



## **Sisters of Notre Dame Foundation Day**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Beginnings ...**

In 1850, two young German teachers made a decision that would touch the lives of many people.

Hillegonde Wolbring and Elizabeth Kuhling began a community of new Sisters dedicated to caring for and educating the poor. Elizabeth became Sister Maria Aloysia and Hillegonde was called Sister Maria Ignatia.

As Sisters of Notre Dame, they began their work in Coesfeld, Germany and developed the Community. Then in 1874, nine Sisters immigrated to the United States. There they staffed schools and one orphanage in Cleveland, Ohio. Gradually, the Community grew and expanded their services to the poor.

By 1924, there were three large groups of Sisters: one in Kentucky and two in Ohio – in Toledo and Cleveland. Soon after, eleven pioneer Sisters of Notre Dame moved to Los Angeles, California from Cleveland, Ohio and formed the California Province. Today, there are about 600 Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States and hundreds more working in seventeen countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, Central and South America.

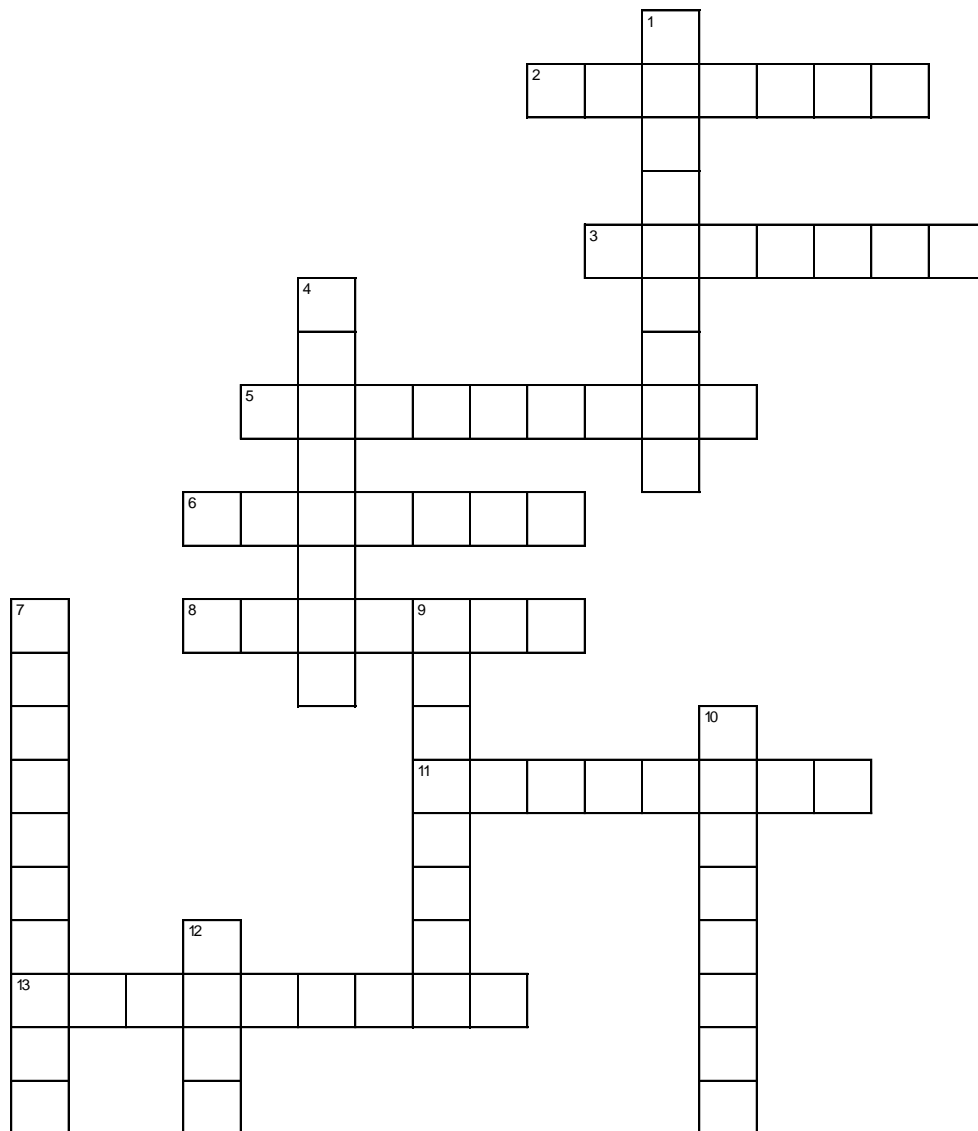
### **Getting acquainted puzzle ... lower grade levels**

See the reverse side for a crossword puzzle that contains clues tied to the Sisters of Notre Dame history. Have fun – and good luck!

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## A getting acquainted puzzle ....



- Across
2. Elizabeth's religious name
  3. Elizabeth's last name
  5. Hillegonde's good friend
  6. The country where the community began
  8. Hillegonde's religious name
  11. The German city where it all began
  13. A home for children
- Down
1. A group of people who work together
  4. Hillegonde's last name
  7. The number of years between 1850 and 1874
  9. The ministry of Elizabeth and Hillegonde
  10. & 12. States in the U.S. where there are Sisters of Notre Dame

