

7 years ago this week we were in Kansas City, Missouri for our 2017 LCUSA National Assembly where we were celebrating our 400th anniversary of the founding of the Ladies of Charity then known as the Confraternities of Charity by St Vincent de Paul.

As a part of our celebration LCUSA had a plaque commissioned to be erected at the site of our founding in the United States. The Ladies of Charity of the United States were founded by Catherine Harkins at St Vincent de Paul Parish in St Louis on December 8, 1857.

It is fitting today that we should remember the presentation of that plaque to the Ladies of Charity of St Vincent de Paul Parish on September 8th 2017.

The plaque was taken to St Louis and erected in the vestibule of St Vincent de Paul Parish. The blessing and dedication of that plaque occurred on December 8th 2017 which was the 160th anniversary of the founding of the Ladies of Charity in the United States.

We have some pictures from both the presentation of the plaque in Kansas City as well as the blessing and dedication in St Louis at the St Vincent de Paul Parish. The ladies present in these pictures of the presentation are members of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Louis.

The pictures that depict the dedication and blessing are members of one of the Ladies of Charity Associations in St Louis including St Catherine Laboure and St Vincent de Paul Parishes as well as Daughters of Charity.

We hope that you have enjoyed this short presentation and you have either been reminded of this plaque or possibly are seeing it for the first time.