Mother Hildegarde was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1879 and was the second applicant to the Novitiate in Boston, entering the institute in 1904. She arrived in New Haven, CT in 1909 where she served as Novice Mistress. Mother Hildegarde served as superior and principal of the first schools established in Missouri and Pennsylvania by the newly-renamed Missionary Zelatrices of the Sacred Heart. At the General Chapter in 1937, Mother Hildegarde was elected Superior General. Mother Hildegarde died in Rome in 1949.