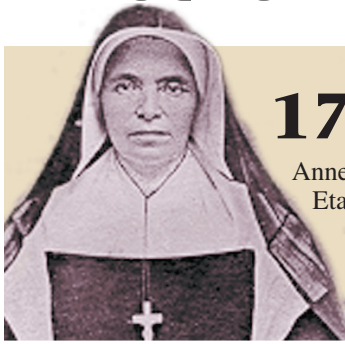


Mother Theodore Guérin's path to sainthood



1798

Anne-Thérèse Guérin was born on Oct. 2, 1798, at Etables-sur-Mer on the northern coast of France.

1856

On May 14, 1856, after spending only 16 years in America, Mother Theodore Guérin died.



Photo by John Starkey

Mother Theodore's memorial at the community's cemetery.

1856-1909

The story of Mother Theodore's life of heroic virtue was told and re-told. She had great faith and trust in God, and performed many works of love, mercy and justice among God's people.



1908

Providence Sister Mary Theodosia Mug was cured after praying at the tomb of Mother Theodore.

1909

Bishop Francis Silas Chatard, bishop of Indianapolis, formally introduced the cause for Mother Theodore's canonization as a saint.

1992

Mother Theodore was given the title "Venerable" after a thorough study of her life and virtues was approved by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

1998

Mother Theodore was given the title "Blessed" by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 25, 1998, after many medical doctors, theologians and cardinals had studied the circumstances associated with the cure of Sister Mary Theodosia Mug.

The spirit of Blessed Mother Theodore lives on at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. On her tombstone in the cemetery, we read:

"I sleep, but my heart watches over this house which I have built."

2005

The second miracle required for canonization, the healing of Philip McCord, was approved in Rome in July by the medical doctors, a panel of theologians and a group of cardinals from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

2006

At a Consistory meeting in Rome in July, Pope Benedict XVI announced that Mother Theodore would be canonized on Oct. 15, 2006, in Rome.

Time line information courtesy of Sisters of Providence. †

1823

Anne-Thérèse entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé-sur-Loir, France, on Aug. 18, 1823. She was given the name Sister St. Theodore. The name "Theodore" means "gift of God."



The Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence at Ruillé-sur-Loir.

1840

Sister St. Theodore and five other Sisters of Providence arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on the evening of Oct. 22, 1840. Four American girls were waiting to join them.



Drawing by Sr. Mary Emmanuel Rime, S.P. courtesy of Sisters of Providence Archives

Upon arrival at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Mother Theodore and her five sister companions immediately went to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in this log cabin chapel, which also served as the residence of the priest.



Photo courtesy Sisters of Providence Archives

The first academy, which would later grow to become Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the first Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States.

1841

On July 4, 1841, the first academy was opened. It was called Saint Mary's Female Institute, the forerunner of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

1840-1856

The Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods was established, as were many schools and other good works. Sister St. Theodore was given the title "Mother Theodore" as foundress of the new community of women religious.



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