



Mother Stanislaus Mornane (1857 – 1943)

Anastasia Mornane (Annie) was born June 19, 1857 and grew up in the heart of Melbourne in what is now Exhibition St, where her father Patrick Mornane had established the Clare Castle Hotel.

The Mornane family were part of the welcoming party who greeted Mother Gonzaga Barry and the Loreto sisters when their ship, *The Somersetshire*, docked at Port Melbourne in 1875. In subsequent years, the family were of great support to the Loreto sisters.

In 1876, Annie Mornane enrolled as a senior boarder at the newly opened Loreto Abbey Mary's Mount, Ballarat. Three years later at the age of 21, she entered the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was given the name of Sister Mary Stanislaus.

Of note, she was the first Loreto educated Australian to become a Loreto sister in 1881.

Mother Stanislaus initially taught as an assistant teacher in both Loreto Abbey and the Loreto Day School at Dawson Street, in Ballarat and subsequently becoming a head teacher in Ballarat and Melbourne with recognised qualifications and teacher's registration.

During her early years of teaching, she was remembered for her discipline and mathematical accuracy which she combined with a generosity of character and an enthusiasm and wholeheartedness in her teaching.

Mother Stanislaus' appointments included Superior at Mount St Michael's Hamilton, Loreto Normanhurst, and Loreto Kirribilli.

She was also elected by the Australian Province as a delegate to the General Chapter in Dublin.

