

LORETO PROVINCE TREE

Australia & South East Asia

1875 - 2025



Loreto Abbey
RATHFARNHAM
Co Dublin, Ireland

Mary's Mount
BALLARAT
Victoria, Australia



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VICTORIA

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1875		<i>Loreto Abbey Mary's Mount</i> Loreto College Ballarat	Ballarat
1875	1977	Loreto Convent Dawson Street	Ballarat
1877	1985	St. Joseph's Parish School, Lyons Street	Ballarat
1882	1998	St. Aloysius Parish School, Redan	Ballarat
1884		<i>Loreto Convent Portland</i> Bayview College	Portland
1884	1905	Loreto Training College Dawson Street	Ballarat
1885	1984	All Saints' Primary School	Portland
1888	1924	Loreto Convent Albert Park	Melbourne
1891	1988	Saints Peter and Paul's Parish School South Melbourne	Melbourne
c1902	c1924	St. Anne's Parish Primary School	Ballarat
1905	1923	Loreto Convent Hamilton	Hamilton
1906	1924	Central Catholic Training College Albert Park	Melbourne
1917		St. Mary's Hall / St. Mary's College Melbourne University	Melbourne

VICTORIA

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1924		<i>Loreto Convent Mandeville Hall</i> Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak	Melbourne
1975	2008	St. Thomas Parish School, Blackburn	Melbourne
1962	1996	Loreto Commercial College, Dawson Street	Ballarat
1962	1976	Loreto Commercial College South Melbourne	Melbourne
1962	1965	St. Luke's Primary School, South Blackburn	Melbourne
1965	1979	St. Phillip's Primary School, Blackburn	Melbourne
1966	1987	Our Lady's School South Melbourne	Melbourne
1969	2010	Loreto House 73-77 St Vincent Place South, Albert Park	Melbourne
1980	1986	St. Thomas More Primary School, Alfredton	Ballarat
1983		Mary MacKillop Primary School	Portland
1985	2000	Lygon Street Carlton Community Outreach	Melbourne

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1897	1937	Loreto Convent Adelaide Terrace	Perth
1901		<i>Loreto Convent Osborne Claremont</i> John XXIII College	Perth
1914	1917	Loreto Convent Havelock Street	Perth
1931	2023	<i>Loreto Convent Nedlands</i> Loreto Nedlands Primary School	Perth
1932	1970	St. Theresa's Primary School, Nedlands	Perth
1965	1990	Sacred Heart Primary School, Thornlie	Perth
1970	1980	St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Armadale	Perth
1973	1995	St. Mary's Primary School	Broome
1977	1983	Good Shepherd Primary School, Kelmscott	Perth
1978	1981	Gnowangerup Community Outreach	Gnowangerup
1980	1983	'Orana' Primary School, Willetton	Perth
1980	1990	Thornlie Community Parish Outreach	Perth
1981	1990	Looma Community Parish Outreach	Derby
1986	1998	Christ the King Primary School	Lombadina
2000	2004	Community Parish Outreach	Three Springs

NEW SOUTH WALES

TO	FROM	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1892	1901	Loreto Convent Randwick	Sydney
1892	1898	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish School, Randwick	Sydney
1897		<i>Loreto Convent Hornsby</i> Loreto Normanhurst	Sydney
1907		<i>Loreto Convent North Sydney</i> Loreto Kirribilli	Sydney
1937	1942	Loreto Free Library	Sydney
1959	1965	Loreto Teacher's Training College, Normanhurst	Sydney
1991	2001	Mt. Pleasant, Sydney Parish Outreach	Sydney
1994	2005	Community and Parish Outreach	Hay
1996	2011	Catholic Care Wilcannia Forbes	Forbes
1997	2001	Community and Parish Outreach, Glenmore Park	Sydney
2012	2013	Community and Parish Outreach	Dubbo

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1905	1921	Loreto Convent Norwood	Adelaide
1921		<i>Loreto Convent Marryatville</i> Loreto College Marryatville	Adelaide
1924	1948	St. Peter Claver's Primary School, Dulwich	Adelaide
1981	2003	Community and Parish Outreach, Parafield Gardens	Adelaide
1997	2012	Community and Parish Outreach, Kensington Park	Adelaide

TASMANIA

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1976	1979	Community and Academic Teaching	Hobart

NORTHERN TERRITORY

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1988	2017	Darwin Community Outreach	Darwin
1995	2014	Santa Teresa Mission	Alice Springs

QUEENSLAND

FROM	TO	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1927		<i>Loreto Convent Coorparoo</i> Loreto College Coorparoo	Brisbane
1975	1987	Mt. Carmel Primary School, Coorparoo	Brisbane

TIMOR LESTE

TO	FROM	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
2006		Mission to Timor-Leste	Bacau and Dili
2015		Gari-uai Pre School	Gari-uai
2023		Community House	Ostico

PHILIPPINES

TO	FROM	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
2013		House of Studies with the CJs	Manila
2015		Formation House	Manila

VIETNAM

TO	FROM	SCHOOL/MINISTRY	LOCATION
1997		Formation and Community Outreach	Ho Chi Minh City
1997	2022	LVAP - Loreto Vietnam Australia Project	

OTHER MEANS CONGRUOUS TO THE TIMES

The IBVM Constitutions begin with a foundational document of 1621 called the *Institutum*.

This directs members to the end of the Institute, the greater glory of God and the more universal good and points them to the means to attain that end: This they hold as the care and proclamation of the faith through the work of **education**, the promotion of justice and the service of God's people by '**any means congruous to the times**'.

Since 1875, Mother Gonzaga Barry and her companions lived by that foundational document, preserving the strength and conviction of this pathway to God, nurturing the graces given and the opportunities provided by **noticing the signs of the times, and all the while reimagining what else there might be to do in the spirit of the foundress, Mary Ward.**

From the late 70s and well into the 90s, as more women and men gained qualifications in the fields of education and school administration, **it became obvious there were needs elsewhere calling for attention.** One provision of our Constitution is to be prepared to go where the needs are greatest, rather than settle in one's comfort zone. So it was discerned that sisters could hand on the work in the schools to competent colleagues and **move into other ministries**, though they would continue to support these colleagues so that the charism that animates our schools would be carried forward.

Maybe women with a vocation to assist in faith development could move into parish or diocesan work, into adult faith education, into prison or university chaplaincy or spiritual direction, because women can bring fresh insights to accompany both women and men in their inner journey with God.

Would it be possible for women to teach in theology schools, helping form the next generation of teachers, parish workers or priests, or what global contribution might be possible through a sister with expertise in canon law?

With each response, working as part of diocesan churches and alongside other people, both lay and religious, the sisters themselves were changed to engage with the wider church, and minds and hearts were stretched as they listened to colleagues' new ways of hearing the Gospel.

Perhaps art and music could contribute to the ministry of the church by offering vibrant images and songs that encourage and invite people to prayer, meditation and good liturgy?

Mary Ward's legacy that right relationships are critical to faith, led to an openness to the Church's call to see action for justice as integral to discipleship.

Connection with and advocacy for our First Nations peoples took on a special focus as some came to recognize the gifts and the grace that First Nations peoples offer as they struggle for recognition and equitable rights. Their concern for the Earth, our Mother, calls us all to rethink our practices that increase pressure on fragile resources.

Openness to the Spirit led others into support for families, especially those facing the terminal illness of a child or to work with other religious and other Christian churches to support youth in need and women fleeing domestic violence or lacking suitable housing.

With the increasing movement of people across the land and seas, attention became focussed on the trafficking of human persons and the rights of immigrants and refugees. This outreach beyond our shores attracted new members in Vietnam, from the Philippines and in Timor-Leste as they discovered that the charism of Mary Ward offered something special to their particular culture.

Such reimagining has led members in this Province of Australia and South East Asia to explore the following fields:

- **Advocacy for the disadvantaged** – the marginalised, the refugee, the trafficked, the prisoner, the exploited.
- **Arts** – music, visual arts, movement, liturgical leadership.
- **Adult Education** – faith development, theology, prayer, literacy and health.
- **Bio-Ethics** – research and lecturing.
- **Health ministry** – nursing, aged care, special needs.
- **Parish ministry and pastoral care** – leadership and imaginative response to need in both urban and rural settings.
- **Prayer and Spiritual guidance** – retreat giving, spiritual direction, spiritual accompaniment, prayer groups.
- **Social justice** – advocacy, networking, walking beside.
- **Social welfare services** – access to social welfare services, representation and accompaniment.
- **Theology** – teaching and tutoring tertiary students and seminarians.
- **Sustainable development** – supporting projects in disadvantaged countries from initial concept to grant writing, implementation and review.
- **And to move to other regions to share Mary Ward's charism.** The outreach of the province to Vietnam, and Timor-Leste, and the development of a formation hub in the Philippines has all sprung from an openness to listen to the Spirit.

