



LOCAL NEWS

# SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD TIMELINE

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**Maria Anna Brunner** (Photo courtesy Sisters of the Precious Blood Archives.)

**1764:** Maria Anna Probst born

**1793:** Maria Anna Probst marries John Baptist Brunner

**1813:** John Baptist Brunner dies, husband of Maria Anna Brunner

**1832:** Father Francis de Sales [son of Mother Brunner] purchases Loewenberg Castle that had been abandoned for 30 years

**1832:** Mother Maria Anna Brunner goes to Rome for a nine month pilgrimage

**1834:** Two maids at the Loewenberg Castle join Maria Anna Brunner in

nocturnal hours of adoration — beginning of the Sisters of the Precious Blood

**1834:** Mother Brunner obtained permission from the Bishop of Chur to lead a communal life with her small group of women

**1836:** Mother Maria Anna Brunner dies

**1836:** Sister Clara Meisen guided the Sisters after Mother Brunner dies

**1837:** Saint Gaspar del Bufalo dies

**1838:** Father Francis de Sales Brunner becomes a Missionary of the Precious Blood

**1844:** Father Brunner brings Missionaries and Sisters of the Precious Blood to America [Peru, Ohio]

**1844:** Mary at the Crib Convent, New Riegel, Ohio [1st major Foundation – Cradle of the Community]

**1845:** Mary of the Angels Convent, Marywood [Thompson/Frank], Ohio [near Bellevue] [2nd major Foundation]

**1846:** Mary, Help of Christians Convent, Maria Stein, Ohio [3rd major foundation]

**1847:** Father Francis de Sales Brunner sends Mother Mary Ann Albrecht to Europe to look for recruits

**1849:** Mary at the Holy Sepulcher Convent, Glandorf, Ohio [4th major foundation]

**1849:** During the next nine years Father Francis de Sales Brunner makes four trips to Europe

**1850:** Mary, Mother of Good Counsel Convent, Maria-Camp Convent, near Glandorf, Ohio [5th major foundation]

**1850:** Mary, Mother of God, Gruenenwald Convent, near Cassella, Ohio [6th major foundation]

**1850:** The last Sisters from Loewenberg, Switzerland emigrated to Ohio

**1852:** The Visitation of Mary Convent, Minster, Ohio [7th major foundation]

**1852:** Mary, Mother of Mercy, Himmelgarten Convent, near St. Henry, Ohio [8th major foundation]

**1854:** Mary's Home Convent, Jay County, Indiana [9th major foundation]

**1855:** The Congregational membership is 224

**1856:** Mary's Flight into Egypt, Egypt, Ohio [10th major foundation]

**1859:** Father Francis de Sales Brunner dies

**1866:** Father Joseph Albrecht breaks off from St. Joseph Parish and Hemmelgarten Convent

**1875:** Father Gartner donated a large collection of relics to the Sisters at Maria Stein

**1887:** Sisters separated from Missionary Priests and Brothers of the Precious Blood to become a Diocesan Community

**1888:** For the first time: Constitution, uniform habit, perpetual adoration, vows taken by all

**1897:** Mother M. Emma Nunlist spearhead a diversity of apostolic ministry across the Country

**1903:** Sisters start ministry in Arizona under the leadership of Mother M. Emma Nunlist

**1912:** The last group of Postulants came from abroad [there were well over 800 European born Sisters in the Community]

**1917:** Work in diverse ministries: Archbishop's House, Fenwick Club, Catholic Sisters' College

**1923:** New Motherhouse [Salem Heights] in Dayton, Ohio under Mother M. Emma Nunlist

**1930:** The Congregation builds the Maria Joseph Home for the Aged [a non-sectarian home for elderly men and women]

**1933:** Mother M. Agreda Sperber brings the remains of Mother Brunner from Switzerland to Dayton, Ohio for veneration

**1936:** Congregational membership is 679 Professed; 29 Novices; 15 Postulants; 4 Aspirants

**1946:** Congregation became a formally recognized pontifical institute, known officially as the "Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood." [during Mother M. Magna Lehman's leadership]

**1954:** The Congregation established a cloister at New Riegel, Ohio

**1955:** The Sisters changed from the black habit to the gray habit

**1957:** The Congregation established ministry in Chile, South America

**1960s:** Sisters have the option of returning to their baptismal name

**1960s:** Sisters have the option of changing from the habit to wearing contemporary dress

**1966:** Sister Rosella Hess led the Sisters through Vatican II changes

**1979:** The Sisters at Salem Heights and the elderly laity from the Maria Joseph Home for the Aged exchanged buildings

**1980:** The remains of Mother Brunner were taken from the chapel and buried in the Salem Heights Convent Cemetery

**1985:** The 1923 Salem Heights building is sold to Samaritan Health Resources



**Mary at the Crib Convent, established 1844 at New Riegel, Ohio** (Photo courtesy Sisters of the Precious Blood Archives.)