

HISTORY AND RÉSUMÉ OF FOUNDING

The following account of the organization of YLI was compiled by Annie M. Sweeney. Annie, her sister Mary E. Richardson and their dear friend Emily Coogan are honored as the Founders of our Order.

“The Young Ladies’ Institute was founded in San Francisco, September 5, 1887. It was on the occasion of a social visit by Mary Richardson and Emily Coogan to the home of Annie Sweeney that the YLI had its inception. In Annie Sweeney’s home at the time, resided a young woman, who, while in good health, occupied a position that afforded her a comfortable livelihood. Later, however, she contracted tuberculosis, and as time passed, her health gradually failing and being without income, her funds became exhausted. Having no immediate relatives to care for her or help her financially, her friends rallied to her assistance.

In discussing ways and means for helping this young woman, the need of an organization through which other young women in similar circumstances might have material assistance was made apparent. After thorough investigation, it was found that an organization such as these women had in mind did not exist.

They then decided to organize a society of Catholic young women for beneficial and social purposes. They first interviewed Archbishop Patrick W. Riordan of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, who, in turn, referred them to Father John J. Prendergast, then Vicar General of the Archdiocese, with whom plans were discussed and formulated.

They set forth, each with a petition to secure membership signatures among their many friends. At the end of two weeks a meeting was called at Washington Hall, 35 Eddy Street in San Francisco. About 150 young women were present and the sum of \$215.00 was subscribed. At this meeting Annie Sweeney was chosen temporary chairman and later elected president of Branch #1, known as California #1. (As of August 16, 1991, known as St. Francis of Assisi #1).

In close succession, Branches #2, #3, #4, and #7 were organized in San Francisco, #5 in Grass Valley, #6 in Nevada City and #8 in Benicia. All of these branches were organized through the personal efforts of the three Founders.

The first convention was held in St. George Hall on Market Street in San Francisco, in April 1888 with twenty-five delegates present. Up to the time of this first convention, all matters were discussed and disposed of by the Founders.”

Thus was established the organization that has increased its membership well over one hundred fold, and spread its influence in the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and Hawaii. It was no easy task to establish and maintain an

organization for women only, and it had to meet and overcome much opposition in its early days.

Emily Coogan, who died January 22, 1892, did not long survive the establishment of the Institute; but many still remembered Annie Sweeney and Mary Richardson in their stations of honor as Founders at the right of the Grand President at Grand Institute, still entering into discussions, proud of the structure whose foundation they had laid. Mary Richardson died January 24, 1925, and Annie Sweeney died on March 1, 1926. At their resting place in Holy Cross Cemetery in San Mateo County, Grand Institute erected a monument in grateful memory.

For many years, the history of the Order was centered in San Francisco and its neighborhoods. Headquarters were set up where the need for service seemed to be more keenly felt. Life was simple; many modern distractions and complications had not developed; nonetheless the Institutes found much to do. The groups were not large, so the members were closely associated and there was much of the personal care and service that had prompted the founding of the Order. Officers and members cared directly for their sick sisters, and in one case an Institute provided for the funeral expenses for one of their members who had no relatives.

What had come to be known as Catholic Action was an important part of Institute activity. Catholic San Francisco will never forget that valiant crusader, Reverend Peter C. Yorke and his defense of the Church against the A.P.A. (American Protective Association) movement. One of Father Yorke's most energetic supporters was the Women's Liberal League, composed almost entirely of Institute members. Funds were collected, meetings organized, and service of all kinds rendered.

No great religious movement has ever been organized in an "Institute sphere of influence" without finding generous and active support. YLI assisted YMI in establishing the movement for the Reverent Observance of Good Friday, and for the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. To some this was a matter of personal experience, and the Order took pride in the knowledge that it had a part in the beginnings of movements that had become nationwide. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine found in YLI devoted and willing workers. In many locations, Institutes and their members gave financial and personal service to the vocation schools.

The pages of Institute history reveal that chapels in public institutions were established and outfitted through the endeavors of Institute members. The following are but a few examples: the chapels at San Francisco Hospital, the Preston School of Industry at Ione, California, and the Youth Guidance Center in San Francisco, California. The pages of Institute history also reveal the care and good works of our Institutes and their members. Tacoma Institute #67 took very good care of St. George's Indian School, the Ozanam Home for the Aged, and in later years, the Briscoe Boys' School and other similar institutions. In addition, they took an interest in the Albertinum School in Ukiah, California in the Marin-Sonoma-Humboldt District, a project they took over from three San Francisco Institutes (Del Mar #66, Gabriel #62 and Alberian #93). Institutes in the Sacramento area devoted their attention to the children in the Stanford Home, while Institutes in Alameda County gave assistance to the little ones in Mission San Jose, California. The Institutes in Seattle, Washington, with their unique project at Firlands

Hospital, assisted the tuberculosis patients in attending Holy Mass, taking them to the chapel in wheel chairs or on stretchers. Another group distributed cheer and reading matter to men in the Marine Hospital.

In many localities, the spirits and mental state of County hospital patients were lifted, especially at Christmas time, by the visits, gifts and entertainment given by neighboring Institutes; outstanding care and entertainment were given to patients in a Southern California mental hospital.

The value of organization is well demonstrated in times of storm and stress. When the great disaster of 1906 brought ruin by earthquake and fire to a large part of San Francisco and many members were homeless, a relief station was speedily established. Assistance came from Institutes throughout the Order. Lagan Institute #52 placed its treasury at the disposal of the Grand Institute until the banks reopened. Institutes in the neighborhood helped furnish materials to replenish the lost wardrobes for their sisters. The financial panic of 1907 was felt more keenly in the larger communities, and YLI headquarters in San Francisco, just struggling out of the ruins of the previous year, became the center of a great relief organization, in conjunction with the members of YMI.

When World War I brought thousands of young men to military camps, YLI was in the front rank of mobilized women. In many communities members joined and led Red Cross units; in San Francisco the YLI unit was the largest in the city. Institute members helped establish Catholic centers in the neighborhoods of the large military camps; they helped equip chapels and furnish vestments for the chaplains. They provided and sang in choirs. Many a Catholic chaplain on the west coast looked upon and considered the "YLI girls" to be among his chief aides.

When World War II broke, again YLI was busy with classes in First Aid, with valuable assistance to Red Cross, USO, in Motor Corps work, much of it continuing after the war ended. Relief work that began during the war was carried on with contributions to the Holy Father's Store Room, the various clothing and food drives, and attention to veterans in hospitals.

As was to be expected, the first growth of YLI was in the Central California area, and there was and still is the greatest concentration of membership. Possibly organization came a bit too quickly at first, because we find of the first fifty Institutes, only 10 are in existence as of 1999, and in 2009, only 6 of the original fifty are still active. In some cases Institutes have been started again which shows that Institute seed may be dormant for awhile, but it revives with encouragement and care. Perhaps we shall see further growth in places where YLI once existed.

Sometimes the enthusiasm of organization, especially in the early days of YLI, carried the Order a bit too far afield. In October 1892, Institute #42 was established in Butte, Montana. In spite of its distance from the center of activity and the difficulty of maintaining contact that could bring help; this group persisted until January 1903. An enthusiastic lady from Memphis, Tennessee, visiting a friend in San Francisco, became so fired with the ideals of the Order, that when she returned home, she proceeded to work for an organization there and in January 1893, Institute #43 was organized; but this

courageous group met the fate of its immediate predecessor. In later years, organization committees have felt the need of "building bridges" to communities where new Institutes can be established.

It will be noted that for many years Institutes were designated by number only. At the 12th Grand Institute in July 1904, Grand Secretary Josephine Molloy moved that, "each Institute be requested to take a name and notify the Grand Secretary". Since then each group on its organization day chooses its own name, most of them of religious origin or connotation, some honoring local religious leaders or other patrons, many with a purely local historical or geographical significance.

HEADQUARTERS

The story of YLGI headquarters is the story of the development of the Order. After enough Institutes were in existence to hold a Grand Institute and elect grand officers, the headquarters were at the home of the first Grand Secretary, Nellie McCaffrey. Later a room was rented in the Murphy Building, Room 72, on Market Street. The organization felt it was on the way to great things. The next move was to more pretentious quarters in the Maze Building, also on Market Street. Soon it was possible to take over the lease of Loyola Hall from the Young Men's Institute. Loyola Hall was located at Tenth and Market, where YLI rented quarters to some of the subordinate Institutes, and placed the proceeds in what was known as the "Headquarters Fund". This fund was to be the nucleus of a fund to build a YLGI Building. The fire of 1906 destroyed the building, and for awhile quarters were maintained in a hall connected with Sacred Heart Church. It was from this hall that relief was distributed after the great disaster, and the rehabilitation of the Order in San Francisco was directed. For a short time after this, the Grand Secretary, Miss Josephine Molloy, gathered what was left of the Institute possessions into her own home, and the office was there. Soon, however, the YMI decided to build on Oak Street, and when the YMI Building was finished, YLI established their office there.

In 1980, it was learned that the building at 50 Oak Street was to be sold. A committee was appointed to select another location for YLGI Headquarters. Early in 1981, Our Grand Chaplain, Father James O'Shaughnessy, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, offered the YLI an office in the Lower Cathedral. On August 14th and 15th, the movers, members and friends relocated YLGI Headquarters to 1111 Gough Street in the Lower Cathedral. Due to space constrictions, the office was moved from the original location to a smaller room. As needs changed in the San Francisco Archdiocese, our Grand Institute office moved from the Cathedral to the Chancery office in the summer of 2012. Again, members and friends relocated our headquarters.

In April 2015, it was determined that the Grand Institute office would move to the YLI Clubhouse at 1400 27th Street, in Sacramento, California. The building was originally built by YLI institutes Grace #17 and St. Francis #48 in the Sacramento area in 1937. This relocation was completed and the YLI Clubhouse was officially opened for business on July 6, 2016. Through our various moves, our Grand Secretaries and the Office Advisory Committees have made great strides in continuing to modernize and update the office.

Needless to say, a great deal of history was left behind when we moved from 50 Oak Street. The building had been a part of the life of YLGI since it was built in 1913. It was not easy to say good-bye to that part of our life. Hundreds of members were initiated in Junipero Serra Hall or one of the other meeting rooms. There we danced to orchestras in the Ballroom, swam in the pool and played basketball. The Lounge was the scene of many a Tea, Reception, and parties after Installations and Official Visits. We were fortunate enough to receive from the YMI the stained glass window that depicted our emblem and which had been part of YLI's meeting room. It is currently located in the Grand Secretary's office.

"Let's meet at the Building" is only a memory.

GRAND CHAPLAINS

The first advisor assigned by His Excellency, Archbishop Patrick W. Riordan, to assist the new organization was Rt. Reverend John J. Prendergast, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. (And a “grand organizer” he was.)

We have been blessed by a continuing line of great spiritual leaders over the years.

The first Grand Chaplain was Most Reverend George Montgomery, Coadjutor Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Reverend Patrick J. Cummins was appointed in 1890 and was followed by Father John J. Cantwell in 1909. Father Cantwell gave us our motto “May Christ Triumph”.

In 1920 Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, was appointed and served until his retirement. In 1932, Archbishop John J. Mitty was appointed as Honorary Grand Chaplain by the retiring Archbishop Hanna.

Then in 1934, Rt. Reverend William P. Sullivan was appointed by Archbishop Mitty. He served until 1944 when Reverend Eugene J. Shea became our Grand Chaplain. Father Shea gave encouragement to the youth program of the Organization.

Father Shea was followed in 1947 by Reverend Edward J. Meagher who served until 1949. The torch was passed on to the dynamic Rt. Reverend Monsignor Walter J. Tappe, the Editor of the “Monitor”, the San Francisco Archdiocesan paper.

After serving seven years, Msgr. Tappe was succeeded by Rt. Reverend Monsignor William F. Reilly in 1956. Monsignor Reilly brought the plight of the deaf and the hard of hearing to the attention of the Organization. Much needed help was forthcoming for Monsignor’s cause.

In 1963, Reverend John J. Reilly took up the duties of Grand Chaplain and served until 1974. He was to be followed by Reverend James L. O’Shaughnessy, Director of Deacon Programs at St. Patrick’s Seminary. His enthusiasm for our Organization was boundless. Unfortunately, illness forced his retirement in 1987.

Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. McGrath was appointed Grand Chaplain in 1988 and served until 1992.

Reverend Richard S. Deitch was appointed Grand Chaplain in 1992 and served until 2006. Thank you, Reverend Deitch, for your love and compassion to YLI for fourteen years.

Reverend Thomas Hamilton was appointed Grand Chaplain in 2006 by Archbishop George H. Niederauer and is currently serving our Organization in that capacity.

YLI is deeply grateful to these men of God for their continual interest and generous assistance through the years.

GRAND SECRETARIES

YLI has been blessed with generous and unselfish women who have served as Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers. These women have given of their time, talents, and love for the Order to promote the Principles of our Organization, and to lay the foundation for the membership.

During the early years, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were appointed by the Grand President. Nellie McCaffrey was appointed Grand Secretary in 1887, and Josephine Ahern served in 1890. From then on it became an elected office.

The following pays tribute to Josephine T. Molloy, a dedicated woman who laid the foundation for the Grand Secretaries who would come after her.

JOSEPHINE TERESA MOLLOY GRAND SECRETARY 1890 – 1937

In 1890 at the Third Grand Institute in San Francisco, Josephine Teresa Molloy, then in her twenties, was elected Grand Secretary of the YLI, a position she held for 47 years. From 1896 to 1917, she served as both Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. At the Golden Jubilee Grand Institute in 1937, due to failing health, she retired. The Grand Institute thereupon created the position of Grand Secretary Emeritus, an honorary position Miss Molloy occupied until her death, May 14, 1940, after fifty years of service to the Organization.

Josie, as she was known, joined Carmel Institute #2, San Francisco, California, October 14, 1887, as a Charter Member. Gradually, she developed from a shy young woman into a forceful, outstanding, courageous, brilliant woman, who deliberately chose to make her field of endeavor in life the furtherance of the mental, moral and social life of Catholic young women through the medium of the YLI. In the early struggles of YLI, she played an important part in that she was the center of every movement for growth and for good.

Past Grand President Elisabeth Terry, who presided in 1906, during the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, wrote: "She had lost all and suffered much. While others roamed aimlessly, our Worthy Grand Secretary, early and late, traversed miles of a ruined city in search of a missing relative or friend", on request of a member.

Reports of Grand Presidents from the very early days are replete with phrases such as "my sincere thanks are due to our Grand Secretary Josephine Molloy, who accompanied me on many journeys, who was an unfailing source of inspiration, and a helpmate at every turn." Credit for the organization of Institute after Institute was given to her, who pioneered the field and did most of the work in the early days.

In March 1932, which marked no particular anniversary, Josie was honored in three ways by YLI. First, was an effort to build up membership. 750 new members, known as "Josephine T. Molloy Initiates" were presented as her special children. Next, a special dinner was given in her honor to which hundreds of her friends came. Thirdly, a spiritual bouquet to which thousands of members contributed was given to her.

To honor the memory of Josephine T. Molloy, outdoor Stations of the Cross were erected in 1949 at the Vallombrosa San Francisco Archdiocesan Retreat House in Menlo

Park, California. The first Station has as its base a plaque dedicated to our Grand Secretary Emeritus.

GRAND SECRETARIES FROM 1937 TO 2018

The following women followed in the footsteps of Josephine T. Molloy and each provided her own unique mark.

FLORENTINE SCHAGE, a member of California #1, San Francisco, California, was elected in 1937 and served until 1953. Florentine was a wise, articulate leader and a marvelous help and adviser to the Grand Presidents and Grand Officers with whom she served. Florentine was a woman before her time, a graduate of the University of California in 1905, a high school teacher in Washington (her family had moved there from San Francisco), and an active member of the Women's Suffrage Movement. After returning to San Francisco and becoming a part of the business world, Florentine served as Grand President 1927-1928 and then Grand Secretary. She moved to St. Helena when she retired and it was there that she died in June 1968.

GENEVIEVE MANNING KOHLER, a member of Gabriel #62, San Francisco, California, followed Florentine and served from 1953 to 1959 and again from 1963 to 1965. She also served as Grand Treasurer. Genevieve was like Josephine Molloy in that YLI was an integral part of her life from the time she joined Gabriel #62 as a young lady in her native San Francisco until her death on December 20, 1993. She was one of the youngest Grand Presidents at 30 years old serving in 1935-1936, and then she married Francis Kohler and moved to Ventura where she organized three institutes in Ventura County and one Institute in Santa Barbara County. When Francis and she moved back to San Francisco, she took over the office of Grand Secretary with the same vigor with which she faced any challenge of her life. She will always be remembered for being co-chair of the committee which established the Golden Jubilee Burse for Seminarians. She chaired the Diamond Jubilee Committee which raised funds to purchase the altar rail and two stained glass windows in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Later she organized the rail trip which took 333 YLI members and friends to Washington, DC, to visit the Shrine in 1964 and on a United States-Canada Tour. She later chaired the Centennial Memorial Committee which commissioned the bronze statue of Our Lady of the Assumption, also called Mary Assumpta, in St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA, and established the Centennial Memorial Scholarship in 1987.

ETHEL CULLEN, a member of Dolores #7, San Francisco, California, served from 1959 to 1963. Ethel went from 37 years of service to the Public Utilities Commission of San Francisco to being Grand Secretary. She brought to the office her skills, her delightful sense of humor, her eloquence and her friendship with the Grand Officers with whom she served over the years. Ethel was a young widow when she became active in her Institute and Grand Institute. She was installed Grand President in 1932. It was Ethel who urged the establishment of the Golden Jubilee Burse for Seminarians, which became a reality under her chairmanship in 1936-1937. She always had a "busy mind" and was active in her parish, in NCCW and in the "Intelligencia" which was a group of her sister YLI members who formed a study club. Ethel passed away on April 9, 1969.

EXA MARGARET FINERTY, a member of Vallejo #13, Vallejo, California, served from 1965 to 1969. All who knew Exa knew of her contagious enthusiasm for YLI and for her religion. Exa was a convert to Catholicism at the time of her marriage to Joseph Finerty and there was no better evangelist for our faith than Exa. She served as Grand President 1956-1957. Although she had to commute many miles to serve in the YLI Office, there was no complaint on her part and she served the office with efficiency and good humor. Exa was a native of the big State of Texas, and her heart was that big. She was proud of her three sons, one of whom is now Reverend Raymond Finerty, O. P. Exa passed away very suddenly on August 25, 1981, still serving YLI and her Church.

VALDA BRITSCHGI, charter member of Notre Dame #124, Redwood City, California, served from 1969 to 1974. Valda graciously volunteered to take over the office when Exa resigned in March 1969. Valda's was a quiet but firm presence in the office, as she was throughout her YLI life. She served as Grand President 1947-1948 during which time seven Institutes were organized. Valda was not only active in YLI, but was of great service to her Church, to the NCCW and to her community. Her civic interests covered many areas and she worked unceasingly to help those less fortunate. Valda Britschgi Park in East Palo Alto is a tribute to her volunteer work. Valda and her husband Joe's home was always open for meetings, social events, and was a "home away from home" for visiting YLI sisters. Valda passed on February 22, 1992.

SYLVIA O'ROURKE SHARMAN, member of Del Mar #66, San Francisco, California, was elected Grand Secretary in 1974 serving until 1985. Sylvia was instrumental in the moving of the Grand Secretary's Office from 50 Oak Street to an office in St. Mary's Cathedral. Our Grand Chaplain, Father James O'Shaughnessy, was Pastor of the Cathedral and made arrangements for this move. At that time, the 50 Oak Street Building was to have been put up for sale. Sylvia and her volunteer staff performed many tasks for the Cathedral besides the work of the Grand Secretary's Office.

Sylvia had served previously as Grand Director, had a very responsible position with Pacific Telephone and was a devoted member of Del Mar Institute. At the end of her service as Grand Secretary, Sylvia was made an Honorary Member of Grand Institute at the 1985 Grand Institute. She died very suddenly on October 8, 1989.

LORETTO O'ROURKE, a member of St. Anselm's #98, San Anselmo, California, was elected in 1985 and served until 1988. Loretto had already served as Grand Treasurer and brought experience, not only of YLI, but of the business world to the office. She loved the office and would have served more years were it not for health reasons. During her tenure as Grand Secretary, the Centennial of YLI was celebrated, and Loretto compiled a special Centennial Issue of the 1987 Proceedings. Loretto served her country in the United States Navy during World War II. Then she came back to the business world and to St. Anselm's Institute. Loretto was installed Grand President in 1952. It should be noted that Loretto began her YLI career as a member of the Junior YLI. She was called to her eternal reward on April 6, 2001.

CAROL MARSHALL, a member of Dolores #7, San Francisco, California, served as Grand Secretary from 1988 until 1993. Like Loretto, Carol had served as Grand Treasurer. During her tenure, the Grand Secretary's Office was moved from one location in the Cathedral to another requiring downsizing of both office and storage space. New

equipment, including a word processor and a copy machine, was purchased. Carol had spent over 26 years in the San Francisco Police Department, retiring as a Police Inspector. She served as Grand President 1958-1959. She served as Chairman of numerous committees, including the Transportation Committee to the three Hawaii Conventions, 1973, 1982, and 1996. Carol passed away on June 9, 2011.

CLAIRE SKIDMORE, a member of Rosarium #175, Larkspur, California, was elected in 1993 and served until January 1997. She had served as Grand President 1972-1973. Claire was the first Grand President to preside at a Convention in Hawaii. It was a highlight of Claire's life to be installed as Grand Secretary. Over the years her health deteriorated and she died at home on January 4, 1997.

FRANCES RIDLEY, a member of All Saints #166, Hayward, California, served out Claire's term and was elected in June 1997 and served until 2002. Frances had been an assistant in the Grand Secretary's Office so the transition ran very smoothly. Frances had served as Grand President 1966-1967. Frances retired in 2002. Her health failed and she passed away on September 17, 2016.

PACITA DISHONG, a member of Livermore #44, Livermore, CA was elected and installed as Grand Secretary in 2002 and served until 2007. Pacita worked as a registered nurse for several years and received her expertise in business administration while serving as a Training/Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Army for 25 years, retiring in 2000. Pacita brought to the Grand Secretary's Office a wealth of knowledge in the computer technological world. Pacita was a native of Guam. Pacita Dishong was installed as Grand President in Fresno, California, in 2009. Pacita was again elected Grand Secretary in 2010 and served until illness prevented her from completing her 2014-15 term. Pacita passed away on May 4, 2015.

DOLORES WILLIAMS, a member of All Hallows #182, San Francisco, California, was elected in 2007 and served for one year. During her term a refrigerator and postage meter were purchased for the office. She served as Grand President in 1998-1999.

ANITA GROHS, a member of Queen of Roses #164, Portland, Oregon, was elected Grand Secretary in 2008. She served as Grand President in 1985-1986. In true sisterly love, Anita agreed to the appointment of Interim Grand Secretary to complete Pacita Dishong's last term. Anita Grohs was again elected Grand Secretary in 2015-16.

MARILYNN WALTER, currently a member of Gemma #75, after Immaculate Mary #238's merger in 2017, was elected Grand Secretary on June 29, 2016, in Anaheim, California, and currently holds that office. She served as Grand President in 1995-1996.

GRAND TREASURERS

The Grand Treasurers were appointed by the Grand Presidents until 1896 when the Grand Treasurer became an elected office.

GRAND TREASURERS 1887-2018

CHRISTINE SWEENEY was appointed in 1887.

MRS. N. F. FLEMING was appointed in 1890 and served until 1894.

JOSEPHINE T. MOLLOY was elected Grand Secretary-Grand Treasurer in 1896 and served until 1917 when the offices were separated.

ELLA M. COMYNS was elected the first Grand Treasurer in 1917, an office which she held until her death in May 1931. No history of YLI would be complete without special tribute to Ella M. Comyns, another of those wonderful women who were responsible for the early development of the organization. Ella M. Comyns was the third Grand President serving from June 1892-July 1894. New Institutes were organized very rapidly in those days and YLI became strong and grew under her guidance. She was closely associated with the founders and the charter members who had the great vision and courage to establish the first Institute and to build a firm foundation for a permanent Catholic women's organization.

Ella, daughter of John and Mary Kelly Comyns, was born in St. Joseph's Parish, San Francisco, California, and received her education from the Sisters of Mercy. Her brother, John, was the husband of May Stein Comyns, Past Grand President, who was secretary of the Grand Institute Finance Committee for many years. Ella was a pioneer member of the NCCW and served as Treasurer of the San Francisco Archdiocesan Council, NCCW for many years.

Ella Comyn's first and lasting love was YLI, which she served without interruption from 1887 until her death in 1931. She was a charter member of McKinnon Institute #3. She helped formulate the Grand Institute Constitution and she served many years as Chairman of the Laws & Supervision Committee.

A Resolution presented at the 1931 Grand Institute at Stockton, California, stated that this was the first Grand Institute Roll Call at which Ella M. Comyns was recorded absent. She had died a few weeks previously. Grand Institute honored her in Resolution and adjourned in her memory.

The same Grand Institute established a memorial scholarship from a fund of Five Hundred Dollars, which Ella Comyns had bequeathed to Grand Institute. The following year, Grand Institute established a permanent Scholarship to be known as the "Ella M. Comyns Nursing Scholarship" (now known as the Ella M. Comyns Scholarship).

FRANCES O'CALLAGHAN RADFORD was appointed Acting Grand Treasurer to fill out Ella Comyns' term. Frances was a member of Gabriel #62, San Francisco, California, and had served as Grand President in 1924-1925. She presided at the only Convention held in Yosemite Valley National Park. Frances died October 3, 1957.

MARY MC CARTHY, a member of Del Mar #66, San Francisco, California, was elected in 1931 and served until 1958. Mary died in office on May 7, 1958. Mary had served as a Grand Director and was a close and admiring friend of Grand Treasurer Ella Comyns. The books of Grand Institute were in most capable hands over the 27 years that Mary served. She had been active in all things Catholic in the San Francisco Archdiocese and encouraged YLI members to be active leaders.

LORETTO O'ROURKE, a member of St. Anselm's #98, San Anselmo, California, a Past Grand President having served in 1952-1953, was appointed to serve out Mary McCarthy's term and was elected Grand Treasurer in 1958. Because of the sudden death of Mary McCarthy, Loretto accomplished the difficult task of taking over the Grand Institute books and finances with no assistance from the previous Grand Treasurer. Loretto served until 1968. She passed away on April 6, 2001.

GENEVIEVE MANNING KOHLER, a member of Gabriel #62, San Francisco, California, was elected Grand Treasurer in 1968. She was a Past Grand President having served in 1935-1936, and brought to the office the experience serving as Grand Secretary for six years and working closely with the Grand Treasurers. Genevieve served until 1976. She remained active in YLI until her death on December 20, 1993.

CAROL MARSHALL, a member of Dolores #7, San Francisco, California, was elected Grand Treasurer in 1976. She served as a Grand President in 1958-1959 and brought to the office, the accounting experience she gained from her service in the San Francisco Police Department, and having served many times on the Finance Committee of Grand Institute. Carol served as Grand Treasurer until 1983.

IRENE TEXEIRA, a member of All Saints #166, Hayward, California, was elected Grand Treasurer in 1983 and served in that office until 2005. Irene served as Grand President in 1976-1977.

VIVIAN STEIN, a member of Our Lady of the Valley #236, Danville, California, was elected Grand Treasurer in 2005 and served until 2016. She brought the financial reporting and record keeping into the computer age during her tenure as Grand Treasurer. Vivian served as Grand President from 2000-2001.

JUNE MCJUNKIN, a member of St. Isidore #235, Yuba City, California, was elected Grand Treasurer in 2016 and currently holds this office. June served as Grand President in 2011-2012.

YLI has continued to flourish because these women and those who have served as Grand Presidents or other officers in Grand Institute knew we had an important duty to serve our Church, country, community, and especially one another. Their foresightedness, determination, and love of the Order are examples for all.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTE

Young Ladies' Institute was founded on Christian principles of charity and love. Our founding sisters were dedicated, far-sighted, articulate members of their church and communities.

The advice and counsel of the Archbishop of San Francisco was sought before plans for the organization of Young Ladies' Institute were completed. This policy is still followed today – no institute is organized without the approval of the Archbishop or Bishop of the Diocese. On the parish level, permission must be obtained from the pastor before an organization can be considered.

Throughout the years, our members have worked closely under the ecclesiastical authority and thus the importance of our works of charity and good deeds is constantly praised by the clergy.

A scroll from the Holy Father extending his Apostolic Blessing on the members of Young Ladies' Institute is a prized possession and expresses the gratitude of the Hierarchy for the contributions we, as "Women", have made to the Church.

The Blessed Mother, chosen to be our Patroness, is truly our model and guide. We embrace her colors of white and blue signifying purity and truth as our own. Our lives reflect our individual and united effort to imitate her.

The spirituality of YLI centers around Mary and her son, Jesus. During the Marian Year and the proclaimed Holy Years, we have honored our Patroness in special ways. Requests made by Mary in her many apparitions for prayer, penance, daily mass, recitation of the rosary and days of recollection are part of the spiritual programs of our Institutes. Recitation of the rosary is a common practice during meetings of all Institutes.

The third Sunday of Lent was observed as the Annual Holy Communion Sunday, a constitutional requirement until 2008. At the 2008 Grand Convention, Emergency Legislation was enacted which altered this practice. This legislation replaced "receive Holy Communion" with "meet for Mass in a body" in the Constitution.

The Perpetual Novena is first mentioned in the proceedings of the 1931 Grand Institute. Members of Anaheim Institute #109 (which became Our Lady of the Rosary) reported making a novena for the personal intention of their members and for the temporal welfare of the Order as a whole. This idea received immediate acceptance. Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, California, gave his Imprimatur to the Perpetual Novena in 1935.

The roster and names of our Institutes indicate clearly our love for Mary and she is honored in her many titles throughout our Order.

The emblem of our Order, "The cross within the laurel wreath" signifies our belief that only in this symbol of man's redemption can we expect the crowning victory of immortality.

Our Meeting Procedure reflects the spirituality that was the concern of our organizers, "The golden links to the Christian virtues faith, hope and charity." It also reminds us of our Catholic tradition and culture. Our meetings begin and end with

prayers approved by the Church. The position of our officers in the meeting room forms the sign of the cross and this position may be assumed during the installation of officers.

The principles of unity, sisterly love and protection are the diamonds that give brilliance to our Order for they embody our love and concern for each other. They link us in a spiritual bond of shared prayers and cherished friendships.

As we study our past and reflect upon the future we are reminded that this is an age of transition, the "Spirit" never stands still. The movement is forward, always progressing, never feeling complacent about successes or discouraged by failures, moving ahead to new developments in spirituality so that our spirit remains as "Young" as our name implies. May we continue to share our spirituality with others in the years to come so that we can truly say "May Christ Triumph" in our lives and in our Order.

WORKS OF CHARITY

Throughout the years of our Organization, YLI has wholeheartedly participated in the apostolate of charity. Volumes would be required to adequately relate the stories of contributions of each Institute and individual; of gifts of prayers, talent, time and money so generously shared. The founding of our Organization in 1887 was inspired by the motivation of charity, the wish to help a young woman and others like her, who needed assistance when ill and without the means of a livelihood. This motivation has continued to spur the efforts of charity in YLI.

It is not possible to fully recount the deeds of the past. A report of the Works of Charity Committee indicated that one particular year's donations totaled \$242,808.85. This amount covered gifts to the religious, donations to churches, Mass offerings, enrollments, financial aid, funeral expenses, dues paid for members, sunshine committees, gifts for members and the list goes on. The figure noted for this Works of Charity report, did not include the Golden Jubilee Burse for Seminarians and the Grand President's Program, which average \$250,000. This annual report reflected the continued generosity of our Institutes.

Additionally, recognizing the need to belong and share in the work has prompted the membership of YLI to welcome as sisters many whose participation in the activities of the Institute would be limited because of disability or illness. The needs of members may vary, but never cease.

Financial costs are matched, if not surpassed, by members' personal care and service for one another. Cooking, cleaning, baby sitting, nursing, household care, driving, transporting, visiting and many similar acts are kindnesses that fulfill the spirit and purpose of YLI. Deeds such as these are performed in the spirit of sisterly love.

Catastrophic events in our nation's past history also inspired the membership of YLI to join forces in extending charity and concern to their sister members and to their communities. This was first graphically illustrated when the 1906 earthquake and fire destroyed a large part of San Francisco and again after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989.

Our history has also seen many periods of war. In every instance of conflict, our members came forth to support the war effort. Projects such as volunteer for Veterans' Hospitals and support of Chaplains' programs begun during the actual war years carried on into the post war eras and continue even today.

Beneficiaries appearing in Grand Institute Reports of the past, following periods of war, are the Holy Father's Storeroom, C.A.R.E., Nagasaki Relief, N.C.C.W., War Relief, Korean Relief, Doctor Dooley, U.S.S. Hope, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans' Hospitals, to name a few.

The charity of YLI has been felt around the globe. Postwar efforts by Institutes have included families sustained, orphans and orphanages adopted, and missions supported. The end of America's involvement in Vietnam provided an opportunity for direct aid to the refugees of this conflict. Vietnamese families and orphans have been adopted by Institutes in cooperation with local parishes.

As our membership in California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii increased, the locales of our Institutes became more widespread. As social and economic conditions change, the members reach beyond their boundaries to offer a helping hand. Community and parish, Catholic social service and public welfare, home and foreign missions have been the direct beneficiaries of this extended charity and concern on the part of the members of YLI.

These few samples of charity are only a small sketch of the care and service of YLI. Wherever the need, there you will find the members of YLI, working together for one another and others.

YLI SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Program of Young Ladies' Institute was inaugurated in 1925 and its development parallels the history of the Order. That history is one of devotion and loyalty to its founders, interest in the welfare and well-being of its members and a sincere purpose to serve the Catholic community, in particular, and society in general, by improving the status of each individual.

THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (FELLOWSHIP)

At the Grand Institute held in Yosemite Valley in 1925, one of the resolutions proposed was to "endow a National Catholic Service Scholarship for YLI members" in honor of "Our founders, Annie Sweeney, Mary Richardson and Emily Coogan". The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated by Grand Institute to maintain this scholarship for two years. The first recipient was Elsie Slavin of Yakima Institute #96 who was awarded the scholarship in 1928.

The Memorial Scholarship was supported by voluntary contributions of ten cents per member until 1935 when the Grand Institute amendment established a Scholarship Fund to be supported through a Grand Institute assessment of each member.

The amount of the Memorial Scholarship also changed from \$750 per year in 1937, to \$800 in 1941, and to \$1,000 per year for two years in 1962.

From the year 1941 until 1952 few members applied for the Memorial Scholarship. World War II and a period of re-adjustment and prosperity contributed to this decline in applications. For this reason, a 1952 Constitutional amendment permitted the awarding of the Scholarship to non-members. The provision, still in effect today, is that if no member applies for the Scholarship, it may be offered to the Director of Charities in Dioceses in which YLI is organized and in the order of establishment of these Institutes.

In 1954, for the first time, the Memorial Scholarship was offered to the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The order of awarding scholarships to Dioceses has changed because new Dioceses have been created, Diocesan boundaries have been altered and certain Institutes have merged or disbanded.

The 1975 in-depth study of YLI Scholarships suggested the title Memorial Fellowship (rather than Scholarship) as a term in more current usage for monetary grants at the graduate level. This Constitutional change also broadened the fields of study beyond Social Service and has enabled YLI members to use the Fellowship since 1978.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Scholarships for girls in Catholic high schools and colleges were established in 1948 as a grant-in-aid for needy students. They were financed by funds accumulated for the Memorial Scholarship during the years when that Scholarship was not awarded. These Scholarships were offered each year to the Superintendent of Schools in each Diocese where YLI was organized. The amounts were based on the number of Institutes

within each Diocese and the grants were for a minimum of \$100, maximum of \$300 each year.

In 1962 Grand Institute voted to discontinue these Scholarships in order to make it possible to increase the amounts of the Memorial Scholarship as well as the Nursing Scholarships.

Many individual Institutes award scholarships to members' daughters, granddaughters or outstanding students in their area Catholic High Schools.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ella M. Comyns and the Agatha J. McDonald Scholarships were established for students in the fields of Nursing.

In 1931, Grand Treasurer Ella M. Comyns contributed \$500 to endow a Nursing Scholarship. The 1931 Grand Institute established that Scholarship. St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco was chosen as the Nursing Hospital for the Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee's intention was to maintain the Scholarship on a permanent basis and to support it by a \$1.00 a year contribution from each Institute member. However, in 1935, Grand Institute delegates voted to include this Scholarship in the Grand Institute assessment.

A second Nursing Scholarship was established in 1937 by a \$2,000 donation from Reverend E. E. McDonald, Retired Chaplain, U.S. Navy. Father McDonald wished to memorialize his sister Agatha and also show his appreciation of the principles and accomplishments of our Order. The McDonald Scholarship was to be maintained through investment of the original sum and was to be awarded to a nurse studying at O'Connor Sanitarium (San Jose).

In the years 1949 and 1950, by Grand Institute Legislation and with the permission of Father McDonald, the Nursing Scholarships were no longer limited to specific hospitals.

It was in 1969 that two Nurses' Training Scholarships of \$150 each were established for expenses of a student during the final year of Nurses' Training leading to an Associate Degree.

All of the above requirements and conditions changed dramatically after 1975. The in-depth study by the Grand Institute Scholarship Committee presented the following facts: 1) Nurses Training was being upgraded beyond the hospital experience to include a college degree of Bachelor of Science; 2) all hospitals, Catholic, public or private, as a result of the upgrade, but also for economic reasons, were discontinuing their programs of Nurses Training; 3) YLI members were seeking careers in the emerging technical world and were not using the scholarships limited to one field of study.

As a result, all the Nursing Scholarships were broadened to the larger field of Health Sciences. The amounts of the Scholarships were increased to \$450 for the Agatha J. McDonald and Ella M. Comyns Scholarships and in 1976 to \$500 a year.

The Associate Degree program grants were also broadened to Health Sciences and raised from \$150 to \$200 per year. All were now to be maintained by a Grand Institute assessment of 35 cents per member and from income of Grand Institute investments.

LIBERAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

YLI also administers the Enid Olivi Shoor Scholarship, which was established by Dr. Mervyn Shoor in 1981 for an upper division student in the Liberal Arts program. This Scholarship is supported from the interest earned on the original donation. The amount of the annual Scholarship was \$200 and was increased to \$400.00 pre year.

CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At the Grand Institute held in San Jose, California, in 1988, the Centennial Memorial Scholarship was established to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of YLI. This Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,800 per year, is offered to a student in the third or fourth year of a College or University or to a student in a Graduate School of a College or University.

THE BERNICE E. ETCHEBER SCHOLARSHIP

At the Grand Institute held in Modesto, California, in 2005, the Bernice E. Etcheber Scholarship was established by Valerie J. Jones for an upper division student in the amount of \$500 per year and is to be offered to a student in the third or fourth year of a college or university. The scholarship is supported from interest earned on the account established by YLI in the scholarship's name from funds originally donated by Valerie J. Jones and funds added by others specifically for this Scholarship. In any year that the funds remaining in this account are less than \$500, the Scholarship shall be withdrawn and the remaining funds transferred to the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

THE HELEN GARRETT KROM SCHOLARSHIP

At the Grand Institute held in Fresno, California, in 2009, the Helen Garrett Krom Scholarship was established for an upper division student in the amount of \$1,000 per year. This scholarship is to be offered to a YLI member pursuing her third or fourth year of a college or university program related to a Bachelor's Degree for a career working with children. The scholarship is supported from interest earned on the account established by YLI in the Scholarship's name from funds originally donated by Corpus Christi Institute #188 and supplemented by the Institute or donations added by others specifically for the Scholarship. In any year that the funds remaining in this account are less than \$1,000, the Scholarship shall be withdrawn and the remaining funds transferred to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. This scholarship was discontinued in 2017.

THE ONE HUDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP

At Grand Institute held in Burlingame in 2012, the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary Scholarship was to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the organization of Young Ladies Grand Institute in 1887. Funds were donated by over ninety per cent of the institutes. Two \$750.00 scholarships are offered annually. Recipients may choose to continue their education in any field of her choice.

THE CAROLYN JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Carolyn Jackson Scholarship, established in 2012, in memory of Past Grand President Carolyn Jackson offers a scholarship in the amount of \$600.00 per year. The student may choose her field of study.

All the scholarships are available only to members of YLI.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

The Scholarship Endowment Fund was the result of Past Grand President Teresa McLean's 1992-1993 program "Dollars for Scholars". Her program was to increase our scholarships. The total receipts reported at the 90th Grand Institute in 1993 was \$43,431. The principal has not been touched, but the interest earned through investments has been used through the years.

At the 1993 Grand Institute held in Fresno, California, an Endowment Fund was established with this money for the purpose of supplementing the five lowest scholarships each year with the interest generated from this Fund.

Starting in 1994, each of the lower paying scholarships, namely: the two Associate Degree Scholarships, the Enid Olivi Shoor Scholarship, the Agatha J. McDonald Scholarship, and the Ella M. Comyns Scholarship have been increased by the following amounts per year: 1994-\$200, 1995-\$250, 1996 and 1997-\$400, 1998 and 1999-\$500, 2000 through 2003-\$550 and 2004 through the present-\$550.

This is an open-ended Endowment which means donations may be made at any time as memorials or tributes honoring a particular person or event.

Since that time there has been a steady growth in the distribution of these scholarships.

SUMMARY

For the period 2004-2018, the following scholarships were offered by YLI to its members:

The Centennial Memorial Scholarship, established in 1988, in the amount of \$1800.00 for a graduate student in the 3rd or 4th year of an accredited college or university program. \$1,800 per year

The Memorial Fellowship, established in 1925, in the amount of \$2,000.00 (payable over two years) to a graduate student at an accredited college or university, in the 3rd or 4th year, or in a graduate program or the final year of an Associate Degree Program. \$1,000 per year

The Helen Garrett Krom Scholarship, established in 2009, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to an upper division student pursuing a program related to a Bachelor's Degree for a career working with children. \$1,000 per year until discontinued in 2017

Four Scholarships, in the amount of \$500.00 each for upper division students in the Liberal Arts program, Health Sciences or in the third or fourth year at a college or university:

The Ella M. Comyns Scholarship, established in 1932

The Agatha Josephine McDonald Scholarship, established in 1937

The Enid Olivi Shoor Scholarship, established in 1981

The Bernice E. Etcheber Scholarship, established in 2005

Each \$500 per year

Two Scholarships (The Associate #1 and Associate #2 Scholarships) in the amounts of \$200.00 each for students at the Junior College level or in the second year of study in the Health Sciences.

Each \$200 per year

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary Scholarship established in 2012 in the amount of \$750.00 per year for two students. One scholarship is granted to a student attending a four-year university and another is granted to a student attending a two-year community college, junior college or trade school.

Each \$750.00 per year

The Carolyn Jackson Scholarship established in 2012 granted to a student attending two-year college, junior college, or four-year university.

\$600.00 per year

GRAND PRESIDENTS' PROGRAMS

In recent years a new direction has been given to the charitable works of YLI. Beginning in 1979 Grand Presidents have designated particular charities or benefits for which the membership could work and become involved.

PROGRAM	GRAND PRESIDENT	YEAR PRESIDED
Multiple Sclerosis	Shirley Reed	1979/1980
The Catholic Family Coping with life in the 80's)	Enid Shoor	1980/1981
Special Olympics	Barbara McLean	1981/1982
City of Hope (Cancer Research)	Helen Cirelli	1982/1983
Centennial Memorial	Bernice Bryant	1983/1984
Golden Jubilee Burse	Peggy Anderson	1984/1985
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Anita Grohs	1985/1986
Feeding the Hungry	Sharon Calone	1986/1987
Hospice	Josephine Francesconi	1987/1988
Women Helping Women	Lynne Grace	1988/1989
Guide Dogs for the Blind	Alma Robinson	1989/1990
The Year of the Child	Martha Zeyen	1990/1991
Gifts from the Heart (Volunteer Work)	Marianne Larke	1991/1992
Dollars for Scholars	Teresa McLean	1992/1993
Sisterly Love (To honor the Religious)	Patricia Mueller	1993/1994
"Suffer The Little Children To Come Unto Me"	Lillian Marquez	1994/1995
Women and Cancer	Marilynn Walter	1995/1996
Literacy	Marge Young	1996/1997
Alzheimer's	Linda Cravalho	1997/1998
Arthritis	Dolores Williams	1998/1999
Diabetes	Barbara Przybyla	1999/2000
Whatever You Do	Vivian Stein	2000/2001
Children's Hospital	Eva McDowell	2001/2002
Make A Wish Foundation	Barbara LoConte	2002/2003

Sisters Helping Sisters	Barbara Lovio	2003/2004
Together We Prepare American Red Cross	Patricia Fontana	2004/2005
Serve Those You See	Colleen Smith	2005/2006
What Can You Do For YLI?	Joanne Muniz	2006/2007
Catholic Charities- "Providing Help-Creating Hope"	DeMova Barrett	2007/2008
Making Life a Priority	Joan Vandehey	2008/2009
Mission: Up, Up and Away	Pacita Dishong	2009/2010
Helping God's Children "Foster Children"	Lana Hanney	2010-2011
Discovering Our Faith and Renewing Ourselves	June McJunkin	2011-2012
Support Connect Empower "Salute to Military Past and Present"	Evangeline Plaskett	2012-2013
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	Patricia McGuire	2013-2014
Learn to Read, Read to Learn	Mariella Cacdac-Watson	2014-2015
No Child Goes Hungry in the Village of YLI "Feed the Children"	Virginia Keegan	2015-2016
Serving Homeless Families' Barriers "Feeding the Homeless"	Gail Azevedo	2016-2017
PAWSitivity "Providing for Animals Who Serve"	Elaine Brady	2017-2018

TOURS AND TRAVEL PROGRAMS

Now and again, through the years, a tour of Hawaii was conducted in conjunction with the Official Visit of the Grand President when she visited Honolulu Institute #84, which was organized in 1919. With the organization of Ana Malia Institute #208 in 1953 and Kailua Institute #213 in 1955, these tours were held each year until the first Convention held in Hawaii in 1973.

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE WASHINGTON, DC - 1964

A group of 333 people traveled by train from San Francisco to Washington, DC, with stops at the Grand Canyon, New Orleans, Williamsburg, New York, Boston, Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Chicago and Salt Lake City.

CARIBBEAN TOUR - 1965

Due to the outbreak of fighting in Santa Domingo and a shipping strike on the East Coast, only seven people made this tour.

EUROPEAN TOUR - 1966

A group of 110 departed from Oakland a day earlier than planned due to an airline strike in San Francisco. The pleasure of being at Lourdes on August 15, Feast of the Assumption, and the many historical places they visited in Europe was well worth the change in plans.

MEXICO TOUR - 1967

A group of 56 travelers enjoyed the tour of the Mexican Riviera.

ALASKA TOUR - 1968

The group left San Francisco September 4 for 16 days. The tour of Alaska was via Jasper, Victoria and Vancouver.

CRUISE TO MEXICO - 1970

Stops were made at Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Acapulco on this 13-day Cruise.

TOUR TO THE ORIENT - 1971

No report was available.

HAWAII TOUR AND GRAND CONVENTION - 1973

Close to 1,000 persons attended our first Convention in Honolulu. There were also many Neighbor Island Post Convention Tours and one tour to Tahiti. All were well attended.

HOLY YEAR TOUR - 1975

There were 57 members and friends who participated in this tour, visiting Ireland, Switzerland, Italy and France. At Lourdes they participated in the activities at the Grotto and Basilica. The highlight of the tour was the Pilgrimage to Rome to be present at the Canonization of Mother Elizabeth Seton.

RECOMMENDATION

A recommendation that a Travel Program Committee be appointed to plan, organize and implement group travel programs was adopted at the 75th Grand Institute in Santa Rosa in June 1978.

MEXICAN CRUISE - OCTOBER, 1978

This was the pilot program for a definite yearly Travel Program. Twelve members participated, the small number due to the short notice.

ALASKA CRUISE - 1979

There were 56 members, husbands and friends who sailed from San Francisco and visited the ports of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Juneau, Skagway, Sitka and Victoria.

PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT - 1980

A group of 75 passengers enjoyed a 15-day cruise along the Mexican Riviera, through the Panama Canal, ending in the Caribbean, then back to San Francisco by plane.

CRUISE TO THE MEXICAN RIVIERA – 1981

This was a 7-day cruise from Los Angeles to Acapulco, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas.

HAWAII CONVENTION AND TOUR - 1982

The Honolulu Convention welcomed 750 members and visitors. There were various tours around Oahu and the other Islands.

FALL FOLIAGE TOUR - SEPTEMBER 1983

A group of 57 people flew to New York City for two days of sight-seeing. Then they boarded Tauck Tour buses for the tour of New England and Eastern Canada. It was a delight to see the autumn colors.

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN TOUR - 1984

This tour included a visit to the Holy Land, a 6-day cruise with stops at ports in Greece and the Greek Isles, Turkey, then to Egypt for a bus tour of Alexandria, the Pyramids, Valley of the Kings and Cairo.

CARIBBEAN CRUISE – 1985

This cruise started in Miami, then visits to Nassau, San Juan, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

GRAND ALPINE TOUR - 1986

This tour was canceled due to unsettled conditions on the European Continent.

MARIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO THE
NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON, DC - 1988

There were 39 people who departed from San Francisco for Boston, several Canadian cities, Niagara Falls, Pennsylvania, Mt. Vernon, and Washington, DC where they attended Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

FAR EAST TOUR - 1989

A group of 21 travelers enjoyed two weeks visiting Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore.

ALASKA CRUISE – 1990

There were 30 members and friends who sailed to Alaska for a 10-day cruise with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka and Victoria.

MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE - 1991

A group of 23 members and friends booked passage on the Sky Princess, October 1991. They enjoyed visiting and shopping on the Riviera.

BRITISH ISLES TRIP - 1992

A group of 114 travelers departed for a trip through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. All were enthusiastic in their reports of the historical sights in the various cities and villages.

NEW ENGLAND AND NOVA SCOTIA - 1993

A 10-day bus trip through the New England States and into Canada to Nova Scotia began August 14.

ITALY TOUR - 1994

There were 57 people who traveled to the Italian cities of Florence, Stresa, Venice, San Marino, Sorrento, the Isle of Capri and Lugano, Switzerland, beginning September 10.

MEXICO AND THE PANAMA CANAL CRUISE - 1995

On September 22, 47 YLI members and friends traveled aboard the Star Princess on a 16-day cruise. Stops included Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco in Mexico; Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica; then through the Canal to Cartagena, Columbia, with the cruise ending at Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE - 1996

On October 8, 30 members and friends began a great river steamboat cruise. The paddle wheel American Queen cruised down the Mississippi from St. Louis to New Orleans with stops in Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and Baton Rouge.

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL TRIP – 1997

A two-week trip through Spain, Portugal and Madeira with a special stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima began September 14.

TOUR TO NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON, DC - 1998

A group of 88 people in two Tauck Tour coaches visited Washington, DC, Williamsburg, Fredricksberg, Gettysburg, Amish Country, Philadelphia and various other points of interest, ending the trip with Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

ALASKA TOUR - 1999

The Sky Princess, with 79 members and friends, set sail from San Francisco on September 6, 1999, for a 12-day cruise. Outstanding tours were offered at all ports of call: Victoria and Vancouver in British Columbia and Juneau Skagway and Ketchikan in Alaska. Probably the highlight of the tour was the sight of a 300 foot chunk of the Hubbard Glacier dropping into the sea. Lots of activity on board as well as in the sea!

OBERAMERGAU/HOLY YEAR TOUR – 2000

For almost two years, plans had been made by members and friends to participate in this “once in a lifetime” experience.

This special Millennium/Holy Year Tour departed San Francisco on Lufthansa Airlines on August 22 with the first stop to Rome, Italy. The itinerary included Florence and Venice; Innsbruck, Austria; Garmisch and Heidelberg, Germany; and Lugano, Basel and Strasbourg, Switzerland. With a visit to Rome during the Holy Year and an opportunity to view the Passion Play, this was an outstanding spiritual pilgrimage.

NEW ENGLAND/FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE - 2001

On September 20, 2001, just after the “9/11” terrorist attack on the United States, with heavy hearts, twenty-nine members and friends of YLI traveled to Montreal for the beginning of a memorable cruise. The group enjoyed a Grand Class Cruise on the Royal Princess embarking from Montreal, with visits to Quebec City, Halifax, St. John, Bar Harbor, Newport and Boston.

Many of the group traveled on to New York City site of the terrorist attack, silent and humble, as they witnessed the aftermath of “9/11”. This trip and experience will always remain in the hearts and minds of all.

THE IRISH AND THE SCOTS - 2002

Forty YLI members and friends embarked on “The Irish and the Scots” Tour, arriving in Dublin, Ireland, September 8, 2002.

A step back in time with visits to the many historical sites of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland was enjoyed by all. The Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, beautiful Northern Ireland and the breathtaking landscapes of Scotland made this trip so breathtaking in its variety; lovely glens, many historical castles, sparkling lochs and ever-changing skies and then to have the opportunity to spend time at the Trinity College Library in Dublin to see “The Book of Kells” was truly a grand experience.

On the lighter side, members and friends will remember this as a first when the entire bus was quarantined to their rooms for one night in Killarney because of a threatened contagious virus. The rest was enjoyed by all.

CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA - 2003

Thirteen YLI members and friends ventured on a trip of a lifetime by visiting and touring the capitals of the countries of the Baltic Sea via the Regal Princess. It was with awe that they ventured back in time by visiting exotic ports, and touring the cities and a few traveled by air to Moscow while the rest explored the beautiful city of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Ports of call were: Copenhagen, Denmark; Nynashamm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; St. Petersburg, Russia; Tallinn, Estonia; Gdynia, Poland and Oslo, Norway.

PANAMA CANAL - 2004

Sixty-eight YLI members and friends journeyed the wondrous Panama Canal aboard the Coral Princess, with ports of call at Cabo San Lucas, Acapulco, Puntarenas, Huatulco and Aruba and returning to the United States in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

An educational trip, to say the least, to learn of the construction of the 51-mile path between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans taking over 10 years, costing more than \$352 million and using roughly 80,000 people to construct the inland waterway.

GREEK ISLES PRINCESS CRUISE - 2005

Thirty-eight YLI members, husbands and friends set out on the Grand Adventure. The sights were magnificent; windmills, white buildings with blue roofs, ancient ruins and temples. The ports of call were numerous Dubrovnik, Corfu, Santorini, Athens, Rhodes, Mykomos, Naples and Pompeii. The tour ended with a cruise along the beautiful Amalfi Coastline. Some departed for home when we docked at Civitavecchia; others continued to Rome, tossed coins in the fountain with full assurance that they would all return again.

FALL COLORS – Canada and Eastern US - 2006

It was October and the tour began in Montreal where many took in the sights of the city before boarding the MS Amsterdam for our ten-day cruise of Canada and the Eastern United States to view the "Fall Colors". Our ports were many and the sights wonderful. From Quebec to Saguenay, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and then to tour the home of Anne of Green Gables, and the Haunted Forest, they were as vivid as described in the novels. Additionally, we were off to Nova Scotia, Halifax, the Bay of Fundy, and Bar Harbor, Maine. We sailed to Gloucester, Salem, and Newport, Rhode Island. Sailing pass the Statute of Liberty, a sight to always remember, we ended our tour with a visit to Ground Zero. The vacation was over.

CRUISE AROUND HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - 2007

Twenty-seven members, friends and family members sailed from Honolulu, Hawaii for seven fun-filled days aboard the NCL "Pride of Hawaii". There was snorkeling, parasailing, luaus, dinner shows, submarine trips, shopping and relaxing. The group enjoyed two days on Maui and two days on Kauai. Grand President Joanne Muniz and husband Ed celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary in Kona. Nadine Connor and husband Sean celebrated 45 years of marriage on the last day of our cruise.

Good friends, good food and sunshine; all enjoyed the beauty of Hawaii—who could ask for more?

FRANCE – (Paris, Bordeaux Wine Country, Lourdes, Monaco) 2008

Forty-three members and friends flew to Paris, France, for a 10-day tour of France and Monaco. There were three sets of mothers and daughters in the group. Highlights of the trip included a tour of Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, Versailles and Lourdes, where everyone participated in a memorable rosary (said in seven languages) and a candlelight procession. Also included were the cities of Nimes, Agivnon, Nice and Monaco.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2009

The pilgrimage was held in October 2009. Travelers had the opportunity to witness the place where Our Blessed Mother made her apparitions. They stayed in homes with villagers and enjoyed home cooked meals. Visits were made to the site of the apparitions.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP 2010

All aboard the Amtrak Train from Emeryville, California, for a three and a half day trip through some of the wonderful parts of the USA. We stayed at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel near the White House. There was time to explore and to learn some of our country's history. There were visits to Gettysburg, Lancaster, and historic Strasburg, Pennsylvania, enjoying an Amish meal, and seeing the Liberty Bell before the long airplane ride home.

TEN DAYS TO BEAUTIFUL PORTUGAL 2011

Members visited the beautiful country of Portugal in September 2011. There were two-night stopovers in Lisbon, Oporto and the Algarve. They traveled to Fatima, Jeronimos Monastery, the Ossuary Chapel and the Roman ruins of Conimbriga. There was olive oil tasting, port wine sampling, visiting the famous sites, and having fun while enjoying the sunny days.

TO BOSTON AND BEYOND 2012

Twenty members traveled to Boston, Massachusetts to tour the Boston historic area and beyond. Visits included the Boston National Historical Park, JFK Presidential Library, Boston Harbor cruise, Lexington and Concord Battlefields, the Mayflower II and the Plymouth Museum. After some exciting days, we traveled to Newport to see Cornelius Vanderbilt's "Breakers" mansion. It was a highlight of the trip. We had the pleasure of attending Mass at St. Mary's Church which is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. President John Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier were married here in 1953. We also had the opportunity to visit the famous New England whaling communities. Throughout the journey, lobster was often on the menu!

10 DAY CRUISE TO ALASKA 2013

Forty-five members and friends sailed round-trip from San Francisco, California, onboard the Grand Princess. The glacier seacoast, Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, and Victoria, British Columbia were visited. All marveled at Alaska's

extraordinary natural beauty, rich wild life, and friendly people. Wonderful onboard entertainment, parties, and great food was enjoyed by all. It was a grand trip, but everyone was happy to see the Golden Gate Bridge and thankful to be home.

8 DAYS OF SOUTHERN CHARM 2014

The 8-day tour began on September 20, 2014 in Charleston, South Carolina, as travelers arrived from different locations. Members and friends gathered for a Solemn High Mass at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Charleston, South Carolina. Other points of interest during the tour included visits to plantations, museums, shops, a hospital for injured turtles and restaurants in Beaufort, South Carolina; Savannah, Jekyll Island and Simons Island in Georgia; and St. Augustine, Florida. All travelers agreed that we would remember the warm southern hospitality and great southern food enjoyed by all. The trip was definitely charming, interesting, and fun.

EASTERN CANADA 2015

YLI members and friends toured Eastern Canada in September 2015. Toronto, Quebec, Niagara Falls, 1000 Islands and many other beautiful and historic places were visited. Delicious food was enjoyed and many wonderful memories were made on this glorious trip.

10 DAY TRIP TO THE MEXICAN RIVIERA 2016

Forty members and friends set sail from San Francisco on the Grand Princess to Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. Before returning to San Francisco, a wonderful time was had site seeing, swimming with the dolphins, and relaxing.

15 DAY CRUISE OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS 2017

YLI members and friends sailed from San Francisco for a fifteen day cruise to the Hawaiian Islands. Ports of call included Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui. There was time to relax on Waikiki Beach, explore the royal residence of the Kalakaua at the Iolani Palace. A visit made to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and an Hawaiian luau was enjoyed by all. Members of Ana Malia #208 joined the travelers during their visit to Honolulu. A short stop was made in Ensenada, Mexico, before returning to San Francisco.

25TH YEAR

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Our Silver Anniversary was in 1912. At that time Grand Institute was held only every two years. A Mass was held at Old St. Mary's Church in San Francisco but no other special event was planned. Mary L. Haggerty was Grand President for our 25th Anniversary.

50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR

The Golden Jubilee Year was formally established as September 1936 through September 1937, and the 1936 Grand Institute voted to hold the Birthday celebration in San Francisco during the 1937 Grand Institute.

This celebration was presided over by Isabelle (Schneiders) McCarthy, a member of Los Angeles Institute.

The "Golden Jubilee Burse" was officially established at this time as an expression of gratitude to God for the organization of Young Ladies' Institute. A contribution of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) was made for the first year.

In the early years, the money was given to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, since it was the only seminary on the West Coast. Later, seminaries were established in several Pacific Coast Dioceses. The donations from the membership have grown accordingly.

At present, the Institutes in the Archdiocese/Diocese present their donations to the Archbishop or Bishop of the Archdiocese/Diocese at a special function under the direction of the District Deputy.

In Burlingame, at the 1977 Grand Institute, special cards (In Memory of, Get Well, and Happy Occasion) were implemented. They were sold to individual Institutes to be used by the members who then gave a donation to their Golden Jubilee Burse fund. The cards are still used and have proved to be a successful venture. The Get Well card has now been changed to Thinking of You. A Remembrance Mass is offered each year in November for the recipients of these cards.

Since its inception in 1937 to June 2009, over \$3,769,768.66 has been donated for the education of young men to the priesthood.

75TH ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL

In anticipation of our Diamond Jubilee in the year 1962, a committee was appointed by our Grand President in 1959 to make plans for a Memorial to mark this important event in the history of our Order.

The committee presented the following recommendations to the 1960 Convention:

1) "That we give as our Memorial for the Diamond Jubilee of our Order, the Altar Rail in the upper church at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, at a cost of \$20,000. In 1954, YLI gave a gift of \$6,400 to the Shrine, and we are happy and grateful that this gift will be credited to us now. The Altar Rail will be of marble with a bronze gate.

2) That the money be raised by subscription among the members of YLI from January 1961 through January 1962.

3) That a memorial card be prepared and issued to each member making a donation of \$5.00 or more".

Because of the enthusiasm of the delegates in adopting these recommendations, our Grand Chaplain, Reverend Monsignor William F. Reilly, delivered a spontaneous, inspirational address. He gave us a detailed historical outline of the background of the Shrine beginning with the year 1850 when the United States was dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title of "The Immaculate Conception". A small portion of his address follows. "Because of this weaving of historical facts, it was terrific for a priest to witness this day the delegate's immediate and unanimous reaction to the blessed opportunity presented at this Grand Institute so that our Young Ladies' Institute as a 'grand' group, may honor the Loveliest Lady of ALL on a national scale."

At our Diamond Jubilee Convention in 1962, Grand President Alma (Pucci) Rose was delighted to hear the committee's report: the sum of \$27,595.91 had been contributed in 1961. This, together with the \$6,400 previously donated to the Shrine in 1954, made a total of \$33,995.91, which was presented to Monsignor Grady, Director of the Shrine, who was in attendance at the Convention in 1962. In addition to the marble and bronze Altar Rail, we gave the two beautiful stained glass windows above the Sanctuary.

As a result of the Diamond Jubilee Memorial, the members of YLI expressed a desire to visit the Shrine. A tour was developed for 1964, at which time 333 people toured the United States and Eastern Canada. The highlight of the tour was our attendance at Holy Mass at the National Shrine in Washington, DC.

In summing up the work of the Diamond Jubilee Memorial Committee, we used the words in the final report. "Long after this Diamond Jubilee Convention and the celebration is over, and even after the memory of it is dimmed, the Altar Rail at the Shrine will remain as a reminder of our Jubilee and be as a Prayer of Thanksgiving for us."

100TH ANNIVERSARY CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL

At the conclusion of the 1978 Grand Institute, a committee was appointed to plan a suitable memorial for the 100th Anniversary of Young Ladies' Institute - the Centennial of our organization.

The first meeting of the committee was held on November 3, 1978. It was the consensus of the members present that the Centennial Memorial should be something very outstanding. Meetings were held regularly throughout the year and serious consideration was given to each idea or suggestion received. In March 1979, after much study and prayerful consideration, the committee decided that the Memorial for our Centennial should be located in San Francisco where YLI had its beginning and from where the spirit to spread out into other cities and states was inspired. It was at that meeting that the idea of a statue to be placed in St. Mary's Cathedral to honor Our Blessed Mother, our glorious Patroness, was conceived.

We met with Archbishop John Quinn on April 9, 1979, and told him of our idea. He was most enthusiastic about the plan. We discussed the type of statue it should be and its location in the Cathedral. We agreed to have the statue done in bronze by Professor Enrico Manfrini in Milan, Italy.

The committee presented a detailed report to the 76th Grand Institute and outlined the plans for raising the funds. The plan, as presented, expressed the idea of having each member of YLI participate by making donations to the fund. Memorial cards were made available to be used for either a memorial gift or as a gift to honor someone. The goal was set to raise fifty thousand dollars over the next five years.

The report was received with great interest and enthusiasm. The members responded generously and we met our goal. On March 3, 1984, we gathered at noon in St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco for the dedication of the statue of Our Lady of the Assumption and a Mass of Thanksgiving. Approximately 2,000 were in attendance.

At the Centennial Convention in San Francisco on September 5, 1987, prior to the Mass of Thanksgiving, the statue, as well as a priedieu, a plaque and candelabras (gifts from the Past Grand Presidents) were dedicated. Thus, the niche in the Cathedral was completed and truly is a beautiful gift to commemorate the Centenary of Young Ladies' Institute.

It will stand as a symbol to show the dedication of our members to the Church and to our Organization.

Grand President Sharon Calone, a member of Teresita Institute #123, had the honor of presiding at this Convention.

125TH ANNIVERSARY THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP

In preparation for the 125th Anniversary celebration suggestions were made and plans were developed. At Grand Institute, a plan was developed to establish a 125th Anniversary Scholarship to commemorate the occasion. Each institute was asked to donate \$125.00 or any amount they wished to donate. The response was great with the majority of institutes and many individuals responding. The goal was to reach \$12,500. The actual amount received was \$12,595.00 and the 125th Anniversary Scholarship was established in 2012.

CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we pray that as we celebrate this Centennial year, You will be with us. Send your Holy Spirit to guide and give us wisdom and discernment to meet the needs of today's turbulent society. Lead YLI in the direction we must take to remain a vital living part of Your body.

We thank you, Lord, for the vision and leadership of our early founders, who laid the foundation of YLI, like mighty oak trees they cast long shadows into the present.

Teach us to accept gratefully each cycle of growth we have experienced in the past and to be ready and open for the challenges of the future. Imbue us with renewed enthusiasm and joy in nurturing to each other and all the people of the world.

Within our membership we have vast hidden resources and the power to accomplish impossible tasks. Teach us! Use us, Lord Jesus!

Lord, teach us to love one another and to treasure the friendships we make in YLI. Unite us in love, knowing that we share a common purpose and a common goal. Give us faith and trust in You. Send us leaders of vision, courage, honesty and with special gifts of leadership.

Bless these future leaders and all our members with the gentleness, compassion and patience of Your Blessed Mother, our Patroness. Send dedicated women to join our ranks and help us in our work. Let us be "Your" hands reaching out to the needy and sorrowful of the world in charity and love. Accept our service, bless our labors, imprint thy love in the hearts of all our members; for unless "You", Lord, build the house, we labor in vain to build it.

AMEN

(Written by Mary C. Pasqual, Past Grand President)

**JUNIOR YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTE
AND
YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

In an effort to foster an organization for our young Catholic girls, committees studied the plans for Junior Young Ladies' Institute for several years, and it was on June 3, 1928, that Junior Institute No. 1 was founded, sponsored by St. Anselm's Institute No. 98.

The objects of Junior Institute were to encourage Catholic girls to become members for the purpose of associating in the practice of their religion, and in social activities through which they would form friendships and help one another to develop the principles of Religion, Patriotism, Charity, and Duty to Self. Members must be Catholic girls of good character, over 12 years of age or 6th Grade level, and may remain in Juniors until they are 18 years of age, or graduate from high school.

YLI has continued its interest and concern for the Junior program and each year an active committee from Grand Institute has maintained its contact with the directors and the Juniors. The Committees have encouraged a well-rounded program of religious, social, recreational, charitable, cultural and educational activities.

In March 1951 the first Junior Conference was held in San Francisco and delegates from each Junior Institute, accompanied by a director from the sponsoring Senior Institute, attended. This was an annual event and juniors elected Conference officers to serve for one year. Activity reports, panel discussions, and general get togethers among the girls brought about a valuable interchange of ideas and a strengthening of standards and ideals.

In 1975 the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Junior YLI, the Conference was held and a large attendance of juniors and interested senior members were present for the celebration.

As of the end of 2009, there are no Junior Institutes. But we are hopeful and will continue to work diligently and pray that the Junior group may be reactivated soon.

Junior YLI provided a place for Catholic girls to associate with other Catholic girls in the practice of religion and participation in social activities. Not every parish had the benefit of a teen club and some families preferred a group that is not co-ed especially among younger girls. And as a bonus, some Junior YLI members have become members of YLI.

Many Institutes, on an individual basis, support various Youth Activities in their Parishes and communities, and the membership of Young Ladies' Institute is aware of the great need for Catholic adults to work with our young people.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

In 1950, the Equal Rights Amendment came into being. At first glance it seemed exactly what our members as women needed. However, when it was really examined, it was discovered there were many facets of this law that we, as forward-looking Catholic women, were unable to reconcile with our way of life. During the 1960s and 1970s, a campaign to ratify this amendment in all the states failed.

As we entered the 1970's and 1980's, we realized the world was awash in a rising tide of demoralization and evil. Pornography permeated every area of our society. Violence, crime, drugs, sexually explicit material, abused women and children were and continue to be widespread. Legislation to deal with these problems has not been successful. We, as Catholic women, have joined with others protesting and writing to our legislators. We pray that this cancer in our society will subside and be destroyed.

On January 22, 1987, the 14th Anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion was commemorated by marchers across the country. Vigils, pro-life rallies and prayer services were held in churches and communities. The action of the Supreme Court in 1973 has eroded the respect for human life and established a climate of social permissiveness. Our members have supported programs of Birthright, Pro-Life, Right to Life and United for Life in the communities in which we are organized. Although abortion is now the most common form of assault on human life, news reports on euthanasia now outnumber those on abortion. A Harris Poll showed a majority of Americans in favor of the patient's right to ask the doctor to terminate his/her life. A bill called "Right To Die" has become law in one of the states in which YLI is established. As Catholic women, we should be aware of all the ramifications of the bills being presented. We must proclaim our position on the sanctity of human life.

The education of children has always been a concern of YLI. In the 1940s and 1950s we supported the "Released Time Bill" and its application to Catholic education for children attending public schools. During the 1960s to the present, many bills have been introduced to aid schools. Legislation was presented to introduce the voucher system to enable parents to send their children to the school of their choice. Congress has created programs of assistance for all children but much of the assistance has been invalidated by the Courts.

Members of YLI are aware of the proposed federal and state legislation pertaining to the welfare of all those impeded by age, illness, physical handicaps or developmental disabilities. We support laws and legislators who respond to the desperate needs of society at this time. The plight of the homeless and unemployed, including families with children, is another blight on our land which needs to be resolved.

Today so many recent court decisions have opened doors to all types of violations of human rights. We must remain vigilant and knowledgeable about proposed legislation. We have been entrusted with the heritage of rich biblical traditions and we have access to the living spring of Catholic social teachings. If we do not lend our uniquely religious Christian and Catholic voices to the public debate on important

issues, we risk abandoning our community to those who may or may not bring sound moral, ethical Gospel values to those questions and issues.

We pray that the Holy Father Pope John Paul II's objective of defining the family and family life will be successful. As women we realize the special importance of families in society and in the future Church.

The pages of national and world history have corresponding pages in our history. Where there was a need, we responded within the discipline of Catholic action. With a sense of purpose, we have generously given our funds, time, talent and prayers to defeat legislation that would unjustly tax parochial schools.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

In 1920, the idea of having a Young Ladies' Institute paper was initially presented and a committee was appointed to make a preliminary investigation as to the feasibility and expense involved. Upon adoption of the committee report in 1922, the first issue of the "YLI Journal", consisting of four pages, was sent in December to all Institutes and subscribers, with Grand Institute subsidizing the paper at a cost of \$1,000 per year. Subscription rate for members was fifty cents per year. The number of pages was gradually increased until it was a twelve-page bulletin; however, due to the small number of subscribers, publication was discontinued in 1929.

A magazine known as the "YLI Outlook", complete with commercial advertisements, was established in 1936 for mailing to all members. The receipts from the advertisements were to take care of the complete cost of the publication; however, this proved unsatisfactory, and the Journal was discontinued in 1938.

At the 1975 Grand Convention, a Resolution was adopted to commence publication of a four-page tabloid. Grand President Diane Gil appointed Past Grand President Alice Oldham as the Editor of the "Voice of YLI." The "Voice of YLI" began publication on a bi-monthly basis at the price of \$2.00 per year, to begin in November. The "Voice of YLI" has become an Official Publication of the YLI. The goal of the Voice is to serve all the Institutes of the Order.

Each issue has a message and photograph of the current Grand President and Grand Chaplain. Official Visits of the Grand Officers are also a part of the Voice. Each quarter, a list of the deceased members of the various Institutes is published in the Memorium, taken from the quarterly reports of the Trustees. Deceased Past Grand Officers are remembered in a special article honoring their years of service in Grand Institute.

Two special issues featured in the Voice are: Candidates running for Grand Office and the Convention issue giving as complete as possible the events of the Convention. Anniversaries, organizations special events, recognition of special awards received by our members are recognized. The "Chatter" includes the activities held in the Institutes with the unique diverse talents and gifts our members contribute to the tapestry that makes the YLI such a special organization.

The "Voice of YLI" continues the tradition started in November 1975 with the Holiday Issue and through these years, over 250 issues have been published. Publication continues at the price of \$10.00 per year. The Convention Issue has been in color since 2007, with the others in black and white. What began as a four-page tabloid has grown into an eight to twelve-page issue, with the Convention Issue at twenty to twenty-four pages.

The "Voice" editors have been: Alice Oldham 1975-1982, Enid Shoor 1982-1988, Mary Pasqual 1988-2004, and Barbara Lovio 2004-the present.

YLI & NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The National Council of Catholic Women (N.C.C.W.) is a federation of Catholic women's organizations. It was founded by 200 concerned women in 1920 at the call of the Bishops of the United States.

N.C.C.W. has affiliated organizations at the local, parish, arch/diocesan, state and national levels. The N.C.C.W. structure starts at the deanery or county level, to the arch/diocesan level, to the province level and finally to the national level. It is the representative voice of millions of Catholic women working together through national program commissions which reflect current issues in the Church and society. It unites Catholic organizations and individual Catholic women of the United States; develops their leadership potential; assists them to act upon current issues in the Church and society; provides a medium through which Catholic women may speak and act upon matters of common interest; and relates to other national and international organizations in the solution of present day problems.

Through membership in N.C.C.W., Catholic women's organizations are affiliated with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the United States Catholic Conference, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO), and the National Government Organizations (NGO) of the United Nations.

YLI, a national organization, has been a vital and active member of N.C.C.W. since its inception. Grand Institute contributed to the founding of the National Catholic School of Social Service, the first of the great projects of N.C.C.W., and for many years, until the School became a part of Catholic University, maintained a scholarship there.

Institute members throughout YLI have served N.C.C.W. in every possible capacity: as Commission members and chairmen, locally and nationally; as officers and presidents of deanery or county Councils, Archdiocesan Councils; as Province Directors; and as national officers. During the 1983-85 N.C.C.W. term, Peggy Anderson (YLI Grand President, 1984-85) represented all of the affiliated National Organizations on the N.C.C.W. Executive Board.

The Commission system of N.C.C.W. and the Committee structure of YLI are closely related, and thus our programs are easily intermingled for mutual benefit. The excellent legislative information program developed by N.C.C.W. has served as a model for YLI and provides legislative information on the Church's concern for human rights and social justice from the local to the national levels.

ECHOES OF THE PAST "IN THE BEGINNING"

"We live and must live - actually in the present. But, somehow our mind's eye is ever turning with expectancy to the horizons of the future. Most often - too often, we take for granted the past, the difficult days and years of yore." This quote, from Past Grand President Genevieve (Manning) Kohler in 1936, is a fitting opening to a brief glimpse into our past. Our history reflects the events and the times we have lived through.

Between 1887 and 1912, our 25th Anniversary, we faced several events that could have put the organization in jeopardy.

In 1891, at Grand Convention a motion was made to amend the Constitution to read: "Its objects are to encourage the young ladies of Caucasian race . . .". The issue was debated and Reverend Father Haupt's opinion solicited. "The question was placed before the house and lost by a vote of 29 to 40." And, though the question was to arise again in the 1920s with the same result, there was never any doubt that this was to be an organization open to all Catholic women.

In 1909, a committee from the Women's Union Label Association called on our organization to enlist the YLI in the campaign for the passage of the eight-hour law for working women. A letter from Grand Institute was sent to every Assemblyman and Senator asking them to vote for this bill. Many favorable replies were received. The Bill passed and there we have a start on our long road toward social justice.

With 1917 came World War I, and there was a prompt response by the Institutes by purchasing War Bonds and aiding the Red Cross. Many prayers and masses were offered for the return of husbands and sons.

The great flu epidemic in 1918 was reported at the Los Angeles Convention of 1920. YLI lost 121 members and paid \$11,400.00 in Death Benefits in two years. The generosity and caring showed to the sick and dying should always be remembered.

By 1922 an effort was made to eliminate parochial or private schools. For the next 30 years, Catholic education was seriously challenged. It was in 1952 that the last Bill was passed insuring equality between public and private schools.

At the 1922 Grand Institute, it was suggested that a resolution be adopted in favor of the Constitutional Amendment regulating child labor in the United States. At Grand Convention in 1924, a letter was written on behalf of Grand Institute to congratulate Congress on the passage of the Child Labor Law and to do all in their power to ratify this law in California and Washington.

July 16, 1939, was proclaimed YLI-YMI Day at the Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco. There were parades and competitive Drills that were so much a part of Grand Institute's social life.

Pearl Harbor and World War II came in 1941. The next four years saw Blackouts, Bond Rallies, USO and Red Cross work. But the casualties were the hardest to bear. Our members did war work and in their usual way raised \$363,953.00. A tremendous number of prayers were offered for the men and their families. YLI had, as a result of the

war, become more internationally conscious as an organization. As conflicts continued to rage in the world throughout the 20 and early 21 centuries and our young men and women in armed services were called on to serve in combat or as peace keepers, we prayed and continue to pray for their safety and for peace and justice in the world.

We have been aware of the natural disasters members of the YLI have faced. There were tremendous floods in 1955, 1969, 1980's, 1990's and into the 21st Century. Members have endured huge fires, drought, record snowfalls in our mountains, erupting volcanoes and earthquakes of shattering proportions. A Disaster Relief Account was established in June 1991 to assist members who are victims of a natural disaster.

The years since the 100th Anniversary have seen many changes. We have eliminated the sign of the Order and allow prospective members to attend our meetings so that they may see the work that we do.

Each Institute has a challenge - that challenge is to continue the great work done over the past years. We have a right to be proud of our accomplishments, "Echoes of the Past"; now we look forward to the challenges of the future.

A separate section has been written for our 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, and 125th Anniversaries.

GRAND PRESIDENTS			
No.	Name	Institute	Date Installed
1	Carrie Gallagher	Carmel #2	04/1888
2	Mary (Sweeney) Ragan	Carmel #2	06/18/1890
3	Ella M. Comyns	McKinnon #3	06/30/1892
4	Mary I. Wynne	Vallejo #13	07/05/1894
5	Sophie A. Grote	California #1	07/10/1896
6	Mary A. Nagle	Grace #17	07/30/1898
7	Annie M. Potthoff	Carmel #2	07/12/1900
8	May (Stein) Comyns	Dolores #7	07/02/1902
9	Elizabeth Terry	California #1	07/16/1904
10	May Concannon	Livermore #44	07/13/1907
11	May E. Sullivan	San Jose #32	07/16/1909
12	May L. Haggerty (Died in Office)	Grace #17	07/28/1911
13	Margaret (Peacock) Flansburg	California #1	01/14/1912
14	Nellie Grand	Weber #49	08/01/1913
15	Lucy Genis	Grace #17	08/20/1915
16	Stasia Hill	California #1	08/10/1916
17	Mary Kaunitz	Loyola #20	08/09/1917
18	Nora (Lydon) Wentworth	Oakland #15	08/20/1918
19	Anna Burger	California #1	08/16/1920
20	Ell C. Graham	San Jose #32	08/24/1922
21	Mary Corbett	Dolores #7	08/23/1923
22	Frances (O'Callaghan) Radford	Gabriel #62	08/21/1924

23	Jessie Bridgeman	Queen #55	07/29/1925
24	Beth Dooley Sullivan	Dolores #7	06/04/1926
25	Florence Schage	California #1	07/20/1927
26	Catherine Moriarty	Del Mar #66	07/18/1928
27	Gertrude Dooley	Oakland #15	07/24/1929
28	Katherine Kelly	Los Angeles #73	07/17/1930
29	Ethel Cullen	Dolores #7	07/14/1931
30	Charlotte Heritage	Isle City #51	07/19/1932
31	Claire Hart Dunn	McKinnon #3	07/18/1933
32	Loretta Kelley	Antioch #101	07/17/1934
33	Genevieve (Manning) Kohler	Gabriel #62	07/17/1935
34	Isabelle (Schnieiders) McCarthy	Los Angeles #73	07/21/1936
35	Adlyne Rodgers	St. Rita's #81	07/22/1937
36	Marion C. Warrack	Dolores #77	07/13/1938
37	Bernice E. Etcheber	California#1	07/19/1939
38	Virginia Scanzon	Queen #55	07/24/1941
39	Mary C. O'Brien	Junipero Serra #65	07/22/1942
40	Josephine A. Baratini	Grace #17	06/23/1944
41	Lorraine (Jones) Lynch	Carmel #2	07/18/1946
42	Valda R. Britschgi	Notre Dame #124	07/24/1947
43	Regina Holl	California #1	07/14/1948
44	Bertha Sanborn	Star of the Sea #97	07/20/1949
45	Mary (Foss) Angeli	Hanna #68	06/28/1950
46	Rose (Aless) Reid	Alberian #93	06/20/1951

47	Loretto O'Rourke	St. Anselm's #98	06/18/1952
48	Catherine Flor	Weber #49	07/01/1953
49	Helen Krom	Corpus Christi #188	07/14/1954
50	Zita Gwynn	Queen of Roses #164	06/29/1955
51	Exa Margaret Finerty	Vallejo #13	06/28/1956
52	Patricia McMillan	Kennedy #21	06/26/1957
53	Carol Marshall	Dolores #7	07/02/1958
54	Alba Silva	St. Vincent's #108	06/24/1959
55	Rosemarie Gambini	Alberian #93	06/29/1960
56	Alma (Pucci) Rose	Laurentian #70	06/17/1961
57	Catherine Milich	Heffernan #76	06/27/1962
58	Carolyn Jackson	Mariette #176	06/26/1963
59	Betty Scott	Antioch #101	06/17/1964
60	Mary Pimentel	Antoinette #193	06/23/1965
61	Frances Hart Ridley	All Saints #166	06/22/1966
62	Alice Oldham	California #1	06/21/1967
63	Arthurine Nunes	St. Rose #132	06/26/1968
64	Betty Woolery	Corpus Christi #188	06/25/1969
65	Elizabeth Aherne	Our Lady of Lourdes #20	06/24/1970
66	Charlotte Moton	Santa Cruz #95	06/16/1971
67	Claire Skidmore	Rosarium #175	06/21/1972
68	Ethel Bastien	Pomona #143	06/25/1973
69	Mary Pasqual	St. Claire's #119	06/26/1974
70	Diane (Schmidt) Gil	Victory #83	06/25/1975

71	Irene Texeira	All Saints #166	06/23/1976
72	Ruth Hackett	Isle City #51	06/22/1977
73	Dolores McLane	Regina Del Valle #222	06/21/1978
74	Shirley E. Reed	St. John's #26	06/20/1979
75	Enid Shoor	Our Lady of Los Gatos #197	06/25/1980
76	Barbara McLean	Vallejo #13	07/01/1981
77	Helen Cirelli	St. Anne's #78	06/30/1982
78	Bernice Bryant	Yosemite #117	06/29/1983
79	Peggy Anderson	California #1	07/04/1984
80	Anita Grohs	Queen of Roses #164	06/26/1985
81	Sharon Calone	Teresita #123	07/02/1986
82	Joseph Francesconi	San Jose #32	09/04/1987
83	Lynne Grace	Holy Eucharist #220	08/07/1988
84	Alma Robinson	Camillus #128	06/28/1989
85	Martha Zeyen	All Saints #166	06/20/1990
86	Marianne Larke	Notre Dame #124	06/26/1991
87	Teresa McLean	Our Lady of Lourdes #20	06/24/1992
88	Patricia Mueller	Livermore #44	06/23/1993
89	Lillian Marquez	Ramona #127	06/29/1994
90	Marilynn Walter	Immaculate Mary #238	07/12/1995
91	Marge Young	Our Lady of Los Gatos #197	06/26/1996
92	Linda Cravalho	Ana Malia #208	06/25/1997
93	Dolores Williams	All Hallows #182	07/01/1998
94	Barbara Przybyla	Modesto #110	06/30/1999

95	Vivian Stein	Our Lady of the Valley #236	06/28/2000
96	Eva McDowell	Teresita #123	07/11/2001
97	Barbara LoConte	Maureen #136	07/10/2002
98	Barbara Lovio	St. Paula #195	07/02/2003
99	Patricia Fontana	Our Lady of Charity #237	06/03/2004
100	Colleen Smith	St. Pius X #211	06/29/2005
101	Joanne Muniz	All Saints #166	06/28/2006
102	DeMova Barrett	San Buenaventura #160	06/27/2007
103	Joan Vandehey	Marie Dorion #230	07/16/2008
104	Pacita Dishong	Livermore #44	07/22/2009
105	Lana Hanney	Holy Rosary #122	06/30/2010
106	June McJunkin	St. Isidore #235	06/26/2011
107	Evangeline Plaskett	Ignatius #85	07/01/2012
108	Patricia McGuire	Antionette #193	07/14/2013
109	Mariella Cacdac-Watson	Tahoma #67	06/11/2014
110	Virginia Keegan	Notre Dame #124	06/25/2015
111	Gail Azevedo	St. Rose #132	06/29/2016
112	Elaine Brady	Mother of Perpetual Help #159	06/28/2017

SUBORDINATE INSTITUTES

Young Ladies' Institute

No.	Name	Location	Organized	Current Status
1	St. Francis of Assisi (formerly California) (California #1, Carmel #2 & Junipero Serra #65 merged to become St. Francis of Assisi #1 05/16/1991)	San Francisco, CA	09/05/1887	Active
2	Carmel (See #1)	San Francisco, CA	10/14/1887	Merged 08/16/1991
3	McKinnon (See #1)	San Francisco, CA	12/26/1887	Merged 07/1982
4	No Name (Transferred to #3)	San Francisco, CA	02/22/1888	Disbanded
5	No Name (See #206)	Grass Valley, CA	UNKNOW N	Disbanded 11/30/1904
6	No Name	Nevada City, CA	UNKNOW N	Disbanded
7	Dolores	San Francisco, CA	03/25/1888	Active
8	No Name (See #56)	Benicia, CA		Disbanded 11/02/1893
9	No Name	San Francisco, CA	05/09/1888	Disbanded 02/1894
10	No Name	San Francisco, CA	09/19/1888	Disbanded
11	No name (See #122)	Woodland, CA	12/11/1888	Disbanded
12	St. Agnes (See #95)	Santa Cruz, CA	12/31/1889	Disbanded 1909
13	Vallejo (See #125)	Vallejo, CA	02/06/1889	Merged 05/08/2012
14	No Name	San Francisco, CA	/1889	Disbanded
15	Oakland (formerly Eclipse)	Oakland, CA	01/16/1889	Disbanded

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16	No Name	San Francisco, CA	01/09/1889	Disbanded
17	Grace (See #48)	Sacramento, CA	02/26/1889	Merged 03/1991
18	No Name	Marysville, CA	04/12/1889	Disbanded 11/05/1892
19	No Name	Chico, CA	04/21/1889	Disbanded
20	St. Theresa's (Changed to Loyola 05/24/1938) Merged with #71 and #152 to become Our Lady of Lourdes 01/18/1962 (See #7)	San Francisco, CA	08/21/1889	Merged 05/20/2000
21	No Name Kennedy (Re-Organized) (See #132)	Eureka, CA Eureka, CA	12/16/1889 04/19/1901	Disbanded 1990 Merged 06/2007
22	No Name (See #166)	Hayward, CA	11/23/1889	Disbanded
23	No Name (See #146)	Reno, NV	04/30/1890	Disbanded 06/03/1893
24	St. Anthony's (See #100)	Oakland, CA	04/27/1890	Disbanded 09/03/1906
25	No Name (See #138)	Watsonville, CA	08/24/1890	Disbanded
26	St. John's	Napa, CA	10/12/1890	Active
27	No Name (See #101)	Antioch, CA	12/07/1891	Disbanded
28	No Name (See #38)	East Portland, OR	11/30/1890	Merged 12/26/1892
29	No Name (See #127)	Fresno, CA	04/12/1891	Disbanded
30	Gartland (See #156)	Carson City, NV	04/27/1891	Disbanded 1909
31	Virginia	Virginia City, NV	05/03/1891	Disbanded
32	San Jose	San Jose, CA	09/14/1891	Disbanded

				07/13/2004
33	No Name	Victoria, B.C.	09/14/1891	Disbanded
34	No Name (See #55)	Seattle, WA	09/17/1891	Disbanded
35	No Name	New Whatcom, WA	09/30/1891	Disbanded
36	No Name (See #67)	Tacoma, WA	09/27/1891	Disbanded 10/1893
37	No Name	Spokane, WA	10/07/1891	Disbanded 1896
38	No Name (See #164)	Portland, OR	10/06/1891	Disbanded 05/1898
39	No Name	No. Oakland, CA	02/02/1892	Disbanded
40	No Name	Anaconda, MT	06/01/1892	Disbanded
41	No Name (See #114)	Vancouver, B.C.	08/21/1892	Disbanded 1896
42	No Name	Butte, MT	10/08/1892	Disbanded
43	No Name	Memphis, TN	01/20/1893	Disbanded
44	Livermore	Livermore, CA	02/02/1896	Active
45	No Name	Port Costa, CA	09/12/1896	Disbanded
46	No Name (See #124)	Redwood City, CA	05/01/1898	Disbanded
47	Mary (See #117)	Merced, CA	06/12/1898	Disbanded
48	St. Francis (See #122)	Sacramento, CA	04/09/1899	Merged 01/20/2015
49	Weber	Stockton, CA	08/06/1899	Disbanded 01/17/2001
50	Angelus (See #73)	Los Angeles, CA	07/10/1902	Disbanded 07/02/2005
51	Isle City (See #70)	Alameda, CA	11/30/1903	Merged 10/15/2016

52	Lagan	San Rafael, CA	11/20/1904	Active
53	Florian (See #127)	Fresno, CA	02/19/1905	Disbanded 1909
54	Fern	Ferndale, CA	10/05/1905	Disbanded
55	Queen Mariette (formerly Queen) (See #226)	Seattle, WA	10/20/1905	Merged 01/06/2016
56	Dominican (See #13)	Benicia, CA	04/07/1907	Merged 11/1982
57	Leona Crockett (See #173)	Crockett, CA	05/21/1908	Merged 11/10/1981
58	Berkeley	Berkeley, CA	09/04/1908	Disbanded 12/31/1993
59	Annunciata	Castroville, CA	02/01/1909	Disbanded 01/1917
60	St. Joseph's	West Oakland, CA	02/14/1909	Disbanded 02/20/1967
61	Richmond (See #159)	Pt. Richmond, CA	03/14/1909	Disbanded 04/1980
62	Del Mar (formerly Gabriel)	San Francisco, CA	09/14/1909	Merged 08/08/1991 Merged 07/1997
63	Auxilian (See #2)	San Francisco, CA	05/22/1911	Merged
64	St. Catherine's	Martinez, CA	07/15/1911	Active
65	Junipero Serra (See #1)	San Francisco, CA	08/24/1911	Merged
66	Del Mar (See #62 & #7)	San Francisco, CA	11/14/1911	Merged
67	Tahoma	Tacoma, WA	04/11/1912	Active
68	Hanna (See #166)	San Leandro, CA	01/19/1913	Merged 10/21/2002
69	O'Brien	Everett, WA	03/13/1913	Disbanded 06/1976

70	Laurentian	Oakland, CA	05/14/1914	Active
71	Joan of Arc (See #20 & #152)	San Francisco, CA	07/29/1915	Merged
72	Columbia	Jackson, CA	11/07/1915	Active
73	St. Cecilia	Los Angeles, CA	01/09/1916	Disbanded 10/12/1986
74	DeGuadalupe (See #166)	Niles, CA	04/07/1916	Merged 03/25/2012
75	Gemma	Sutter Creek, CA	07/20/1916	Active
76	Heffernan	San Diego, CA	11/12/1916	Disbanded 07/12/2004
77	Crown City (See #143)	Pasadena, CA	11/15/1916	Merged 08/1997
78	St. Anne's	Pinole, CA	09/24/1917	Active
79	Patricia	Sonora, CA	02/10/1918	Active
80	Vaughn	Angels Camp, CA	04/14/1918	Disbanded
81	St. Rita's (See #204)	San Jose, CA	07/28/1918	Merged 08/28/2008
82	St. Margaret Mary's	Bakersfield, CA	09/29/1918	Active
83	Victory	Soledad, CA	03/30/1919	Active
84	Honolulu (See #208)	Honolulu, Oahu, HI	05/19/1919	Merged 04/12/2004
85	Ignatius	Salinas, CA	06/1919	Active
86	Camerman	Bremerton, WA	07/27/1919	Active
87	Sancta Maria (See #77)	Glendale, CA	11/19/1919	Merged 06/29/1988
88	St. Helena (See #26)	St. Helena, CA	11/29/1919	Merged 07/26/1995
89	Cantwell	Santa Monica, CA	12/19/1919	Disbanded

90	Angela (See #124)	San Bruno, CA	02/01/1920	Merged 02/08/2016
91	Queen of Peace	Lodi, CA	04/18/1920	Active
92	San Mateo	San Mateo, CA	06/13/1920	Disbanded 02/14/1973
93	Alberian (See #7)	San Francisco, CA	01/26/1921	Merged 11/15/2010
94	Imperial	El Centro, CA	01/30/1921	Disbanded
95	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, CA	04/03/1921	Active
96	Yakima	Yakima, WA	06/26/1921	Active
97	Star of the Sea (See #98)	Sausalito, CA	10/26/1921	Merged 02/17/1993
98	St. Anselm's (See #252)	San Anselmo, CA	10/28/1921	Merged 2/23/15
99	San Carlos	Monterey, CA	11/20/1921	Disbanded 05/15/1955
100	Gleeson	East Oakland, CA	01/29/1922	Disbanded 05/03/1973
101	Antioch	Antioch, CA	02/05/1922	Active
102	Regina Coeli	Los Angeles, CA	05/07/1922	Disbanded 08/1996
103	Ave Maria (See #218)	Taft, CA	05/24/1922	Merged 1992
104	Capistrano (See #220)	Santa Ana, CA	12/17/1922	Merged 09/17/1991
105	Sonoma	Sonoma, CA	01/14/1923	Disbanded 09/1939
106	Orange	Orange, CA	02/11/1923	Disbanded
107	Meiler (See #132)	Healdsburg, CA	02/18/1923	Merged 05/27/1999
108	St. Vincent's	Petaluma, CA	03/04/1923	Disbanded 04/12/2012

109	Our Lady of the Rosary (See #188)	Anaheim, CA	05/12/1923	Merged 10/18/2006
110	Modesto	Modesto, CA	05/27/1923	Active
111	St. Monica's	Willows	11/18/1923	Active
112	Alhambra	Alhambra, CA	12/1923	Disbanded
113	Noel	Oakland, CA	12/23/1923	Disbanded 09/28/2008
114	Rosarium	Vancouver, B.C.	03/08/1924	Disbanded 06/01/1931
115	St. Agatha	So. San Francisco, CA	05/04/1924	Disbanded
116	St. Sebastian	Sebastopol, CA	05/25/1924	Active
117	Yosemite	Merced, CA	03/22/1925	Active
118	San Joaquin	Madera, CA	06/14/1925	Active
119	St. Clare	Santa Clara, CA	08/14/1925	Active
120	Yorke (See #200)	Turlock, CA	06/06/1926	Disbanded
121	Bernadette (See #134)	Mountain View, CA	03/21/1926	Merged 05/17/2005
122	Holy Rosary	Woodland, CA	03/28/1926	Active
123	Teresita	Pittsburg, CA	03/18/1926	Active
124	Notre Dame	Redwood City, CA	08/30/1926	Active
125	St. Alphonsus	Suisun/Fairfield, CA	10/17/1926	Active
126	Manteca	Manteca, CA	11/07/1926	Active
127	Ramona	Fresno, CA	01/23/1927	Active
128	Camillus	Rio Vista, CA	10/30/1927	Active
129	Immaculata (See #211)	Long Beach, CA	04/29/1928	Merged 04/24/1984
130	Our Lady of the Pillar	Half Moon Bay, CA	05/25/1928	Disbanded 03/08/2004

131	St. Mary's	Concord, CA	08/19/1928	Disbanded 3/18/2012
132	St. Rose	Santa Rosa, CA	02/24/1930	Active
133	San Luis Obispo (See #85)	San Luis Obispo, CA	02/13/1930	Merged 07/17/2007
134	Little Flower	Sunnyvale, CA	03/09/1930	Active
135	San Antonio (See #232)	King City, CA	04/22/1930	Disbanded 04/1931
136	Maureen	Cupertino, CA	05/02/1930	Active
137	Laetare	Oakland, CA	06/25/1930	Disbanded 09/20/1992
138	El Pajaro	Watsonville, CA	06/27/1930	Active
139	Stella Matutina (See #184)	Hanford, CA	06/30/1930	Merged 04/18/2004
140	Mater Christi	Oakdale, CA	05/14/1933	Active
141	Sacred Heart	Dixon, CA	03/25/1934	Active
142	Rosemary	Longview, WA	11/18/1934	Disbanded 03/1940
143	Pomona	Pomona, CA	05/26/1935	Active
144	Shasta	Redding, CA	06/23/1935	Active
145	St. James	Vancouver, WA	02/23/1936	Disbanded 06/30/1988
146	Damien	San Francisco, CA	06/19/1936	Disbanded 10/02/1981
147	Ryan	Reno, NV	12/05/1936	Disbanded 1971
148	Ave Maris Stella	Sanger, CA	12/20/1936	Disbanded 12/07/1937
149	Immaculate Heart	Crows Landing, CA	01/17/1937	Active

150	St. Bernard's	Tracy, CA	10/17/1937	Active
151	St. Augustine (See #223)	Gustine, CA	12/19/1937	Merged 3/15/2016
152	Lourdes (See #20 & #71)	San Francisco, CA	05/27/1938	Merged
153	Loretto	Tulare, CA	06/26/1938	Active
154	Emydian	Colma, CA	07/15/1938	Disbanded 1968
155	Della-Lor-Mae (See #77)	Los Angeles, CA	12/04/1938	Merged 06/29/1988
156	Gartland	Carson City, NV	02/04/1939	Disbanded 09/1975
157	Our Lady of the Snows	Ely, NV	05/20/1939	Disbanded 04/30/1986
158	Cabrini	Elko, NV	05/21/1939	Disbanded 1942
159	Mother of Perpetual Help	El Cerrito, CA	06/04/1939	Active
160	San Buenaventura	Ventura, CA	06/23/1940	Active
161	Our Lady of Monserrat	Chowchilla, CA	11/03/1940	Disbanded
162	St. Dominic's	Orland, CA	11/24/1940	Disbanded 07/1944
163	St. Jude's (See #74)	Irvington, CA	02/04/1941	Merged 01/03/2002
164	Queen of Roses	Portland, OR	04/20/1941	Active
165	Santa Barbara (See #180)	Santa Barbara, CA	05/31/1941	Merged 11/17/2008
166	All Saints (See #44)	Hayward, CA	03/24/1943	Merged 09/11/2017
167	Stella Maris	Wilmington, CA	01/23/1944	Disbanded 06/1946
168	Pater et Ave	Coalinga, CA	06/04/1944	Disbanded

169	Mystical Rose	Los Banos, CA	06/10/1945	Active
170	Regina Pacis	Huntington Park, CA	11/04/1945	Disbanded 10/27/1965
171	Queen of Angels	Dos Palos, CA	06/09/1946	Active
172	El Gabilan	Hollister, CA	11/03/1946	Active
173	St. Francesca Cabrini	Rodeo, CA	11/06/1946	Active
174	Madonna	Hollywood, CA	12/15/1946	Disbanded 11/29/1948
175	Rosarium (See #98)	Larkspur, CA	01/22/1947	Merged 03/12/1997
176	Mariette (See #55)	Seattle, WA	03/28/1947	Consolidated 04/03/2004
177	Tekakwitha	Firebaugh, CA	04/20/1947	Disbanded 01/09/1956
178	Lorraine (See #55)	Seattle, WA	04/26/1947	Merged 10/09/2004
179	Our Lady of Fatima	Escalon, CA	04/27/1947	Active
180	Stella Coeli	Oxnard, CA	05/03/1947	Active
181	St. Cecilia (See #178)	Seattle, WA	05/25/1947	Merged
182	All Hallows	San Francisco, CA	11/02/1947	Active
183	Stella Maris	Oceanside, CA	12/07/1947	Disbanded 05/06/2009
184	Holy Family	Lemoore, CA	02/29/1948	Active
185	Elizabeth Seton	San Jose, CA	04/24/1948	Disbanded 04/1975
186	Infant of Prague	Delano, CA	05/16/1948	Disbanded 04/1975
187	Timberline	Portland, OR	05/23/1948	Disbanded
188	Corpus Christi	Fullerton, CA	06/06/1948	Active

189	Immaculate Conception	Sparks, NV	11/28/1948	Disbanded 04/1976
190	Our Lady of the Visitacion	San Francisco, CA	12/05/1948	Disbanded 06/01/1967
191	St. Valentine	Castro Valley, CA	02/13/1949	Disbanded 03/08/1955
192	Madonna of the Children (formerly Portland)	Portland, OR	04/23/1949	Disbanded 03/30/2001
193	Antoinette	Hughson/Ceres, CA	05/15/1949	Active
194	Holy Trinity	San Diego, CA	06/26/1949	Disbanded 06/29/2009
195	St. Paula	Santa Paula, CA	11/20/1949	Active
196	Maryknoll (See #49)	Stockton, CA	12/11/1949	Merged
197	Saratoga (Formerly Our Lady of Los Gatos)	Los Gatos, CA	01/16/1950	Active
198	Mater Dolorosa	San Pedro, CA	02/26/1950	Disbanded 10/08/1963
199	Butte	Gridley, CA	04/23/1950	Disbanded 1969
200	Ave Regina	Turlock, CA	04/30/1950	Active
201	St. Stephen	Corcoran, CA	05/21/1950	Disbanded
202	St. Therese of Lisieux	Guerneville, CA	09/24/1950	Disbanded 03/02/1954
203	Madonna	Nat'l City/Chula Vista, CA	03/04/1951	Disbanded 06/1998
204	St. Lucy's	Campbell, CA	01/20/1952	Active
205	St. Mary of the Woods	Gardena, CA	03/02/1952	Disbanded 08/26/1985
206	Our Lady of Grace (See #235)	Grass Valley, CA	04/20/1952	Merged 09/22/2016

207	Assumption	Corning, CA	06/07/1953	Disbanded 10/07/1958
208	Ana Malia	Kaneohe, Oahu, HI	07/19/1953	Active
209	Palo Alto	Palo Alto, CA	08/25/1953	Disbanded 09/30/2008
210	Marian	Red Bluff, CA	11/08/1953	Disbanded 10/1971
211	St. Pius X	Lakewood, CA	06/13/1954	Active
212	Maria Coeli	Los Angeles, CA	11/14/1954	Disbanded 07/1974
213	Kailua (See #208)	Kailua, Oahu, HI	01/30/1955	Merged 4/13/15
214	Bishop Dougherty	Richland, WA	04/24/1955	Active
215	Mater Dei (See #125)	Vacaville, CA	05/01/1955	Merged 07/29/2009
216	Queen of the Universe	Milwaukie, OR	06/11/1955	Active
217	Our Lady of Hope	Selma, CA	12/03/1955	Disbanded 11/12/1958
218	Deo Gratias	Bakersfield, CA	02/12/1956	Active
219	Maria del Pacifica	San Diego, CA	12/09/1956	Disbanded 1974
220	Holy Eucharist (formerly Blessed Sacrament)	Westminster, CA	11/02/1957	Disbanded 10/26/2002
221	Our Lady of Roses	Newman, CA	06/22/1958	Active
222	Regina del Valle (See #255)	El Cajon, CA	10/05/1958	Merged 10/13/2016
223	St. Patrick's	Hilmar, CA	02/11/1962	Active
224	St. Veronica	Port Chicago, CA	06/03/1962	Disbanded 1969
225	Our Lady of the Emeralds	Eugene, OR	03/31/1963	Disbanded 06/30/1990

226	Carmelita	Seattle, WA	10/27/1963	Active
227	St. Theresa's (See #90)	So. San Francisco, CA	03/15/1964	Merged 03/08/2005
228	Mary Francis	Riverbank, CA	06/06/1965	Disbanded 07/10/1991
229	Our Lady of the Valley	Salem, OR	07/11/1965	Disbanded 1971
230	Marie Dorion	Salem, OR	07/11/1965	Active
231	Mother of Good Counsel	Imperial Beach, CA	10/02/196	Disbanded 03/1980
232	Christ the King	King City, CA	03/02/1974	Disbanded 09/11/1978
233	Apostles of Mary (See #81)	Milpitas, CA	05/26/1974	Merged 09/15/1983
234	Our Lady of the Valley	Norco, CA	06/01/1975	Disbanded 06/1976
235	St. Isidore's	Yuba City, CA	02/27/1977	Active
236	Our Lady of the Valley	Danville, CA	04/13/1980	Active
237	Our Lady of Charity (See #235)	Gridley, CA	03/08/1981	Merged 08/09/2007
238	Immaculate Mary (formerly St. John Vianney) (See #75)	Rancho Cordova, CA	10/25/1981	Merged 08/16/2017
239	Queen of Lourdes	Selah, WA	04/14/1985	Active
240	Our Lady of Bethlehem	Seaside, CA	08/18/1985	Active
241	St. Francis of Assisi (California #1 took this name 08/16/1991)	Marysville, WA	05/31/1986	Disbanded 03/31/1991
242	Our Lady of the Mountains	Cle Elum, WA	09/07/1986	Disbanded 05/17/2012
243	Queen of Apostles	East Wenatchee, WA	04/30/1989	Active
244	Our Lady Queen of Heaven	Simi Valley, CA	08/04/1991	Disbanded 1999

245	Our Lady of the Island	Langley, Whidbey Island, WA	05/01/1993	Disbanded 04/01/2002
246	Our Lady of the Desert	Ephrata, WA	11/18/1995	Active
247	Holy Angels	Irvine, CA	06/07/1998	Active
248	Angels of the Valley	Ellensburg, WA	04/24/1999	Disbanded 08/2001
249	St. Mary's Angels	Ukiah, CA	09/26/1999	Disbanded 06/30/2001
250	Queen of Fatima (See #246)	Moses Lake, WA	10/09/1999	Merged 08/22/2006
251	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Rohnert Park, CA	02/11/2006	Disbanded 03/15/2008
252	St. Theresa Benedicta	Novato, CA	08/20/2006	Active
253	Holy Disciples	Puyallup, WA	03/01/2014	Active
254	Queen of Faith	Turlock, CA	09/06/2014	Active
255	Our Lady of the Sea	San Clemente, CA	12/05/2015	Active
256	Princess Angeline	Shoreline, WA	04/22/2017	Disbanded
257	Queen of Mercy	Portland, OR	10/07/2017	Active

GRAND INSTITUTES/CONVENTIONS

There have been Convention Themes since 1950 with exceptions as noted

No.	Location	Theme	Year Held
1	San Francisco, CA	--	1888
2	San Francisco, CA	--	1889
3	San Francisco, CA	--	1890
4	Sacramento, CA	--	1891
5	San Francisco, CA	--	1892
6	San Francisco, CA	--	1893
7	Oakland, CA	--	1894
8	San Francisco, CA	--	1896
9	San Francisco, CA	--	1898
10	San Francisco, CA	--	1900
11	Sacramento, CA	--	1902
12	Vallejo, CA	--	1904
13	Stockton, CA	--	1907
14	Oakland, CA	--	1909
15	San Francisco, CA	--	1911
16	San Jose, CA	--	1913
17	San Francisco, CA	--	1915
18	Sacramento, CA	--	1916
19	Eureka, CA	--	1917
20	San Jose, CA	--	1918
21	Los Angeles, CA	--	1920
22	Stockton, CA	--	1922

23	Santa Cruz, CA	--	1923
24	Sacramento, CA	--	1924
25	Yosemite Valley, CA	--	1925
26	San Francisco, CA	--	1926
27	Monterey, CA	--	1927
28	Eureka, CA	--	1928
29	Santa Cruz, CA	--	1929
30	Alameda, CA	--	1930
31	Stockton, CA	--	1931
32	San Jose, CA	--	1932
33	San Francisco, CA	--	1933
34	Santa Cruz, CA	--	1934
35	Sacramento, CA	--	1935
36	Los Angeles, CA	--	1936
37	San Francisco, CA	--	1937
38	Santa Cruz, CA	--	1938
39	Oakland, CA	--	1939
40	San Jose, CA	--	1941
41	Fresno, CA	--	1942
42	Sacramento, CA	--	1944
43	San Francisco, CA	--	1946
44	Seattle, WA	--	1947
45	Stockton, CA	--	1948
46	San Jose, CA	--	1949

47	Santa Cruz, CA	Young Ladies' Institute in Action	1950
48	Oakland, CA	--	1951
49	Sacramento, CA	--	1952
50	Fresno, CA	--	1953
51	Long Beach, CA	The Marian Year – United for Peace, Charity and Justice	1954
52	Santa Cruz, CA	Peace – Its Spirit	1955
53	Hobergs, CA	Charity – It's Graces	1956
54	Hobergs, CA	Devotion and Service	1957
55	San Francisco, CA	The Inspiration of St. Francis of Assisi	1958
56	Santa Rosa, CA	Unity	1959
57	Bakersfield, CA	Stairway to Heaven	1960
58	Stockton, CA	Unity	1961
59	San Francisco, CA	Diamond Jubilee	1962
60	Santa Barbara, CA	Always Go Forward & Never Turn Back	1963
61	San Jose, CA	St. Joseph the Worker	1964
62	Santa Rosa, CA	The Flame to the Future	1965
63	Fresno, CA	Peace – Through Unity & Charity	1966
64	San Diego, CA	Charity – Our Strength – Through Thoughts, Words & Deeds	1967
65	Sacramento, CA	Taking Time to Care and Working Together	1968
66	Palo Alto, CA	Faith, Hope and Love	1969
67	Portland, OR	Faith, Hope and Love: Youth, Membership & Elderly & Infirmed	1970
68	Oakland, CA	Faith, Friendship & Service	1971
69	Fresno, CA	Involvement with Hands & Heart	1972

70	Honolulu, Oahu, HI	Yesterday's Dream, Tomorrow's Vision	1973
71	Anaheim, CA	--	1974
72	San Jose, CA	Peace & Reconciliation	1975
73	Santa Cruz, CA	Bicentennial theme – United States Flags – Different historical periods	1976
74	Burlingame, CA	Unity & Faith	1977
75	Santa Rosa, CA	Faith, Hope & Love	1978
76	San Diego, CA	--	1979
77	Sacramento, CA	Our Mother of Perpetual Help	1980
78	Fresno, CA	God – Nature – Family	1981
79	Honolulu, Oahu, HI	Faith, Hope & Love	1982
80	Monterey, CA	Unity & Love	1983
81	Seattle, WA	--	1984
82	Santa Rosa, CA	--	1985
83	San Diego, CA	De Colores	1986
84	San Francisco, CA	Centennial Year	1987
85	San Jose, CA	New Beginnings – New Horizons	1988
86	Oakland, CA	Moving Forward – One in Spirit	1989
87	Sacramento, CA	Welcoming the 90's with Faith, Hope & Love	1990
88	Portland, OR	YLI & the Child	1991
89	Concord, CA	Reach for New Heights with YLI	1992
90	Fresno, CA	YLI – The Spirit in the World	1993
91	Costa Mesa, CA	We must do small things for one another with great love	1994
92	Modesto, CA	YLI – Builds Bridges with Love	1995

93	Honolulu, Oahu, HI	Let Us Come Together with Love	1996
94	Santa Clara, CA	Nurturing Tradition & Foster Change	1997
95	Ventura, CA	From Our Heritage to Our Future with Love	1998
96	Rohnert Park	Fruit of the Vine – Work of Human Hands	1999
97	Sacramento, CA	Honoring our Past Protecting our Future	2000
98	Fresno, CA	YLI Sends God’s Love and Presence	2001
99	Burlingame, CA	Many Paths One Goal	2002
100	Yakima, WA	We are the Apple of God’s Eye	2003
101	Portland, OR	Celebrate the Seasons of YLI	2004
102	Modesto, CA	In God’s Beautiful Garden	2005
103	Long Beach, CA	YLI Through the Sands of Time	2006
104	Concord, CA	One World One Heart in YLI	2007
105	Ventura, CA	Mission of Sisterly Love	2008
106	Fresno, CA	YLI – Making a Difference	2009
107	Sacramento, CA	Discovering the Gold in YLI	2010
108	Santa Clara, CA	Celebrate the Spirit of YLI	2011
109	Burlingame, CA	Planting the Garden of YLI	2012
110	Kennewick, WA	YLI Forever Young	2013
111	Rohnert Park, CA	YLI The Vineyard of the Lord	2014
112	Modesto, CA	Harvesting God’s Blessings	2015
113	Anaheim, CA	YLI Where the Magic Happens	2016
114	Reno, NV	YLI Your Life Inspires	2017