

Congregacion Hermanas de la Caridad Cristiana  
Sisters of Christian Charity

Provincia Chilena  
Chilean Province



**The Chilean Province of the Sisters of Christian Charity**

Was founded Nov. 3, 1874  
in the city of Ancud, with the  
arrival of the first 12 Sisters  
from Germany.

**Currently, the Province has  
100 Sisters, and 1 novice**

**With 11 communities of  
Sisters from Ancud to  
Santiago**



The living center of the Province is the Motherhouse, located in the city of San Bernardo, close to Santiago, the capital city of Chile



- At first the Motherhouse was located in Ancud.
- In 1880, it is was moved to Concepción and finally, in 1907, this, our third Motherhouse was established in San Bernardo, about 18 km from Santiago.
- In 1980 a high school was built on the same property.



The spiritual heart of the Motherhouse is the Sisters' Chapel.

Its altars, statues, paintings and windows were brought from Germany.



To the Sisters, the word “Motherhouse” expresses



**Education and formation**



**Spiritual direction and prayer**



One section of the Motherhouse is set aside for formation of new members



In daily life and sharing, the new members continue to deepen their response to Christ's call to religious life in our congregation.



Another section is set aside as a Spiritual Retreat House



And to the service of youth groups and adult, both laity and religious.



## Saint Joseph House

The home for our aged and infirm Sisters is in the city of San Bernardo, close to the Motherhouse





## EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE



When our Sisters arrived in Chile,  
six of them were professors and had  
contracted their services to the schools

## Educational Apostolate



From the beginning it was envisioned that education would be the first apostolic activity of the Sisters in Chile



Today the Chilean Province maintains 13 high schools. (These buildings are the property of the congregation.)

## 2 Elementary Schools

11 Pre-elementary training schools,



an Elementary & Middle School  
and a Polytechnic School



Our high schools have Institutional Projects recognized by the Ministry of Education.



Today our schools serve



13,580 learners  
with a faculty and  
staff of more  
than 1,000  
members

Our apostolic work extends primarily to the students, Lay Associates and the staffs working in these schools.



Still, we are open to caring for the pastoral needs of the Local Church as well.





## Mission House in Ancud

### A Community

Three Sisters reside here do parish ministry, replacing the priests in the Sunday Liturgies.

## Mission House in Ancud

- They also serve 13 Chapels on the island,
- giving religious instructions to children, youth and adults,
- bringing Communion to the hospitals and to the sick in their homes--



All this work is done in communion with the bishop of the diocese.

"In the chapel  
we meet Jesus daily  
and find in Him  
the strength for our  
labors. . .



Strengthening the sick with  
the Eucharist and  
accompanying them with  
prayer."

Accompanying the old,  
bring them to unity,  
prayer and joy



Preparing children  
for the sacraments



It is a great grace that the Lord has deigned to call us to work on the extension of his Kingdom" (Mother Pauline 1877)



## EARTH QUAKE CHILE 2010

## News Update

- In Concepcion, the epicenter of the earthquake, the SCCs have 3 convents and schools
- In Santiago, 2 Convents and schools
- These, our only photographs, are from Cauquenes, a town miles away: Our school, two photos of the chapel, and one of a local home.



THE SCHOOL

THE CHAPEL





## Further details

- No Sisters were injured. They are still trying to contact their families
- The full extent of the damage is unknown, but many of our convents suffered extensive damage.
- Each school in Chile has over 1000 students, how to rebuild with little money is a fearsome challenge.

## Your help is appreciated

If you could make a donation towards food, water, supplies and rebuilding for the Sisters of the Chilean Province and their students, your Sisters of Christian Charity would be most grateful.

THANK YOU