

In 1910 the Holy See decreed that it merge with the Order of Friars Minor. However, in 1949 a subgroup separated and became an autonomous institute of diocesan right under the name of Franciscan Brothers of Mary, reverting more to the intent of their founder.²⁵⁷ (Generalate: Maggona, Sri Lanka.)

6.1 Institutes which are related but in another manner.

FRANCE

6.1-FRA.801.0

Sisters of Mercy of Bordeaux

Founded 1801 in Bordeaux, France, by Marie Thérèse Lamoroux (1754-1836).²⁵⁸ The founder was encouraged by her spiritual director Reverend William Joseph Chaminade (1761-1850) who suggested the spirituality of Vincent de Paul for this institute. Chaminade became the first ecclesiastical superior. In 1971 this institute federated with the Sisters of Mary and Joseph, forming the new institute of Sisters of Mary and Joseph of Mercy.²⁵⁹

6.1-FRA.843.0

Our Lady of Sion

Founded 1843 at Paris, France, by Reverend Alphonse Ratisbonne (1814-1884) and his brother Reverend Marie Théodore Ratisbonne (1802-1884) to promote understanding between Christians and Jews and to bring about the conversion of the Jews. Ratisbonne experienced a miraculous conversion (20 January 1842) after a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church of Saint Andrea delle Fratte (Rome, Italy), and was baptized two weeks later.²⁶⁰ Alphonse became a Jesuit and remained in the Society for eleven years until released by a papal brief allowing him to leave and work with his brother Théodore for the

²⁵⁷DIP, s.v. "Fratelli Francescani di San Vincenzo de' Paoli" 4: 620.

²⁵⁸Also spelled Lamourous in DIP.

²⁵⁹Chalumeau, "La Descendance Spirituelle," 19; DIP, s.v. "Misericordia di Bordeaux, Suore della" 5: 1404-07; "Lamourous, Marie-Charlotte" 5: 439-41; "Chaminade, Guillaume-Joseph" 3: 857-61; "Suore di Maria-Giuseppe, di LeDorat" (volume not yet published); "Suore di Maria-Giuseppe e della Misericordia" (volume not yet published).

²⁶⁰The Blessed Mother asked Alphonse Ratisbonne to build a chapel in her honor in gratitude for his extraordinary grace: "Have a chapel built as an *ex-voto* of the miracle that took place at Saint Andrea." He did this at the Daughters of Charity House of Providence (an orphanage) in the rue Oudinot (Paris) where the chaplain was his brother, Théodore, who had converted from Judaism to Catholicism in 1825. Six-weeks after the chapel dedication, Alphonse entered the Society of Jesus.

conversion of Jews through the communities they had founded. *Pax Nostra*, a lay group has also developed from this institute. (See 6.1-FRA.852.0.)²⁶¹ (Generalate: via Garibaldi, 28; 00153 Rome, Italy.)

6.1-FRA.852.0

Congregation of the Missionary Priests of Our Lady of Sion

Founded 1852 at Paris, France, by Reverend Alphonse Ratisbonne (1814-1884) and his brother Reverend Marie Théodore Ratisbonne (1802-1884). The founders sought to promote understanding between Christians and Jews and to effect the latter's conversion by representing to them the love of Christ for Israel through the work of the Fathers of Sion whose activities are subject to the direction of the bishop of the diocese. There is a related lay association, *Pax Nostra*.²⁶² (See also 6.1-FRA.843.0.)²⁶³ (Generalate: Rua Lino Coutinho, 44; Ipiranga, São Paulo, Brazil.)

6.1-FRA.921.0

Sisters of Our Lady of Reconciliation

Founded 1921 at Paris, France, by Reverend Charles Francis Rollin, R.S.V., (1880-1942), as a feminine branch of the Religious of Saint Vincent de Paul (see 2.3-FRA.845.0). This institute of diocesan right is dedicated to works for the poor (especially women and youth) but with the inspiration of Our Lady of La Salette and her call to reparation.²⁶⁴ (Generalate: 11, rue des Boudaisieres; 37210, Rochecorbon, France.)

²⁶¹AP, 1552; DIP, s.v. "Ratisbonne, Marie-Théodore" 7: 1214; "Nostra Signora di Sion" 6: 430-32; "Sacerdoti di Nostra Signora de Sion" 8: 12; "Pax Nostra" 6: 1298-99; NCE, s.v. "Ratisbonne, Marie Alphonse"; "The Miraculous Medal—Centenary of the Conversion of Alphonse Ratisbonne," *Echo*, no. 7-8 (July-August 1990): 306-07; "A Significant One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary: The 'Convert of the Miraculous Medal'" *Echo*, no. 6 (June 1992): 220.

²⁶²Pax Nostra was founded 1927 at Jerusalem in Israel by several Italian women in order to promote understanding between Christians and Jews. This pious association developed through the instrumentality of the religious institute of Our Lady of Sion with the intention of becoming a secular institute. (Headquarters: 24, rue du Cotentin; 75015 Paris, France.)

²⁶³DIP, s.v. "Ratisbonne, Marie-Théodore" 7: 1214-15; NCE, Ratisbonne, Alphonse Marie."

²⁶⁴DIP, s.v. "Maria Riconciliatrice, Suore di" 5: 970; "Religiosi di San Vincenzo de' Paoli" 7: 1681-85; "Rollin, Charles-François" 7: 1894.

GERMANY

6.1-GER.808.0

Sisters of Mercy of Münster

(Clemensschwwestern or Sisters of Charity of Clement-August)

Founded 1808 in Germany by Bishop Clemens Droste zu Vischering (1773-1845), archbishop of Cologne and vicar general of Münster, who was inspired by a biography of Saint Vincent de Paul to form an institute of sisters in Saint Vincent's spirit in Münster to serve the poor, sick, and needy. This was the first institute founded in Germany after the French Revolution. The founder incorporated Vincentian influences in the rules he compiled and gave Saint Vincent as patron, as well as Mary, Mother of Sorrows. (See 1.2-FRA.734.3.11F and 1.2-NTH.832.11.) The rules of this institute of diocesan right were later used by other founders, including Johannes Zwijsen, archbishop of Utrecht.²⁶⁵ (Generalate: Klosterstrasse 85; 48143 Münster, Germany.)

INDIA

6.1-IND.944.2

Congregation of Sisters of Charity

(Sisters of Charity of Saint Francis of Assisi)

Founded 1944 at Chowanoor, India, in the diocese of Trichur by Reverend Augustin John Ooken (1880-1956) for charitable services and social work among the poor, including education of youth, the care of orphans, and the sick.²⁶⁶ Ooken had been greatly influenced by the ideals of Saint Vincent, and he called his institute Sisters of Charity, in imitation of Vincent de Paul, its patron. The name was later changed to Sisters of Charity of Saint Francis of Assisi by the bishop, a Franciscan, who was their ecclesiastical superior. The institute collaborated with the Congregation of Mary Immaculate and the Sisters of the Destitute in Ernakulam. In 1966, this diocesan institute united with the Capuchin Order. In 1994 this institute again changed its name

²⁶⁵DIP, s.v. "Droste zu Vischering, Klemens August" 3: 980-81; "Carità della Santa Vergine e Addolorata Madre di Dio" 2: 385-86. Vischering had been inspired after reading an early edition of *The spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul. or, A holy Model, worthy of being imitated by ecclesiastics, religious, and all the faithful* by André Joseph Ansart, translated into English by the Sisters of Charity (New York: P. O'Shea, 1868 [c. 1867]).

²⁶⁶Also spelled Ukken.

to reflect its original purpose.²⁶⁷ (Generalate: Maria Bhavan (Generalate; Kolazhy, Trichur 680010, Kerala, India.)

NEW ZEALAND

6.1-NZE.892.0

Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion

Founded 1892 in New Zealand by Marie Henriette Suzanne Aubert (1835-1926) for a variety of social ministries, including care of the sick, teaching, and serving the poorest of the poor, especially the Maori. The founder, while studying nursing in Lyons, had known the Daughters of Charity of Paris, and had also been inspired by Rosalie Rendu, D.C., (1786-1856), and her mission for the poor. The constitutions of this institute contain quotations from the conferences of Saint Vincent de Paul. During the Crimean War, the founder worked with the Daughters of Charity in their hospitals. At the time Aubert established this diocesan institute, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was very active in New Zealand.²⁶⁸ (Generalate: Island Bay; Wellington 6002, New Zealand.)

²⁶⁷DIP, s.v. "Carità di San Francesco d'Assisi, del Kerala " 2: 361; "Ooken, John" 6: 718; *The Catholic Directory of India*. 1994. Personal communication John Rybolt, C.M., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 28 January 1995, Paris.

²⁶⁸Bernadette Mary Wrack, S.C., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 16 July 1993, Wellington, New Zealand. Mary Quinlan, D.C., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 19 February 1992, Marsfield, Australia; DIP, s.v. "Aubert, Marie-Henriette-Suzanne" 1: 980; "Figlie di Nostra Signora della Compassione" 3: 1645; Barbara Harper, *Unto These Least: The Story of Mother Aubert and her Great Work* (Taita, New Zealand: Inprint, Ltd., 1988), 5-44; Aileen Bradley, S.C., to Stafford Poole, C.M., 13 November 1989, Norwalk, Connecticut.

5.1 Institutes that profess the same spirit as the Daughters of Charity.

ENGLAND

L-5.1-ENG.993.0

Vincentian Volunteers

Established 1993 at London in England by the province of Mill Hill of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul as a program for lay men and women to share in their mission of service to the poor in England, Scotland, and Wales.²³ (Headquarters: Christopher Grange; Youens Way, East Prescott Road; Liverpool L14 2EW, UK.)

SLOVENIA

L-5.1-SLO.988.0

The Vincentian Family

Founded 1988 by Marta Silvester at Ljubljana in Slovenia as a lay institute to pray and do charitable work while living in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul under the spiritual direction of the Congregation of the Mission.²⁴ (Headquarters: Maistrova 2; 61000 Ljubljana, Slovenia)

6.1 Institutes which are related but in another manner.

UNITED STATES

L-6.1-USA.964.1

Blessed Trinity Missionary Institute

Established 1964 at New York City, New York, United States, by Margaret Healy, a member of the Missionary Cenacle Apostolate, founded by Reverend Thomas Judge, C.M. Its purpose is to serve as missionaries, consecrated by vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the midst of the world. It is seeking approbation as a secular

²³Judith Greville, D.C., to Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., 15 July 1993, London, England. Joan Moriarty, D.C., Vincentian Volunteers, 26 August 1993, Survey S-87, VSI Family Tree Project;

²⁴Jost to McNeil, 2 August 1993, Ljubljana.

institute. There are two related congregations and a lay group. (See 2.1-USA.912.1; 2.1-USA.929.1; L-2.1-USA.909.11).²⁵ (Headquarters: 1190 Long Hill Road; Stirling, New Jersey 07980, USA.)

L-6.1-USA.983.0

Vincentian Service Corps

Founded in 1983 at New York City in New York, United States, by the Eastern province of the Congregation of the Mission in order to provide lay young adults the opportunity to live in community and experience a simple lifestyle while serving the poor. The project is now cosponsored by several provinces of the Vincentian family in the United States.²⁶ (Headquarters: Saint John's University-SJH 116; Jamaica, New York 11439, USA.)

²⁵Ahern, Survey S-13, VSI Family Tree Project; DIP, s.v. "Judge, Thomas Augustine" 5: 324.
²⁶"Vincentian Service Corps," *The Response-1993* (Washington, DC: International Liaison of Lay Volunteers in Mission, 1993); John E. Rybolt, C.M., ed., *The American Vincentians: A Popular History of the Congregation of the Mission in the United States 1815-1987* (New York: New City Press, 1988), 431.