

3918: *To All the Sisters*

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St. Augustine, the Father of Our Order, brings you the good news that, by the grace of God, our holy rule has finally received definitive approbation.

The beautiful feast of Our Lady of the Snows<sup>1</sup> was chosen by God to grant our religious institute this grace through the hands of Mary, the Mother of Our Order.

With heart and voice, dear Sisters, let us thank Jesus, our greatest lawgiver, for this outstanding favor of merciful love, and let us show our gratitude by promising to live faithfully in accordance with the precepts given us.

Please announce this news to the houses assigned you by sending them this written notice.<sup>2</sup>

Praised be Jesus Christ!

*Letters of Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger*, translation and notes by Mary Ann Kuttner, SSND, vol. 5, *Living Branches, 1859-1867* (Elm Grove, Wisconsin, 2009), 162-163.

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1. August 5, 1865
  2. From 1857 through 1879, a list of the larger houses in the congregation, each followed by the names of neighboring smaller houses assigned to it, was printed at the end of the directory.