

The Institute, consecrated by special vocation to missionary work and so rapidly to extend itself in many a distant corner of the world, had its cradle in India. Blessed first by Pope Pius the Ninth and later by Pope Leo the Thirteenth, it was not until the Epiphany 1902 that the young Institute celebrated its twenty fifth anniversary.

The Very Reverend Mother Foundress, Marie de la Passion (Hélène-Marie-Philippine de Chappotin de Neuville) whose wonderful life, both of soul and mind will always continue an inspiration to her devoted children, was spared to see accepted by God, her offering of "Victim for the Church and for souls."

When the news was announced to this intrepid Mother that she might apply to herself words similar to St. Francis, concerning the first martyrs of his Order: "Now I have five true Friars Minor," she replied: "Yes, God has willed that I should have seven true daughters of St. Francis, my seven Sorrows and my seven Joys."