



CHAPTER 124

An Act to incorporate *Les Moniales Carmélites*

[Assented to, the 22nd of February, 1929]

WHEREAS the Carmelite nuns of St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada, whose object is to devote themselves in common to such works of piety, mercy and charity as are consistent with the contemplative life which they lead, according to the rules and regulations of their Order, have, by their petition, represented:

That they decided last spring to come and settle in the city of Three Rivers, in the Province of Quebec; that for such purpose they obtained the consent of the Ordinary of the diocese of Three Rivers; that they are completing, in the city of Three Rivers, the construction of a monastery erected according to the plans, rules and regulations of their Order, and, for these reasons, they require to be incorporated, and have prayed for their incorporation, in this Province, under the name of *Moniales Carmélites*, with all the rights, powers and privileges mentioned in this act, and generally, with all the rights, powers and privileges of corporations having a spiritual, religious, moral and civil object;

Whereas they have prayed for the passing of an act for the above purposes; and whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer;

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

1. The Reverend Sisters Raphael de la Providence, *née* Cordélia Bousquet, prioress; Marie Thérèse du Carmel, *née* Alice St. Onge, assistant prioress; Marie de l'Eucharistie, *née* Fernande Rufange, depositary; Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus, *née* Graziella Côté, depositary; Gertrude du Cœur de Jésus, *née* Philomène Dionne; Marie Anne de

Jésus, *née* Marie Anne Dragon; Marie Ange du St. Sacrement, *née* Irène St-Germain; Thérèse de Jésus, *née* Hectorine Barnard; Blanche du Précieux Sang, *née* Blanche Castonguay; Marie Cécile de Jésus, *née* Juliette Verscheure; Berthe de Jésus, *née* Berthe Chevalier, and such persons as may hereafter join them and succeed to them according to the rules and regulations of their Order, are hereby incorporated under the name of *Moniales Carmélites*, with all the powers and privileges granted by law to incorporated religious societies having a spiritual, religious, moral and civil object.

2. The corporation shall be administered by a council of the community composed of four of its members, namely: the prioress, the assistant prioress and two depositaries.

3. It may appoint officers, procurators or administrators and determine their attributes; it may also appoint, if need be, a procurator outside of the community.

4. The council shall have all the rights and powers of the corporation to make rules and by-laws and transact the affairs of the corporation; the signature of the members of the council and the affixing of the seal of the community shall be required and shall suffice to bind the corporation in all transactions.

5. The members of the council who are unable to act, through absence or for any other reason, may, in the manner provided by the by-laws of the community, be replaced by a like number of other members of the corporation, who may lawfully exercise the same powers.

6. Cheques, drafts, letters of exchange, receipts, bills of lading or other bills shall be issued, signed, drawn or endorsed, in the name of the corporation, by the prioress alone or by the first depositary alone, or by any other person, belonging or not to the corporation, who is authorized to do so by the council.

7. The corporation shall have a seal which it may modify. It may enact, pass and adopt such by-laws and regulations as it deems expedient according to the constitution and regulations of its Order and for the fulfilment of its purpose.

8. The corporation shall have perpetual right to transmit its powers; it shall be governed by the rules of the

community; it may make and pass rules and by-laws re-By-laws.
specting the administration of its property, its manage-
ment, internal government, the election, and dismissal of
its members, and generally all by-laws not contrary to the
laws relating to the purposes of the corporation.

9. The corporation may appear before the courts and institute proceedings. Power to sue and be sued.

10. The corporation may establish and found any-Monas-
where in this Province, for the purposes of its incorpora-teries.
tion, monasteries which shall be governed according to the
rules of the Order, to which it may delegate all the powers,
rights and privileges granted to it by this act.

11. It may also erect or construct, adjoining its monas-Chapels,
tery or monasteries, chapels to which it may give access to etc.
the public; establish a vault or cemetery on the property
of each of its monasteries for the burial of the mortal re-
mains of its deceased members, subject in this respect to
the formalities of the laws and regulations of this Pro-
vince.

12. Nothing in this act shall have the effect of with-Provisions
drawing the corporation from being governed by the pro-safeguarded.
visions of the charter, by-laws and regulations of any
municipality where the said corporation may exercise its
powers, nor by the provisions of the Quebec Public Health
Act.

13. The corporation may:

Powers of
corporation.

a. Invest its money and make any investment of capital
under hypothecary titles of moveable or immoveable
property, or in religious, municipal or government stocks
or bonds;

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

c. Administer its property and draw the revenues there-
of, rent, sell, exchange, cede and alienate the same in any
way whatsoever, or otherwise dispose of same, provided,
however, that agreements made and rights acquired from
donors of land, in favour of the Carmelites, be observed and
upheld 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 any property, moveable or immoveable, present or future, 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 above-mentioned hypothec, mortgage or pledge mentioned in this sub-paragraph by a deed of trust under sections 10, 11, 12, and 13 of chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes, 1925, or in any other way;
- g. Hypothecate or mortgage the immoveable property of the corporation or pledge or otherwise affect its moveable property or give all such securities, to secure the payment of the loans made otherwise than by the issue of bonds as well as the payment or performance of any other debts, contracts or obligations of the corporation.

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

Coming into
force.

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