

Mount
Grace
Chapel

75
years

*of continuous adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament*



1928-2003

Mount Grace Convent and Chapel owes its existence to the deceased Mrs. Theresa Kulage. Due to her great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament she convinced Archbishop John Glennon of St. Louis to invite our Congregation, the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters, to establish an adoration convent in St. Louis, her home city. Mother Mary Michael, the Co-foundress of our Congregation, accepted the invitation and sent twelve Sisters for the

first community. Mrs. Kulage could not be outdone in generosity. She donated the property, built the beautiful chapel, furnished it richly at her own expense, and besides financed the construction of the convent. On June 7, 1928, this jewel of a Chapel was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Glennon, and from that day until the present there has always been one or two



**Maria Theresa
Backer Kulage,
Mount Grace Foundress**

Sisters kneeling in adoration before the most Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar.

Mount Grace Chapel became like a magnet, attracting many visitors — men, women and children — to join the Sisters in prayer to our Eucharistic Lord. In 1958 The Legion of One Thousand Men was organized. and later reorganized to include women and is now known as the Legion of One Thousand Adorers. Many new friends have also discovered Mount Grace, and when the chapel is open during the day, the Sisters are almost never alone in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

As we thank God for 75 years of continuous Eucharistic adoration in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we pray with grateful hearts, "From the rising of the sun to its setting, may our Lord be ever adored."



**Mother Mary Michael,
Co-Foundress and first
Superior General**



Above, blessing the cornerstone.
Right, the opening day celebration on
June 7, 1928.





Above, Maria Theresa Backer Kulage with the pioneer sisters who first lived at Mount Grace. To the left of Kulage is Mother Mary Michael and her assistant, Sr. M. Hildegard.

Left, the dedication of the chapel, before the imported altar or paintings were completed.



Sr. M. Ancilla



Sr. M. Mathildes



Sr. M. Aloysiana



Sr. M. Fidelis



Sr. M. Pieta

**SUPERIORS
OF
MOUNT
GRACE**



Sr. M. Leonarda



Sr. M. Margaret



Sr. M. Gemma



Sr. M. Lourdes



**Cardinal
John Glennon**

**ARCHBISHOPS
OF ST. LOUIS
SINCE 1928**



**Cardinal
Joseph Ritter**



**Cardinal
John Joseph
Carberry**



Archbishop John May



**Archbishop
Justin Rigali**



LITURGY OF THE HOURS (DIVINE OFFICE)

The Sisters devote themselves to celebrating in choir.

Join the Sisters in prayer at the following times:

5:45 A.M., 8:30 A.M., 11:45 A.M., 12:45 P.M. • Vespers Daily 5 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m.



CLOISTER GARDEN
& RECREATION

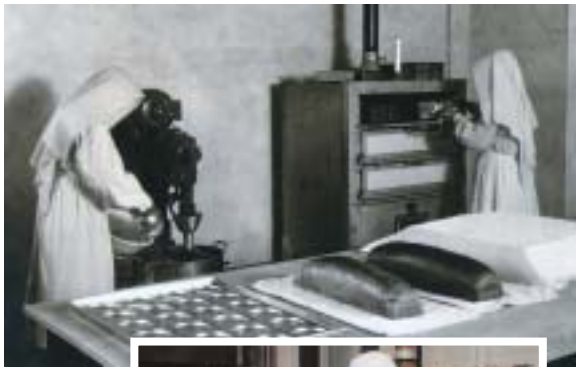
Above and right.



scenes from the cloister garden past & present. The first garden, top right, was only a fraction of the size of the current garden.

Below, enjoying some light moments of recreation past and present.





WORK DUTIES

Left, sisters bake loaves of raisin bread in the early years to hand out as Christmas gifts.

Below left, preparing a meal for the group today.

Below, hand-washing the convent's clothing.



Right, arranging flowers for the Mount Grace altar.

Below, responding to the daily mail and inscribing perpetual membership cards.





**The dedication of the Lourdes grotto on
December 6, 1936.**

The Lourdes grotto as it looks today. The Sisters use this part of the cloister garden as a favorite meditation spot and for praying the rosary.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS IN THE CLOISTER GARDEN



Stations of the Cross line one of the boundaries of the garden. This was the original burial plot for the convent's sisters, until it was moved to Calvary Cemetery.



Above, the Mount Grace Community today.

Left, the chapel as it looks today.

"Filled with the love which is imparted to us in the Eucharist, we make the interests of the Church and of the whole world our own."

—From the Constitutions of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters



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