Key Dates in the Life of St. Julie Billiart and Coesfeld Foundresses

| **Date** | **Event** |
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| July 12, 1751 | St. Julie Billiart born in Cuvilly, Picardy, France |
| 1774 | Julie was paralyzed by a traumatic shock; teaches catechism |
| 1782 | Total paralysis; has deep prayer experiences; gives spiritual direction |
| 1791 | Resists schismatic priests; flees revolutionaries; hides in Amiens |
| 1793 | Apparition of crucifix surrounded by sisters in unfamiliar dress |
| Oct. 1794 | Meets Francoise Blin de Bourdon who donates her fortune |
| 1801 | Meets Pere Varin who directs her in her foundation of a community |
| Feb. 2 1804 | Julie pronounces Vows; takes on the instruction of youth |
| June 1, 1804 | Cured of paralysis during a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| 1807 | Expelled by the bishop of Amiens; welcomed in Namur, Belgium walks a thousand miles to found new convents |
| April 8, 1816 | Dies at Motherhouse in Namur |
| 1819 | Mere St. Joseph Blin forms women from Amersfort |
| Oct. 1, 1850 | Amersfoort sisters form Coesfeld sisters; Start of the Coesfeld Congregation |
| 1850 | Srs. Mary Aloysia Wolbring and Ignatia Kuhling receive the religious habit of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Amersfoort in Coesfeld, Germany. This marks the historical founding of the Coesfeld Sisters of Notre Dame. |
| 1855 | The Coesfeld community separates from the Amersfoort congregation; Mother Maria Anna Scheffer-Boichorst, first superior general. |
| 1874 | First sisters leave Germany and arrive in Cleveland, Ohio including Sr. Aloysia Wolbring. |
| 1877 | Due to religious persecution, the first motherhouse in Germany, St. Annathal in Coesfeld is closed. Other sisters flee to Oldenburg and The Netherlands. There are now more than 200 sisters in Ohio. |
| 1878 | Motherhouse is established in Cleveland, Ohio |
| 1887 | Sisters return to the Rhineland and Westphalia, Germany |
| 1888 | Mulhausen becomes the third generalate and Motherhouse; Cleveland now becomes a province |
| 1889 | Sr. Mary Aloysia Wolbring dies in Cleveland, OH |
| 1900 | Constitutions approved by Holy See; congregation becomes of pontifical right |
| May 13, 1906 | Julie Billiart is beatified |
| 1914 | World War I breaks out: communication is hindered with U.S. |
| 1919 | Miraculous cure of a Belgian man through Julie’s intercession |
| 1920 | First foundation in Italy |
| 1923 | First foundations in Brazil |
| 1924 | Provinces established in Toledo, Ohio, Covington, Kentucky; Cleveland province opens a foundation in California |
| 1926 | Mulhausen establishes first foundation in Spain |
| 1933 | Mulhausen opens first foundation in England |
| 1934 | Tegelen province establishes mission in Java, Indonesia |
| 1935 | New Constitutions, adapted to the 1917 Code of Canon Law, approved by Holy See |
| 1936 | Sisters flee Spain during civil war |
| 1939 | Mulhausen establishes foundation in Belgium |
| 1939 | World War II: Mother Maria Antonie remains in Brazil after visitation due to war |
| 1941 | Mulhausen, Germany, Motherhouse partly confiscated by Nazis as a military hospital; most sisters are expelled |
| 1944 | Holy See forms the Italian houses into a province |
| 1945 | World War II ends; Mulhausen Motherhouse is restored |
| 1946 | Mother Maria Antonie dies in a ship fire returning from Brazil to Germany |
| 1947 | Mother Mary Vera Niess establishes Generalate and Motherhouse in Rome, Italy |
| 1949 | Cleveland province opens a mission in Jamalpur, India |
| 1950 | Miraculous cure of a Brazilian man through Julie’s intercession |
| 1961 | Toledo province opens a mission in Papua New Guinea |
| 1962 | Second Vatican Council begins |
| 1967 | German provinces establish first foundation in South Korea |
| June 22, 1969 | Julie is canonized in Rome, Italy |
| July 10-23, 1977 | St. Julie Billiart Conference takes place in Namur, Belgium; a symposium attended by 150 sisters from the 3 congregations gifted with Julie’s spirit. |
| 1981 | New constitutions are approved by Holy See – revised in light of Vatican II |
| 1992 | Patna, India province establishes first foundation in Tanzania, East Africa |
| 1993 | Passo Fundo, Brazil province establishes foundation in Mozambique, East Africa |
| 1995 | Covington, KY and Thousand Oaks, CA establish foundation in Uganda, East Africa |
| 2000 | More than 15,000 sisters have followed St. Julie in these three congregations (The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, The Sisters of Notre Dame of Amersfoort, the Sisters of Notre Dame of Coesfeld.) |
| 2000 | Sesquicentennial of the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Coesfeld |

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