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100th YEAR EDITION



Providence Mount St. Vincent
1924–2024
Celebrating 100 Years of Service



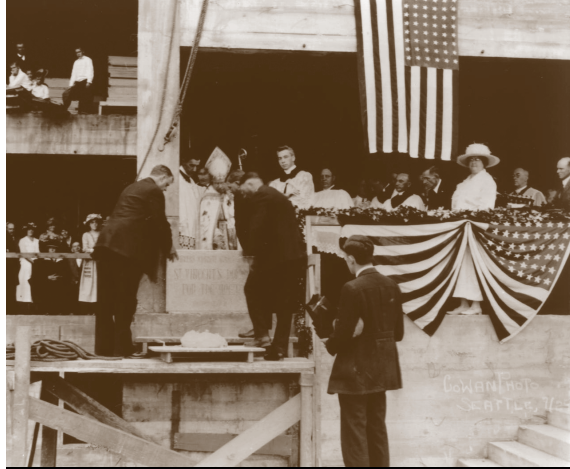
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Cover photos:

Top: Mother Emilie Gamelin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence in 1843

Bottom: Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, "Architect of the Pacific Northwest," brought the Sisters' mission to serve the poor to the West Coast.

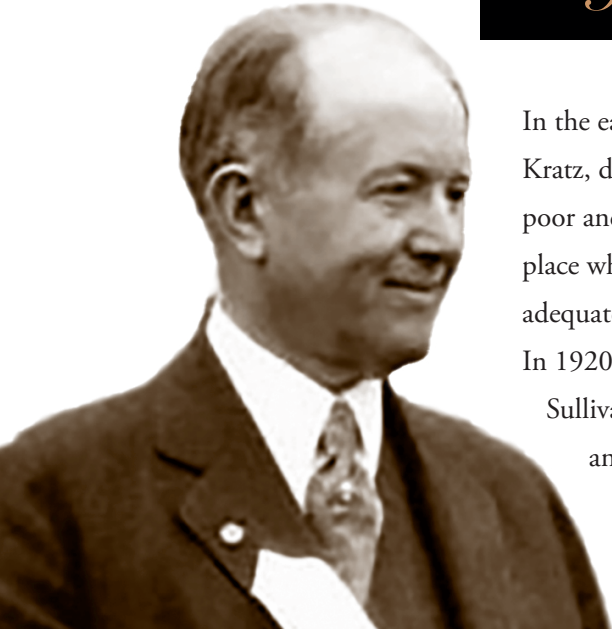
Opening Day: St. Vincent Home for the Aged, January 24, 1924



The Early 1900s

In the early 1900s, Sr. Mary Conrad Kratz, during her rounds of visiting the poor and sick in Seattle, dreamed of a place where the elderly would be given adequate care and housing.

In 1920, Seattle banker Frank M. Sullivan visited Sr. Mary Conrad and shared that same dream.



On July 29, 1923 the cornerstone was laid for St. Vincent Home for the Aged and the House of Providence (Provincial Headquarters and Novitiate for the Sisters of Providence) by The Rt. Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, Bishop of Seattle. Frank Sullivan gave Sr. Mary Conrad \$1,000 and promised more. Construction began with \$205,000 and donated materials including steel from Seattle Steel (now Nucor). Architect John Graham was hired, and an additional \$900,000 was raised, with thanks to the 12-member leadership committee who partnered with the Sisters in the dream of providing a home for the elderly.

Founders of the St. Vincent Home for the Aged, 1924 — Fred L. Besselman, George W. Boole, Joseph Bordeaux, Thomas Bordeaux, Thomas Brady, Patrick Brown, Louis R. Beezer, Mrs. U.B. Clark, Mrs. John T. Condon, Mrs. L.A. Conner, Dr. O'Keefe W. Copps, Rev. W.H. Culligan, R.T. Davis, Jr., Judge George Donworth, A.S. Downey, Mark H. Draham, W.H. Draham, J.E. Drummey, Arthur G. Dunn, John W. Eddy, J.C. Eden, V.H. Elfendahl, C.H. Farrell, J.D. Farrell, Rev. W.H. Fisser, J.H. Fox, John Fox, Mrs. T. Gangloff, H.M. Gaston, Jr., Samuel Goddell, A.C. Goerig, John Graham, James Grattan, John T. Heffernan, M.J. Heney, P.A. Heney, J.D. Hoge, James Howley, Daniel Kelleher, Lambert Kratz, F.S. LAng, Mrs. P.K. Leamy, A.W. Leonard, Jerry Lucy, Dr. J.H. Lyons, Paul S. MacMichael, Joseph Manning, Hubert Marchand, Patrick McCoy, Frank McDermott, Ed. P. McGreevy, T.C. McHugh, F. McL. Radford, Edward McMackin, R.G.H. Nordoff, Right Reverend Edward Edward John O'Dea, D.D., James O'Malley, R.B. Patterson, William Pigott, James Quigley, A. W. Quist, Victor Quist, W.L. Rhodes, John D. Ryan, Mrs. P.B. Scholtes, H.G. Seaborn, J.N. Shaw, Mrs. Joseph D. Sinnott, D.E. Skinner, Richard Smith, St. Vincent's Auxiliary, Frank M. Sullivan, Miss Mary Sullivan, Thaddeus Sweek, Rev. John Sween, Mrs. U. Tousignant, E.G. Welch.



The 1920s



On January 24, 1924, the dream becomes a reality as the Sisters of Providence relocated their Provincial Administration, Infirmary, and Novitiate from Providence Academy in Vancouver, Washington to the newly opening Mount St. Vincent. The Sisters lived on the premises where they administered the facility and cared for the elderly residents.

On April 26, 1924, the community dedication was held followed by a reception hosted by the St. Vincent Auxiliary of Women.



The Chapel provided a beautiful setting for worship for the Sisters, novices, and residents.



Antique

The 1930s – '50s

Rooms were home-like, with separate floors for men and women. Residents enjoyed many indoor and outdoor activities. Sisters harvested and canned fruits and vegetables from orchards and gardens. Volunteers expanded the Women's Auxiliary to more than 50 women who would provide services to the elderly. The tradition continues today with the Providence Mount St. Vincent Auxiliary and many volunteers.

A special Centennial Mass was held to celebrate the Sisters of Providence move to the West in 1856.



The 1960s

Mount St. Vincent underwent a major remodeling in the 1960s to provide both skilled nursing rooms and retirement apartments. It was renamed the “DePaul and Mount St. Vincent”.

Additionally, and in keeping with health care changes of the times, a new therapy services department was opened. The chapel was also updated, and a new dining space was added for apartment residents.

In May 1966, the Dedication Day happened for the new St. Joseph Residence where retired and elder Sisters could live and receive care. The Provincial Administration and Novitiate moved to Providence Heights in Issaquah.





Following a 6.7 earthquake in 1965, the original brick building underwent a major resurfacing, giving The Mount a whole new look in 1967.

The 1970s – '80s

The 1970s and 1980s were years of excellent, compassionate care, great community outreach, and creativity. Mount St. Vincent becomes Medicare and Medicaid certified, which helped offset a portion of charitable care.

The First Lay administrator joined Mount St. Vincent in 1971.

A celebration of the 50th Anniversary of DePaul and Mount St. Vincent was held in 1974.



In 1982, the Gamelin Foundation was formed (today called Providence Mount St. Vincent Foundation) to continue the mission of charity care and to support resident programs.

Sr. Rita Ferschweiler provided leadership.





A Vision Campaign is launched and the 1990s are a time of revolutionary change as the Sisters and administration remodel the building to meet the needs of the future. A shift in philosophy empowers residents with even more control over their care in the warmth of social-based community.

Assisted Living Services were added to the apartments to serve an older population with growing challenges, and the long, hospital-like corridors in the nursing home were redesigned into neighborhoods.

The 1990s

The Intergenerational Learning Center opened for children of employees and the broader community in September, 1991 — bringing children together with residents throughout the campus. The linking of young and old brings extra joy, new relationships and meaning to daily life.

Mount St. Vincent officially changed its name to “Providence Mount St. Vincent”.



The 2000s



In 2002, the inauguration of the Father James Mallahan Center for Healing was celebrated.

Founded on the belief that good health reflects the entire person in body, mind, and spirit through life enriching services and excellent care — all offered through Adult Day Health, Rehabilitation Services and the Wellness Center.

To further the goals of independence and dignity for all residents, and to meet the needs of an older population, the assisted living apartment renovations were completed with Foundation funding through the Design for Living Campaign.

The Father Mallahan

*Center for
Healing*

The Mount expanded the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) in 2012 to meet a growing community need. A major renovation included a new rehab gym and therapy spaces. Approximately 1,000 patients were treated annually in the TCU.

On April 26, 2015, Providence Mount St. Vincent honored a key founder, William Pigott, by naming the Chapel in honor of his legacy of faith, service and giving.



the
growing season

Exploring the value and meaning of intergenerational relationships

In 2017, “The Growing Season” documentary was produced, featuring The Mount’s unique intergenerational community. The resulting publicity generated countless media requests and study visits from all over the United States and internationally for several years.

The Intergenerational Learning Center’s outdoor courtyard was dedicated in memory of Dyke R. (Rick) Turner, the PMSV architect whose passion and vision helped bring The Mount’s intergenerational community to life.





The decade began with COVID-19, the global pandemic that changed every facet of life at The Mount from resident daily life, extraordinary financial impacts and rigorous caregiver infection prevention practices. The Mount's commitment to community as well as excellent and compassionate care however never waived.

In 2023, The Mount is awarded West Seattle Chamber Non-Profit of The Year in recognition of its important role and outstanding impact in the community.

*Dreams,
Possibilities and
Promises*



The Sisters of Providence brought the **Dream** of serving elders, the poor and vulnerable to reality in 1924. Since then, The Mount has envisioned and implemented many **Possibilities** from person-directed care, neighborhoods, apartments and a vibrant, engaging intergenerational community.

While the future landscape has yet to be cast, our **Promise** is to continue. Together, we will work with our broader community, to find the way forward. Just as the Sisters have called us to do.



“All I know of tomorrow is that Providence will rise before the sun.”

Lacordaire



OUR MISSION

AS EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S HEALING LOVE, WITNESSED THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF JESUS, WE ARE STEADFAST IN SERVING ALL, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE POOR AND VULNERABLE.

CORE VALUES

COMPASSION, DIGNITY, JUSTICE, EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY

PROMISE

"Know me, care for me, ease my way."



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