

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

born Good Friday, April 17, 1620

Abraham and Guillemette

Marguerite is sixth in family of 12 children  
mother died 1639 father died 1647

October, 1640 - Rosary procession gives  
Marguerite new vision of her  
life desires

tries to join communities of sisters in France,  
but is refused each time.

1653 FIRST VOYAGE to New France  
Monsieur de Maisonneuve - Governor in New France  
"Saint Nicolas" - ship they take January 12, 1700

1658 Marguerite acquires the stone stable  
April 30, 1658 Marguerite teaches first pupils

at the same time she forms an  
"Extern Congregation"  
she cares for dying  
Indian children

late 1658 Marguerite takes a two-month journey to France  
1659 she returns to New France with helpers

Jeanné Le Ber  
a recluse

1671 she makes third voyage across the ocean for helpers  
(only woman on this trip)  
receives letters patent personally signed by King Louis XIV

1698 - constitutions accepted

JANUARY 12, 1700 - Marguerite died

Mother  
of the Colony

'Go, I will not  
abandon you'

November 12, 1950  
Marguerite declared

Notre Dame de Bon Secours Chapel

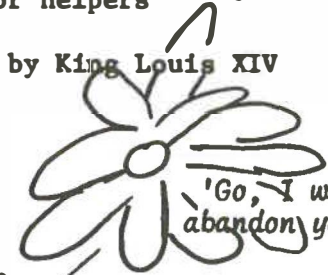
BLESSED MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

Sister of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Ville Marie

Canonization October 31, 1982

MARGUERITE DECLARED SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

C.N.D.  
Congregation of  
Notre Dame



## Significant Dates in the Life of Marguerite Bourgeoys

April 17, 1620 – Birth and baptism in Troyes, France.

February 6, 1653 – Departure from Troyes on the first stage of her journey to Canada.

July 20, 1653 – Beginning of the ocean voyage; sailing from Nantes on the “Saint-Nicolas.”

September 22, 1653 – Arrival at Quebec.

November 16, 1653 – Arrival at Ville Marie (Montreal).

January 22, 1658 – Signing of contract by which Monsieur de Maisonneuve ceded the stone stable for use as a school.

April 30, 1658 – Opening of classes in the “stable-school”, the first school in Montreal:

September 29, 1658 – Marguerite’s departure for France in company with Jeanne Mance.

September 29, 1659 – Marguerite’s return from France with her first four companions.

October 9, 1667 – Petition formulated by the residents of Ville Marie requesting of King Louis XIV a civil charter for Marguerite and her Institute.

May 20, 1669 – Bishop Laval’s authorization for the Sisters to teach anywhere in the Diocese.

1670-72 – Second trip to France; acceptance of six additional volunteer companions; charter granted by the King.

June 20, 1671 – Registration of civil charter granted by the King.

August 6, 1676 – Approval by Bishop Laval of the newly-formed Institute, constituting the Congregation of Notre Dame as a “Community in the Church.”

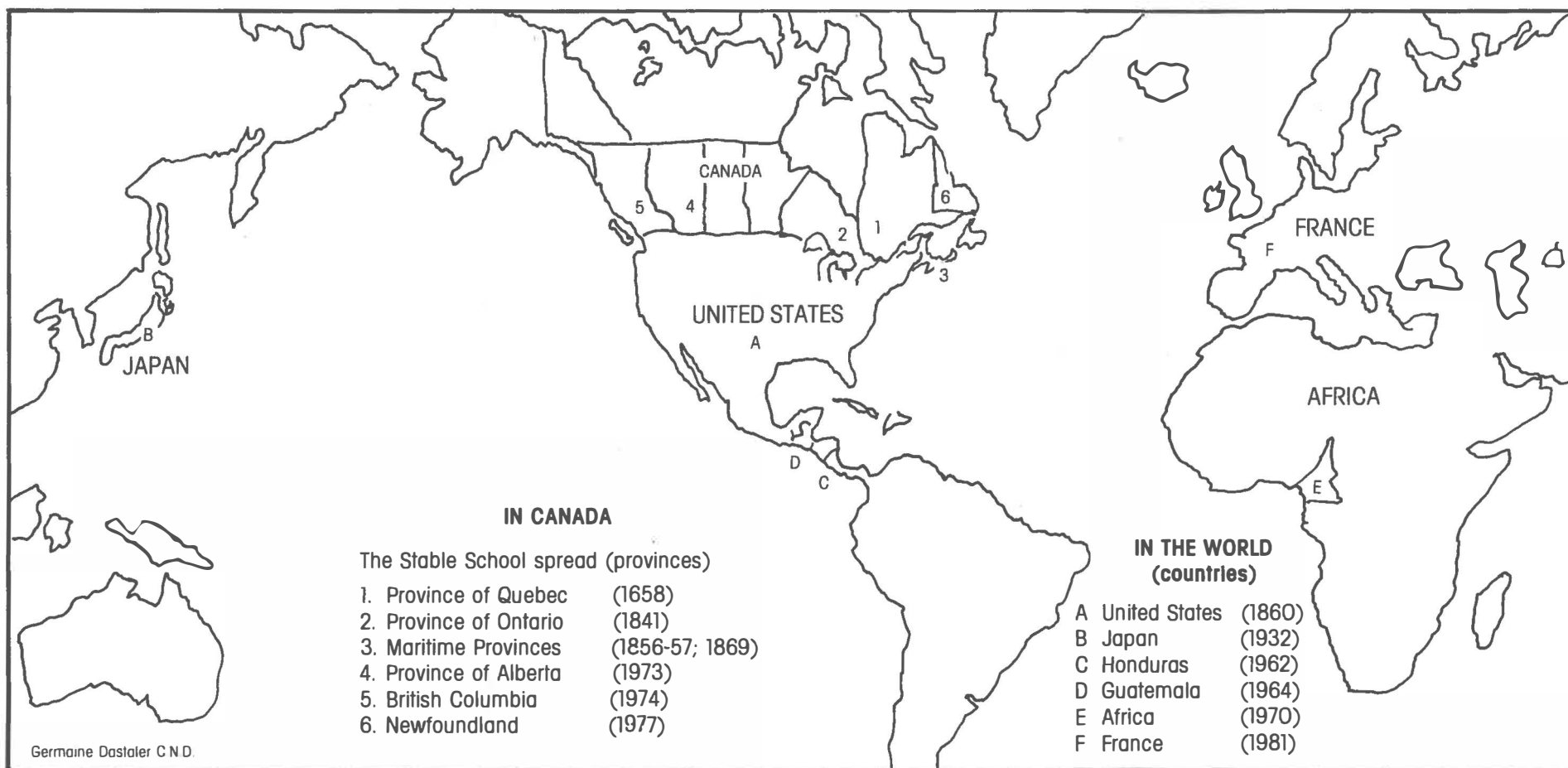
June 24, 1698 – Acceptance by the Community of the final revision of the Rule as approved by Bishop de Saint-Vallier, successor to Bishop Laval.

June 25, 1698 – First public pronouncement of vows in the C.N.D. according to the newly approved Constitutions.

January 12, 1700 – Death of Marguerite Bourgeoys.

January 13, 1700 – Funeral service in Notre Dame Church; funeral oration delivered by the Pastor of Notre Dame, Father Dollier de Casson, Sulpician Father.

# CONGRÉGATION DE NOTRE-DAME



MAP OF THE C.N.D. IN CANADA (PROVINCES) AND IN THE WORLD (COUNTRIES)