

St. Didacus

Several Sisters volunteered, of which five were chosen: Srs. Cyril Guiney, Bernardine Morrisroe, Christine Lohan, Brid McDonnell (known then as Sr. Alphonsus), and Anne Hynes (Known then as Sr. Borromeo). They left Shannon Airport, 11th August, with a stopover in New York to meet family members, and arrived in San Diego 15th August, 1969.

The Sisters were responsible for teaching children from Kindergarten through 8th Grade co-ed. They also taught religion to children from the Public School system, preparing them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, as well as preparing the parents to assist the Children.

Some of the Sisters who spent time in the St. Didacus community: Srs. Magdalen Flannery, 1970; Carmel Lohan, 1977; Máire Naughton, 1982; and Ann O'Shaughnessy, 1982. In 1992 the last Mercies to leave St. Didacus were Srs. Magdalen Flannery, to retire to Ireland, and Máire Naughton, who moved to teach at Nazareth School (1992 - 2012), run by the Sisters of Nazareth.