

for marriage and even allurements were given, but they remained firm in their conviction. Bernadette was their natural leader.

**24 May 1897,** Mary Bernadette and her three companions are accepted by the Church authorities as members of a Sodality.

**26 July 1897,** The Four girls are admitted as Postulants in a new Congregation, the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi.

**6 February 1899,** Mary Bernadette and her three companions are admitted to the Novitiate, which lasted for two years and two months.

**8 April 1901,** Bernadette and her three companions Cecilia, Veronica and Mary take their First Vows, after having undergone their novitiate under the Loreto Sisters.



**26 July 1903,** The four girls take the Final Vows. The family members and relatives finally accept their new way of life, which was totally new to their culture.

**1 November 1903,**– 31 October 1906, Sr. Mary Bernadette was appointed the First Superior General of the Congregation.

**21 November 1915,**– 31 December 1918, Mary Bernadette is appointed the Superior General of the Congregation for a second term..

**14-29 July 1949,** Mary Bernadette suffers from Hemaptysis (Tuberculosis) and is admitted in the Holy Family Hospital, Mandar, In the last days of her life, she shows great patience and forbearance. Her words were, "how little is my suffering than that of Jesus!" Surrendering herself fully into the hands of the nurse she uttered "Lord ! I want to come to you but not my will, but your holy will be done."

**16 April 1961,** She breathed her last in the presence of novices and Religious Sisters amidst prayers and ejaculations in St. Anne's Mother house.

