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## Introduction

This Index for *The Bell and the River*, the 1956 biography of Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, was compiled in 2008 in an effort to make it easier to access the contents of the book. The creation of this Index does not affirm that the text is correct or that the events, conversations or personal thoughts happened as they are portrayed. No attempt was made to create subject headings to reflect current concepts of social justice, core values, theological reflection, or other ideas embraced by Providence Health & Services.

## Usage rules

- Abbreviations for state names are used instead of the territorial names. For example, towns in Washington Territory (WT) are identified as being in Washington State (WA), e.g., Vancouver, WA, reflects Vancouver, WT.
- The names of women and men who are members of a specific religious community are identified by the initials of their community. They are not identified as “Sister” or “Father”, rather as Mary John Baptist, SP, and McGuckin, James, OMI
- The names of diocesan priests are identified as “Father”, e.g., Archangeault, J. Alfred, Father
- Not all Sisters of Providence mentioned in the text are listed. They are in the index if they are mentioned more than once and/or if they are individuals relevant to the Sisters of Providence story.
- The following abbreviations are used in the index:

BC = British Columbia

DC = Daughters of Charity

MG = Mother Emilie Gamelin

MJ = Mother Joseph

NW = Northwest

OMI = Order of Mary Immaculate

PAV = Providence Academy, Vancouver, WA

SJ = Society of Jesus

SP = Sisters of Providence

Note: An Errata page was written for the 2006 reprint of the book. It is included hereafter as a reference for readers of the 1956 and 1986 editions.

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### **Errata**

#### **Re: Steamer *Brother Jonathan***

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The author states that the sisters traveled from San Francisco to Vancouver, Washington Territory, in December 1856 aboard the steamer *Brother Jonathan*. Further research indicates that the ship was more likely the steamer *Columbia*.

The error occurs from a conflict in sources. The original journal kept by the five founding sisters at the time of their journey to Vancouver states that they traveled on the *Columbia*. "We resumed our voyage [taking] the last steamer, called *Columbia*, that was going to Portland, a city ten leagues from Vancouver, where our residence is." The *Brother Jonathan* is first mentioned in the Providence Academy, Vancouver chronicles that were actually written in 1884, 28 years after the sisters' arrival. "A few years later [after the sisters' arrival in Vancouver], our steamer, *Brother Jonathan*, perished there\* with all of its passengers." [\*Even here the historical context is not correct because the previous sentence in the chronicles refers to the bar of the Columbia River. Neither ship sank on the bar; the *Brother Jonathan* sank off the coast of California.]

Research of coastal steamers shows that the *Columbia* was a regularly scheduled liner between California and Oregon from 1851 to 1862. The *Brother Jonathan* ran between New York and Chagres (later Aspinwall) from 1851 to 1852 and from 1852 to 1856 between San Francisco and San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. In 1857 it was renamed *Commodore* and then served west coast routes. Later, the *Commodore* reverted to its original name, *Brother Jonathan*, until it sank in 1865. When the chronicles were written in 1884, the name *Columbia* could have been confused with *Commodore*. The sister annalist recorded the name by which it was known at its sinking, *Brother Jonathan*.

#### **Re: American Institute of Architects award**

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It has been published in many books and articles that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) declared Mother Joseph the first architect in the Northwest in 1953. This is incorrect.

The AIA did hold its 1953 national convention in Seattle, Wash. During the meeting, newspaper articles in Seattle and Yakima, Wash., alluded to the opinions of individual architects which were later misread as an official action of the American Institute of Architects. In fact, a thorough search of records and minutes in the AIA Archives reveals that there was no official discussion of Mother Joseph nor a formal declaration of her status as the region's first architect. This is not to say that Mother Joseph should not be honored for her role in designing and supervising construction of hospitals and schools. Her skills and activities in the field are well documented through chronicles, correspondence, oral history and newspaper reports of the time, and have been acknowledged by architectural historians. So, while it is not correct to say that she was acclaimed by the AIA as the first architect in the Northwest, it is definitely appropriate to state that Mother Joseph "*is recognized as one of the first architects of the Northwest.*"

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