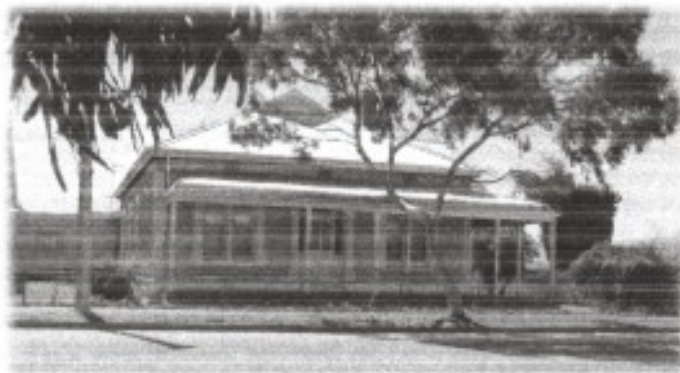


*In 1980 The Parish of Victor Harbor and Goolwa celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the laying of the foundation stone of St Joan of Arc and Fifty Golden Years of the Sisters of Mercy in Victor Harbor.*

*Father Peter Monopoli was the parish priest at the time and the celebration was held in the presence of The Archbishop of Adelaide, the Most Rev. James Gleeson.*

*This **Did You Know** publication extracts the story of the Sisters of Mercy, from the pamphlet prepared for the parish celebration.*



### A brief history of the Sisters of Mercy

Mother Mary McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831 in Dublin. On January 6th 1856, four Sisters left Ireland for Buenos Aires to establish the Order in South America.

On February 8th 1880 at the invitation of Bishop Reynolds, the whole community of twenty four left the Argentine for Adelaide and arrived on May 3rd.

Twelve went to Mount Gambier to establish the Order there, the other twelve stayed, first with the Dominican Sisters in Franklin Street, then rented a house in Gouger Street for a month, and in June 1880 purchased the residence of Mr Dutton Green in Angas St. A few years later they acquired the adjoining block of land and later the remaining property down Chancery Lane and through to Wakefield Street.