



## CHAPTER 116

An Act to incorporate *Institut des Sœurs de Notre-Dame de Mont-Laurier*

[Assented to, the 7th of March, 1934]

**W**HEREAS Marie Anne Gendron, called Sister Marie Preamble.  
François Xavier, superior general; Olympe Petit, called Sister Marie Jean du Sacré Cœur, assistant general; Laura Ayotte, called Sister Anne Marie, 2nd assistant; Albina St. Denis, called Sister Marie Vincent Ferrier, 3rd assistant; Floriane Ménard, called Sister Marie Rodolphe, 4th assistant; all five presently residing at Mont-Laurier, county of Labelle, members of *Institut des Sœurs de Notre-Dame de Mont-Laurier*, duly authorized by the Bishop, a religious community having its principal establishment in the village of Mont-Laurier, county of Labelle, have, by their petition, represented:

That *Institut des Sœurs de Notre-Dame de Mont-Laurier* was regularly established as a religious community, with the canonical approval of the Bishop of Mont-Laurier;

That the said Institute, of which they are members, has for its object the accomplishing and practising of corporal and spiritual works of charity, by establishing orphanages, refuges and educational establishments, by devoting itself to teaching and educational work, and to the material needs of bishops' houses, seminaries, colleges and other religious houses;

That this petition is approved by His Excellency the Bishop of Mont-Laurier;

That the said Institute wishes to obtain civil recognition and to be legally incorporated for the purposes hereinafter mentioned;

That the said Institute has prayed for the passing of an act for the purpose of defining its rights and powers, par-

ticularly the corporate powers of the said Institute, its purposes, object and mission, its internal government and legal capacity to adopt by-laws, to enter into contracts and to acquire moveable and immoveable property, to alienate, hypothecate and pledge them generally, to borrow monies on the credit of the corporation and to contract loans by means of an issue of bonds secured upon the moveable and immoveable property, present and future, of the said corporation, by hypothec, pledge or mortgage, if need be, with the right to grant such hypothec, pledge or mortgage in favour of trustees representing the bondholders, by means of a trust deed or deeds, or in any other manner, and for the purpose of obtaining all the powers generally possessed by religious corporations and all those by law accorded and belonging to ordinary civil corporations, and specially with the power and right, to establish religious houses, orphanages, refuges and educational institutions, to devote itself to teaching and to educational works generally, to take over the material care of bishops' houses, seminaries, colleges and other religious houses, to have a cemetery on the property of the mother house for the burial of its deceased members and of any person connected with the institute whom it considers itself morally or otherwise obligated to place in the said cemetery; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the said petition;

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

Incorporation.

**1.** Marie Anne Gendron, called Sister Marie François Xavier, superior general; Olympe Petit, called Sister Marie Jean du Sacré Cœur, assistant general; Laura Ayotte, called Sister Anne Marie, 2nd assistant; Albina St. Denis, called Sister Marie Vincent Ferrier, 3rd assistant; Floriane Ménard, called Sister Marie Rodolphe, 4th assistant; all five presently residing at Mont-Laurier, county of Labelle, members of *Institut des Sœurs de Notre-Dame de Mont-Laurier*, and all other persons who are now or who may hereafter become members of the said community or corporation hereinafter mentioned, in accordance with its rules, constitution and by-laws, are incorporated under the name of "*Institut des Sœurs de Notre-Dame de Mont-Laurier*".

Name.

Perpetual succession.

**2.** The said corporation shall, under the above name, have perpetual succession.

**3.** The chief seat of the corporation shall be in the village <sup>Chief seat.</sup> of Mont-Laurier, but any other place in the Province may be chosen for such chief seat, by a by-law of the said corporation, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

**4.** The corporation shall have the powers, rights and <sup>Powers, etc.,</sup> privileges pertaining to ordinary civil corporations, and it <sup>of corpora-</sup> may: <sup>tion.</sup>

- a. Have a common seal and alter it at will;
- b. Appear before the courts, as plaintiff or defendant, and transact or compromise;
- c. Accept, acquire and possess, according to law, rights, moveable and immoveable property, provided the annual revenue from the immoveables belonging to the said corporations and owned by it for revenue purposes does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars;
- d. Administer its property and draw the revenues thereof, exploit, rent, sell, exchange, cede and alienate the same in any way whatsoever, or otherwise dispose of same;
- e. Borrow monies on the credit of the corporation;
- f. Issue bonds or other securities of the corporation and give the same as guarantee or sell them, for the prices and sums deemed suitable;
- g. Hypothecate its immoveables and mortgage or pledge the moveable and immoveable property of the said corporation for the purposes of the said loans and to assure the payment of the obligations contracted or other securities issued, or give a part only of such guarantees for the same objects, and constitute the hypothec, mortgage or pledge above-mentioned by a deed of trust in favour of trustees representing the bondholders, or in any other manner;
- h. Adopt, for its organization and management, for the administration of its property and the use of its funds and, generally, for everything connected with its end, object, destination and mission, as well as the realization of its purpose, the direction of its works and the exercise of its powers, the by-laws and decisions which it deems appropriate, and repeal, amend and change the same, provided they contain nothing contrary to the laws of this Province.

**5.** The said corporation shall also have the right: <sup>Additional</sup>

- a. To establish, wherever it deems it necessary and ex- <sup>powers, etc.</sup> pedient in the Province of Quebec, for the carrying out of its founding, its object and mission, religious houses, novitiates, orphanages, refuges and educational establishments;

b. To consecrate itself to teaching and to educational works, in every sense of the word;

c. To take over and occupy itself with the material care of bishop's houses, seminaries, colleges and other religious institutions;

d. Lastly, subject to the laws of the Province and to the direction of the ecclesiastical authority, to engage in all works of mercy, both spiritual and temporal, and in occupations of a nature to help it to support itself, namely: receive ladies wishing to reside in its houses, as well as children, and give lessons.

Establishing  
of cemetery.

**6.** The corporation may establish a cemetery upon the property of its mother house, for the disposal of the mortal remains of its deceased members, or of any other person in its discretion, in conformity with the constitutions and formalities required by the health law and regulations.

Administra-  
tion.

**7.** The corporation shall be directed and administered by a council of administration composed of the superior and four assistants designated and appointed by the General Chapter of the said community as now constituted.

Representa-  
tion.

**8.** The corporation shall be represented, under its corporate name, for all the purposes of this act or of anything to be done under the authority thereof, by the superior and the depositary, or by two other nuns authorized for such purpose by resolution of the council of the community.

Annual  
statement  
to Lt.-Gov.  
in Council.

**9.** The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually in the month of January, and whenever thereunto required, a statement of the property held by the corporation, the names of its officers and a copy of its rules and by-laws.

Coming into  
force.

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