

Our Centenarians in 2002

SISTER MARIE URBAIN BOUHOUD

November 25, 1899 – September 13, 2004 – PACIFIC

Marie Urbain Bouhoud was born at Grand Fougeray, Brittany, France on November 25 1899. She entered the Congregation at Nantes in 1924 and professed her first vows at Picpus on August 3, 1926. That same year Marie Urbain arrived in Hawaii, where in 1929 she pronounced her final profession of vows. Marie Urbain was assigned to Saint Anthony's Orphanage. There for 47 years, she devoted herself with much love to the care and education of the girls. In 1963 Marie Urbain joined the Sacred Hearts Community in Nuuanu where her skill as seamstress was greatly appreciated. At the close of the Convent in 1987, she moved to the Regina Pacis Community. As her blindness gradually increased, in 1990 Marie Urbain was taken to Malia O ka Malu, the infirmary for the Pacific Province, where she presently resides. Marie Urbain has seen the light of day in three distinct centuries. Born in 1899, she has lived through the 20th century and now, in 2002, is 102 years old. On August 3, 2000, Marie Urbain celebrated her 75th year of Religious Profession. She is the last French Sister in the Pacific-USA Province.

When asked, "What outstanding experience in your long life can you recall"? "The day of my profession." Was her decisive reply. A second question was posed: "What message would you give to the brothers and Sisters of the Congregation?" her answer: "having lived so many years in the service of the Sacred Hearts, I am filled with joy and praise for all the graces which God has blessed me with these many years. Tell them that to serve the sacred Hearts is the greatest happiness."

Sister Marie Urbain Bouhoud died on September 13, 2004, in Honolu, Hawaii.