

# New World, Risk and Rapid Growth

## 1843-1870

### 1843

Six Sisters depart from Belgium and sail on the Indefatigable heading for Oregon with plans to teach Indian Clatsop children and daughters of settlers. During 1844 to 1848 two schools were built and the Sisters began teaching but were often interrupted by survival needs: milking cows, raising crops, cutting wood and making beer.



*This Klamath basket is representative of the baskets given to the Sisters as tuition payment.*

### 1856

At Father Peter Magagnotto's encouragement, five Sisters make the two-day trip from San Jose to Marysville and open a school with 18 day pupils.

### 1868

Chartered as the first college in the state of California authorized to grant the baccalaureate degree to women, College of Notre Dame became known as the "best school for young ladies" in the West.



Architect's rendering of the College of Notre Dame, San Jose.

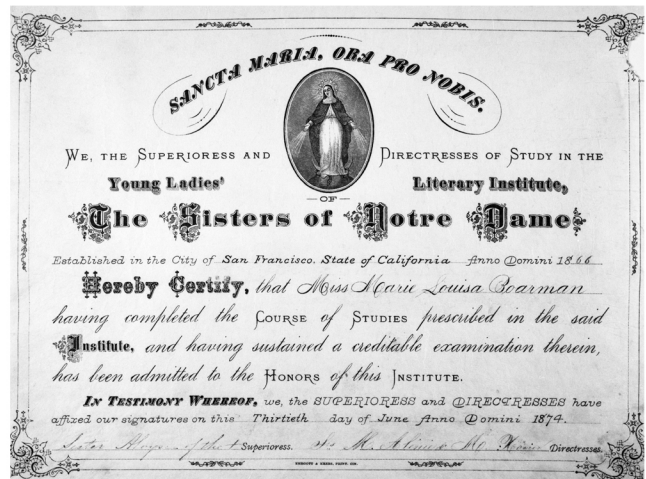


### 1851

Sr. Loyola and Sr. Marie Catherine (shown above) journey from Oregon to San Francisco to meet four Sisters arriving from Belgium. At the request of Bishop Alemany, the Sisters remain in California. With 25 cents in their pockets and an abundance of faith, they open a boarding school in San Jose, the College [high school] of Notre Dame. Students are daughters of Spanish Californians, Yankees and European settlers.

### 1866

"Two-and-a-half Sisters" (two Sisters and a Novice) arrive in San Francisco to open a school. Within three years the burgeoning enrollment necessitates building an addition.



San Francisco diploma from the 1870s.