

White Wings of Mercy

THE CORNETTE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

The Community of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in France more than 300 years ago. It remains vibrant today, women given to God for the Service of the Poor. Until 1960, the Daughters of Charity wore a white cornette on their heads and dressed in a blue-gray habit. This book commemorates the beautiful white wings of the Daughters of Charity while tracing the history of the Community in that perspective. It is a tribute to Daughters of Charity, living and deceased, past, present and future, current and former members of the Community.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Theresa Marie Mancuso was a Daughter of Charity for only 15 years, but as they say: "Once a Daughter of Charity, always a Daughter of Charity." Those words truly characterize her life. This project was simply a plan to collect photos of the cornette. But, as the idea was shared with family and friends, both current and former Daughters of Charity, it grew into what it has become, thanks to their enthusiastic encouragement to make it a book!



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White Wings of Mercy commemorates the universal symbol of charity, a white head piece called a cornette, worn by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul for 279 years from the founding of the Community to its retirement in 1964. As we trace the history of the Community during those years, we find extraordinary women who ventured into every kind of environment and every corner of the earth to serve persons who are poor, destitute, marginal, in need of health, medical, educational, and other kinds of services. This was and is the vocation of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Predominantly told by pictures, paintings, and photographs, ***White Wings of Mercy*** takes the reader on a spiritual journey of faith, hope, and charity.

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