

Solemn Vow of Mother Caroline as General Commissary in America

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[May 31, 1881]

Reverend Archbishop, [Michael Heiss] Reverend Fathers, and My dear Sisters,

I Sister Mary Caroline Freiss, elected and confirmed General Commissary of the Congregation of the Poor School Sisters of Notre Dame in America, promise, that I, with the grace of God and all my strength, will strive, that in the Congregation of the Poor School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Rules and Constitution, as they are approved by the Holy See, will be treasured and obeyed exactly - and in particular -- Obedience -- Poverty -- Chastity -- the instruction of female youth -- the enclosure -- piety --humility -- love – and the other religious virtues will be maintained as they are prescribed in the Constitution, to become more and more perfect for the glory of God and the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.¹⁷

17. Mother Caroline Freiss made this promise at her installation as Commissary General of the Congregation in North America. See Document # 144 for a description of the ceremony.