

Notre Dame Petaluma

The sisters were invited by the Archbishop to staff the St. Vincent Parish in 1888 after an absence of a teaching order since 1871. The sisters were supported by the parish but in the end, they did not have enough sisters to staff the school because of the lack of incoming vocations. They left in 1892 after the school year ended.

Convent Records, 1867-1892. 2.5 lin. Inches. R2 Unit 10 C Box 1

This convent school was the first to be established north of San Francisco. The order accepted the invitation to teach to keep the school going in competition to a thriving public school. They would be teaching boys and girls side by side. The annals document the first years of re-instating educational instruction after another order had left a few years before. The annals note the support of the parishioners in the way of produce and other necessities. The convent was used as a place of rest for sister teachers in need of rest. First Communion and other days of festivities were noted as well. There is a copy of the Daughters of Charity annals from 1867-1871. The historical file includes brief history of the school and of the other orders staffing the school.