

## **Glossary**

American Province: The Holy Child sisters living and working in the United States.

Cornelia: Cornelia Peacock Connelly dedicated her life to God. She gathered a group of women who wanted to serve God by educating young women and started the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

Derby, England: (pronounced Darby) First school/society established by Cornelia Connelly in 1846.

Faith: A gift of God that helps us to believe in him.

Foundress: A woman who initiates a religious community. For example, Cornelia Connelly is the foundress, the creator, of the Society of Holy Child Jesus.

Habit: Clothing worn by a religious community of men or women.

Grace: A gift of God that helps us to live as God wants us to; a sharing in God's life.

Grand Coteau, Louisiana: Cornelia, Pierce and children lived here after returning from Rome in 1838. Cornelia taught music at a Sacred Heart School.

Natchez, Mississippi: Newly married Cornelia and Pierce moved here when Pierce was appointed minister in the Episcopal Church.

Prayer: The raising of the mind and heart to God. Speaking and listening to God.

Rome, Italy: the home and center of the Roman Catholic Church: the pope lives in the Vatican City in Rome. Pierce and Cornelia moved here to learn more about the Catholic faith. Pierce met with the pope and investigated the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest.

The Roman Catholic Church: The Church established by Christ on the foundation of the Apostles.

Sister: a woman who dedicates her life to God as a member of a religious congregation.

Society of the Holy Child Jesus: The religious congregation of women founded by Cornelia Connelly in Derby, England in 1846.

Towanda: European SHCJ sisters arrived in 1862 and established the first American Holy Child school.

Virtue: An attitude or way of acting that helps us do good. A virtue is a habit of doing good.

Vow: A solemn promise to God