



## CHAPTER 105

### An Act to incorporate *Les Moniales Dominicaines Contemplatives de Berthierville*

[Assented to, the 24th of March, 1926]

**W**HEREAS there exists at Berthierville, under the Preamble.  
ordinary jurisdiction of His Worship Guillaume Forbes, Bishop of Joliette, a monastery of cloistered nuns of the Order of Friars Preachers, or *Moniales Dominicaines Contemplatives*, canonically erected under the name of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, having for its object the personal sanctifying of its members and the apostleship of souls through prayer and penance, and whereas the persons hereinafter named have, by their petition, represented that in order to better attain these purposes, it is necessary that an act be passed to incorporate them under the name of "*Les Moniales Dominicaines Contemplatives de Berthierville*", and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

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

**1.** Dame Jeane Brun, in religion Very Reverend Mother Marie du Christ, prioress; Dame Marie-Louise Barthe, in religion Very Reverend Mother Marie Xavier, sub-prioress; Dame Marie Gaillard, in religion Reverend Mother Anne Marie and Dame Jeanne Paul, in religion Reverend Mother Thérèse de Jésus, all four of Berthierville, and the other nuns who now are or may become members of the council of said monastery, according to its present or future rules and constitution, are incorporated under the name of "*Les Moniales Dominicaines Contemplatives de Berthierville*", hereinafter called "the corporation".

**2.** The persons hereinabove named and those who shall Officers of

corpora-  
tion.

hereafter succeed them in office according to the statutes and by-laws shall be the officers of the corporation.

Seat of cor-  
poration.

**3.** The seat of the corporation shall be in the parish of Ste. Geneviève de Berthier, or at any other place which the prioress of said cloistered nuns may fix, with the consent of its council and the authorization in writing of the ecclesiastical authority. The prioress being so duly authorized shall give notice of such change to the Provincial Secretary and cause it to be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

Governing  
provisions.

**4.** The corporation shall be governed by the constitutions of cloistered nuns of the Order of Friars Preachers or *Moniales Dominicaines Contemplatives*, its rules and usages approved or established by the Ordinary of the diocese and the lawful authorities of the Order of Friars Preachers, in conformity with the laws of the Roman Catholic Church.

By-laws.

It may, in addition, within the limits of its attributes, make by-laws respecting the elections, internal government, the number of members required for a quorum at meetings, the qualifications and admission of members, their dismissal or withdrawal, the administration, direction and control of the property belonging to it and of the affairs in which it is concerned, provided that they be not contrary to the constitutions of the said cloistered nuns, nor to this charter, nor to the laws of the Province, and that they be approved by the lawful ecclesiastical authority in conformity with the laws of the Church.

Administra-  
tion of  
affairs.

**5.** The affairs of the corporation shall be administered by the officers duly appointed for the purpose. The number, qualification, appointment or election of such officers, their term of office and powers shall be determined by the constitutions of cloistered nuns and the lawful authorities, according to the laws of the Church and of the Order of Friars Preachers.

Provisions  
applicable.

Power to  
acquire  
property,  
etc.

**6.** The corporation may, in its own name, acquire property of any kind, moveable and immoveable, provided that the yearly revenue therefrom shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars. It may acquire, lease, alienate, borrow, hypothecate, act and contract in any manner, under the jurisdiction of the lawful ecclesiastical authority, provided that it do nothing contrary to the laws of the Church, to the constitutions of the said cloistered nuns or to the laws of the Province.

Conditions

**7.** Neither the corporation nor any officer shall have the

right to conclude a contract binding the corporation without to conclude the consent of the council of the latter and the written ap-<sup>a</sup> contract. approval of the lawful ecclesiastical authority.

**8.** The corporation may establish anywhere in the Province of Quebec, in accordance with the laws of the Church and constitutions of the said cloistered nuns, separate monasteries of nuns of the same order, under the names and titles contained in the letters granted by it constituting such monasteries, provided that such letters have the written approval of the ordinaries of the diocese in which the corporation is and of the diocese of the new monastery. The members of each new monastery shall constitute a separate corporation, subject to the same laws and obligations and shall have the same rights as defined in this act. <sup>Power to establish monasteries.</sup>

**9.** After it has been established and before acting as a corporation, the new monastery shall cause to be registered at length, in the registration office of the city, county or registration division in which it is established, a declaration of its officers mentioning its establishment, the date of the letters establishing it, its corporate name and the names of its officers. <sup>Formalities upon establishing of new monastery.</sup>

**10.** 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. <sup>Annual statement to Lt.-Gov. in Council.</sup>

**11.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. <sup>Coming into force.</sup>

