

# IHM Spirituality Timeline

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1845

- Pre-Civil War
- Slavery
- Seneca Falls Convention discusses women's suffrage (1848)

1960

- Cold War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union
- U.S. Civil Rights movement
- Second wave of feminism begins
- 1970s LGBTQ+ rights movement more visible
- 1970: First Earth Day
- Generation X

1980

- 1989: Solidarity Movement in Poland which begins the collapse of the Soviet Union
- 1981: Iran hostage crisis ends in January
- 1981: HIV/AIDS pandemic begins
- 1986: Space Shuttle Challenger explodes with teacher aboard
- Email and internet used more in the 90s
- Indigenous rights movement more visible
- Millennial Generation

2000

- The world crosses into the 21<sup>st</sup> century without the Y2K "computer meltdown" so feared
- 2001: Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.
- Rise in social media usage
- Black Lives Matter
- Generation Z

2021

- COVID-19 continues to ravage the world
- Vaccines available in the U.S. in late 2020
- Joe Biden and Kamala Harris take office as President and Vice-President of the U.S. on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

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# Church

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1846: Gregory XVI dies, Pius IX elected and begins as a liberal, but becomes very conservative leader</li><li>• 1878: Leo XIII elected</li><li>• 1891: <i>Rerum Novarum</i> – first social justice encyclical</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John XXIII: <i>Mater et Magistra</i> (1961) and <i>Pacem in Terris</i> (1963)</li><li>• Vatican II (1962-1965) and implementation of the Council</li><li>• Mary Daly's <i>The Church and the Second Sex</i> (1968) is published</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1975: First Women's Ordination Conference (Detroit)</li><li>• 1978: John Paul II elected</li><li>• 1980: Oscar Romero and the four church women martyred</li><li>• Liberation theology continues to develop in Latin America</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2002: the long-hidden scandal of sexual abuse by clerics becomes more public</li><li>• 2005: John Paul II dies, Benedict XIV elected</li><li>• 2013: Pope Francis elected</li><li>• 2015: <i>Laudato Si'</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pope Francis continues his ministry</li><li>• Church continues joint celebration of the Season of Creation with other religions</li></ul>

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# Religious Life

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1845

- Many apostolic congregations such as IHM founded in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- In 1901 apostolic congregations began to be recognized as either pontifical or diocesan institutes; prior to that date they were referred to as “pious unions”

1960

- Building on the Sister Formation Movement launched in 1954
- Renewal of religious life beginning with *Perfectae Caritatis*
- Two U.S. conferences approved, LCWR and CMSWR
- Landmark Sisters’ Survey of 1967

1980

- Renewal continues
- Sisters expand into ministries beyond health care and church work
- Growth in inter-congregational ministries and community locally and globally

2000

- Members aging, fewer new vowed members
- Associates grow
- Focus on contemplative dialogue, especially in response to the 2008 Vatican investigation of U.S. Sisters
- Growth of Giving Voice, A Nun’s Life Ministry

2021

- LCWR uses the language of “new” regarding religious life
- Exploration of the “global sisterhood”
- Key research studies by CARA

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nov. 10, 1845: IHM Community begins</li><li>• St. Mary's Academy opens in January 1846, forerunner of the many schools that IHMs staffed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Margaret Brennan elected General Superior in 1966</li><li>• Vatican II renewal</li><li>• Overseas missions begin with Puerto Rico (1948) and continue with Brazil (1965) and Uganda (1969)</li><li>• 1972: Assembly and Affirmation 10 to stand with the poor</li><li>• Assembly 1978: Emergence of IHM Associates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many IHM-staffed schools closed</li><li>• IHMs develop new ministries in parish pastoral work, religious education, social justice, pastoral care, spiritual direction</li><li>• 1980: Assembly held with two-thirds of the goals related to social justice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2000: Chapter affirmation of the MCLRMP Integrating Idea</li><li>• Motherhouse Renovation Plan begins</li><li>• Affirmation 10 affirmed as a chief criterion for decisions</li><li>• Collaboration with LCWR and the Southern African Catholic Bishops re: HIV and AIDS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of 2018 Chapter Direction</li><li>• Process to sell the Motherhouse property begins</li><li>• Celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> foundation with three IHM congregations and the Oblate Sisters of Providence</li></ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alphonsian</li><li>• Devotional, not liturgical</li><li>• Providence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scripture, liturgy become more significant in IHM life</li><li>• 1970: Visitation House of Prayer opens</li><li>• Charismatic Renewal movement</li><li>• More attention to Teresa of Avila</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1980: Assembly Belief Statement: a “vibrant and ongoing spirituality ... grounded in the gospel message of Jesus” that “keeps pace with contemporary society, shared with Christian community, and calls us to social analysis and action.”</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2018: Chapter direction themes: re-affirmation of liberating mission of Jesus</li><li>• The Sacred Universe</li><li>• Commitment “to build a culture of peace and right relationship among ourselves, with the Church and with the whole Earth community.”</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of the 2018 Chapter Direction element “Explore our IHM Spirituality” through the “Exploration into Spirituality   Exploración en la Espiritualidad” process</li><li>• Movements 1 and 2 developed</li></ul>