

Katharine Drexel

The Drexel household in Philadelphia, 1870.



When Katharine grew up, she decided to use her wealth to fight poverty.



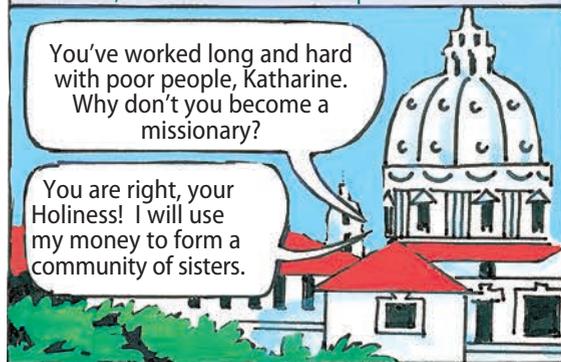
Katharine began her travels across the United States. In New Mexico:



In Arizona:



In 1885, Katharine met with Pope Leo XIII.

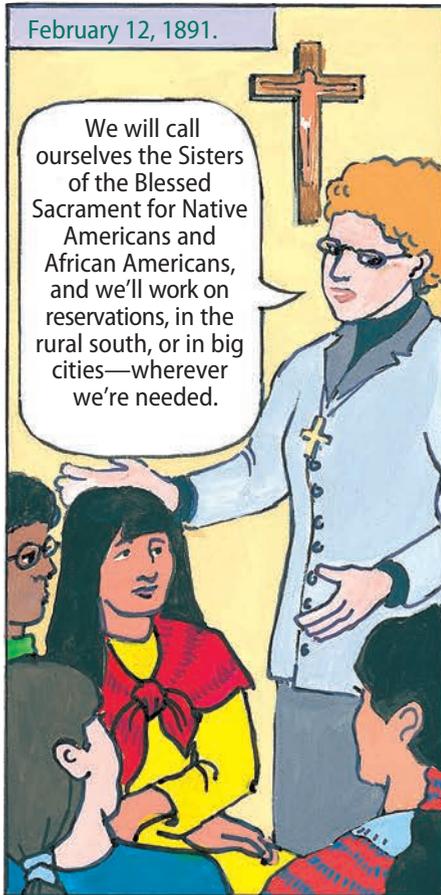


Two religious orders of African-American women were already working with their people, the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore since 1829 and the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans since 1842. But there was need for more workers.

1. What helped Katharine see what people needed?

2. How did she act like Jesus?

February 12, 1891.



The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament now serve across the United States as educators, nurses, pastoral ministers, and social workers.



Mother M. Katharine Drexel died in 1955 at the age of 96. Pope John Paul II named her a saint in 2000. Her feast day is March 3.