
Humility, Simplicity, & Charity.
— Blessed Emilie Gamelin*

Consider the Life & Works of

**THE SISTERS
OF PROVIDENCE**
WESTERN CANADA

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