



CHAPTER 148

An Act to amend the constitution of the Community of the Ursuline Nuns at Three Rivers

[Assented to, the 28th of April, 1939]

WHEREAS the Community of the Ursuline Nuns at Preamble. Three Rivers, a religious community carrying on the work of teaching girls, in the city of Trois-Rivières and other places in the Province, according to the rules and by-laws of the community, has, through its authorized representatives, by its petition, represented;

That, since the year 1697, it has been established in the city of Trois-Rivières where it devotes itself to the teaching and instructing of girls, in all stages; that it actually has no powers other than those conferred upon it by the act contained in Chapter 103 of the Statutes of the Province of Quebec, 8 Victoria (1845); that, since the passing of the aforesaid act, it has developed considerably and in consequence its present powers are now insufficient; and that, for such reasons, it needs to be incorporated, and has prayed to be incorporated, in the Province, under the name of "*La Communauté des Religieuses Ursulines des Trois-Rivières*", with all the rights, powers and privileges mentioned in the present act, and, generally, with all the rights, powers, and privileges of corporations incorporated for spiritual, religious, moral and civil objects;

Whereas it has prayed for the passing of an act for the foregoing purposes; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the said prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Incorporation.

1. Reverend Mothers: Yvonne Trudel, *dite* Ste. Geneviève, superior; Marie Elise Lord, *dite* Marie du Carmel, assistant; Eléonore Rocheleau, *dite* Ste. Hélène, *zélatrice*, Alice Ferron, *dite* Joséphine du Saint Cœur de Marie, depositary; Rose-Blanche Massicotte, *dite* Ste. Catherine de Sienne, mistress of novices; Emma Trudel, *dite* St. Michel Archange, mistress-general; and Alvénia Béland, *dite* Marie de la Victoire, secretary, all professed nuns forming the council and administrative body of the said Community, and the persons now associated or who may hereafter be associated with them and succeed to them, according to the rules and regulations of their order, are hereby incorporated under the name of "*La Communauté des Religieuses Ursulines des Trois-Rivières*", with all the powers and privileges granted by law to incorporated religious associations having a spiritual, religious, moral and civil object.

Name.

Management.

2. The corporation shall be administered by a council of the Community, composed of seven of its members, to wit: the superior, assistant superior, *zélatrice*, depositary, mistress of novices, mistress-general and the secretary. Its chief seat shall be in the city of Trois-Rivières.

Appointment of officers, etc.

3. The corporation may appoint officers, procurators or administrators, and determine their attributes. It may also appoint, if needed, an agent outside of the Community.

Power to regulate.

4. The council shall have all the rights and powers of the corporation to make rules and by-laws and transact all the affairs of the corporation. The signature of the members of the council, or that of any person authorized to sign by the members of the council, shall suffice to bind the corporation in all its business.

Replacement of members of the council.

5. The members of the council who are unable to act, through absence or other cause, may, in the manner prescribed by the by-laws of the community, be replaced, in like number, by other members of the corporation, and the latter may legally exercise the same powers.

Issuing of cheques, etc.

6. All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, receipts, bills of lading or other commercial instruments shall be issued, signed, drawn or endorsed, on behalf of the corporation, by

the superior and the depositary, or by either of them, or by any person, whether a member of the corporation or not, who may have been authorized so to do by the council.

7. The corporation shall have a seal which it may ^{Seal, etc.} modify. It may make, pass and adopt all such laws and regulations as it wish, according to its constitution and the rules of its order, and tending to the accomplishment of the end it seeks.

8. The corporation shall have perpetual succession and ^{Succession.} be governed by the rules of the community. It may make and pass rules and by-laws respecting the administration of its property, its own direction, its internal management, the election, admission and leaving of its members, and generally all by-laws, not contrary to law, in connection with the purposes of the corporation.

9. The corporation may appear before the courts, and ^{Appearing before courts.} sue or make claim.

10. The corporation may establish and found in any ^{Foundation, etc. of monasteries.} place in the Province, for the accomplishment of the purposes of its incorporation, monasteries which shall be governed according to the rules of the Order and to which it may delegate all the powers, rights and privileges granted to it by this act. The corporation may, further, in seeking the same ends, found in this Province educational establishments, normal schools, as well as all other establishments deemed useful or necessary by it.

11. The corporation may erect or construct, adjoining ^{Erection of chapels, etc.} its monastery or monasteries, chapels to which it may allow the public access; establish a vault or cemetery on the property of each of its monasteries for the disposal of the mortal remains of its deceased members, being careful, however, to comply, in this respect, with the provisions of the laws and regulations of this Province.

12. Nothing contained in this act shall have the effect ^{Provisions applicable.} of relieving the corporation from the provisions of the charter, laws and by-laws of the municipalities in which the corporation intends to exercise its rights, nor from the provisions of the Quebec Public Health Act; and, in every circumstance, the said corporation shall continue to be, as in the past, subject to the direction and control of the Ordinary of the diocese of Trois-Rivières.

Powers of the
corporation.

13. The corporation may:

a. Invest its money and make all capital investments in hypothecary securities on moveable or immoveable property, or in religious, municipal or government stocks or bonds or in any other manner whatsoever;

b. Accept, acquire, purchase, possess, enjoy, or receive by legacy in money or otherwise, according to law, rights, moveables and immoveables, provided the annual revenue from the immoveables belonging to the corporation and possessed by it, for revenue purposes, does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars;

c. Administer such property and draw the revenues thereof, rent, sell, exchange, cede and alienate the same in any way whatsoever, or otherwise dispose of same, provided that the agreements established and rights acquired by the donees be respected and maintained in their entirety;

d. Borrow money on the credit of the corporation;

e. Issue bonds or other securities of the corporation and give the same in guarantee or sell them at the price and amount considered advisable;

f. Hypothecate, mortgage or pledge the moveable or immoveable property of the corporation, to assure the payment of such bonds or other securities, or give a part only of these guarantees for the same object; and constitute the hypothec, mortgage or pledge, mentioned in this subparagraph, by a deed of trust in accordance with sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes, 1925, or in any other way, but always complying with the provisions of any law in force in this Province;

g. Hypothecate or mortgage the immoveables, or pledge or otherwise affect the moveables of the corporation, or give all such kinds of guarantees, to secure the payment of loans made otherwise than by bond issue, as well as the payment or execution of other debts, contracts or undertakings of the corporation.

Contracts,
etc., valid-
ated.

14. All contracts passed, engagements taken and transactions made by the said community, at the date of the assent to this act, are ratified and validated, as to the legality thereof, for all legal purposes.

Coming into
force.

15. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.