

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Provincial Superiors

M. Celestine Rigo, 1919-1934 & 1937-1951



Mother Celestine Rigo was born in Recoaro, Italy in 1883. She entered the institute in 1901. In 1919, Mother Celestine sailed for the United States with Superior General Mother Marcelline Vigano, accompanying her on her visitation to the three existing U.S. Houses. Upon completion of the trip, Mother Celestine was named Vicarress General of the Institute and Superior of the Novitiate in New Haven. When the Institute was divided into Provinces in 1931, Mother Celestine became the first Provincial Mother of the U.S. Province. Much of the expansion of the United States Province, including the planning and early supervision of Mount Sacred Heart, was carried out under her direction.