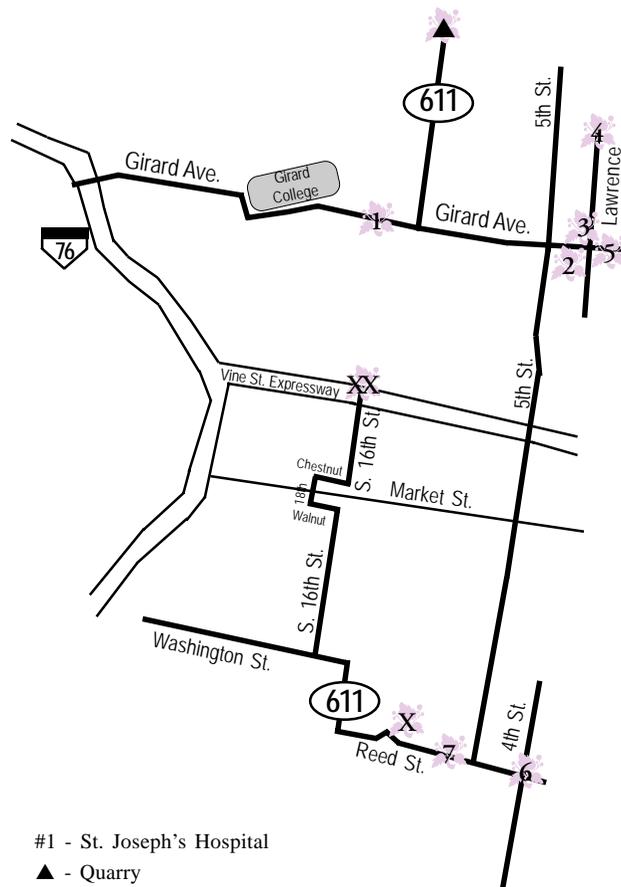


MAP



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- XX - Cathedral of St. Peter & St. Paul

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HERITAGE TOUR

If you want to stop for lunch: Indulge in one of Philadelphia's own fantastic cheesesteaks at Geno's or Pat's. To get to either, continue on Reed Street to 9th street, turn right.

If you wish to visit the **cathedral built by St. John Neumann**, it's on 18th Street and Ben Franklin Parkway. Follow Reed Street to Broad Street. Turn right onto Broad and continue on Broad to Washington Avenue. Turn left on Washington to 18th Street. Turn right onto Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Cross the parkway to get to the **Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul**. Take special note to the windows located high in the structure; Bishop Neumann feared destruction by the Know-Nothings and other nativist parties. **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** now is located where the rectory of the bishop once was. The altar that is on the current motherhouse grounds was in that rectory. It was there that Sister Francis Bachmann, Sister Margaret Boll, and Sister Bernardine Dorn professed their vows on May 26, 1856.

When leaving the cathedral, take Vine Street east to Broad. Get on 676 east; follow signs for Chester and the entrance to I95.

Keep the happy, historical memories for your lifetime!



Mother Francis Bachmann
 Maria Anna Bachmann



Mother Bernadine Dorn
 Anna Dorn



Mother Margaret Boll
 Barbara Boll

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Directions

Take **I95** to **Valley Forge Exit**
 Cross **George Platt Bridge**
 Take **76 W** to **Girard Ave.** Exit
 Turn **right** at 15' wall of **Girard College** and go
 around, following the trolley tracks. Continue on
Girard Avenue to 16th Street



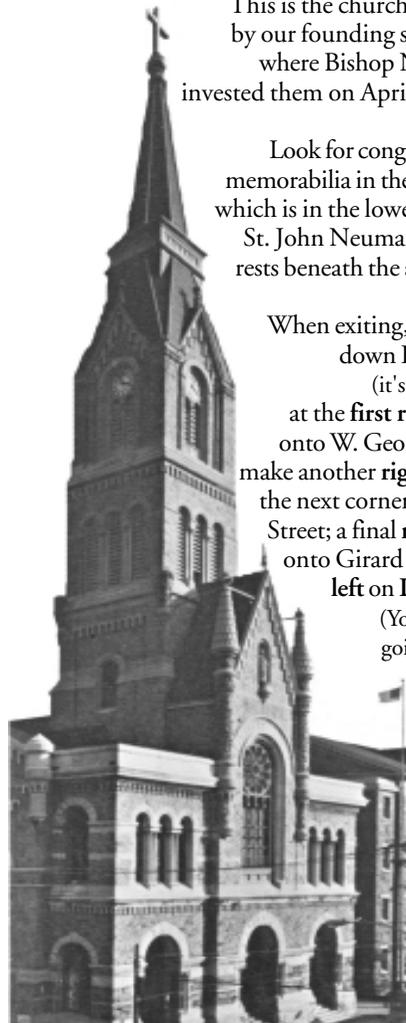
On the right is **St. Joseph Hospital** where Anthony Bachmann died. The present facility is not the original one begun by the Sisters of St. Joseph. It was taken over by the Daughters of Charity; then this hospital was **served by our congregation from 1947 until we withdrew in 1954**. The Felician sisters ministered there after we left. It is no longer a Catholic institution but is maintained by the North Philadelphia Health System. Continue on Girard Avenue.



A point of interest: If you look up Broad (14th) Street, about thirty blocks north to Erie Avenue, you will see where the quarry was located where Anthony Bachmann was working when he had the "accident" that led to his death. Now a shopping center exists there.



On the southeast corner of **5th** and **Girard** is **St. Peter the Apostle Church**. (Go 1/2 block; in the back of the church on **Lawrence Street** is the parking lot.)



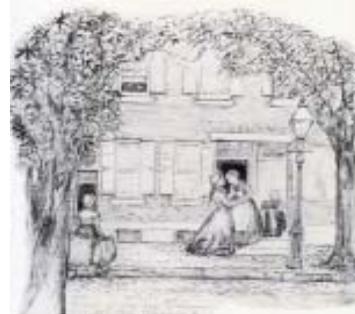
St. Peter's Church

This is the church attended by our founding sisters and where Bishop Neumann invested them on April 9, 1855.

Look for congregational memorabilia in the museum which is in the lower church. St. John Neumann's body rests beneath the altar here.

When exiting, continue down Lawrence, (it's one way); at the **first right**, turn onto W. George Street; make another **right** turn at the next corner onto 5th Street; a final **right** back onto Girard then turn **left** on **Lawrence**. (You are now going north.)

Holy Family Home



Note the row of stores from Lawrence Street to 5th Street. **Holy Family Home** and a tobacco shop were located on the left hand corner at **253 Apple Street** (now

Lawrence Street). According to an 1850 census, the Bachmann family lived in the rear of the tobacco store (now a bakery). The Philadelphia City Directory for the years 1852 -1854 confirms that an Anne (sic) Bachmann conducted a tobacco shop at **Franklin** (now **Girard Avenue**), east of 5th. It was here that Barbara Boll and Anna Dorn joined the widow and her children. In obedience to Bishop Neumann's directive, the lease of this dwelling was allowed to expire in 1856 and another home was needed.



Continue up **Lawrence Street** to **1517 Lawrence** (three blocks above Girard between Jefferson and Oxford Streets.) The convent, part of row houses on the right, was blessed by Rev. Hespelien on September 17, 1856, and dedicated as **St. Clara Convent**. Here new members of the congregation were welcomed, the first being Louisa (Boll) Heyer {Sister Johanna}, the widowed sister of Mother Francis, and Sister Margaret, as well as Frances Schoenenberger {Sister Brigitta}. While living at this location, the sisters began a ministry of caring for the sick.



St. Clara Convent



Leaving St. Clara Convent, take the first right turn to 4th Street (1/2 block). Take another right onto Girard. The original **St. Mary's Hospital** was on the southwest corner where currently there is a firehouse. Opened on December 10, 1860, the hospital's ministry was led by Mother Francis. It was here that she died on June 30, 1863.



St. Mary's Hospital



Travel south on **4th Street** to **Reed Street** (approximately 30 blocks from St. Clara) to where the sisters began teaching at **St. Alphonsus School** in 1858. To make access to the school more available, Mother Francis rented a house on the corner of **Reed and Horstmann Streets**. (An abandoned hospital is located where the buildings of **St. Alphonsus Parish** had been.) However, the number of women entering the congregation soon caused Bishop Neumann to recommend that Mother Francis look for a larger dwelling.



On September 28, 1858, Mother Francis purchased a three-story brick tenement at **5th and Reed, #505**, for \$2,200. This would become **St. Francis Convent**, the first motherhouse and novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. In 1872 and 1891 respectively, the other adjoining houses were purchased as the sisters' numbers grew.



St. Francis Convent