MOTHER JOSEPH QUIZ

Test your knowledge of Mother Joseph's life and legacy. There is only one correct answer to each question.

1. What was Mother Joseph's given name?

 a) Emilie b) Esther c) Elizabeth d) Eugenie e) Tiffany

2. Mother Joseph was accomplished in which of the following arts?

 a) embroidery b) wax work c) bookbinding d) carving e) all of the above

3. What state does Mother Joseph represent in National Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C.?

 a) Idaho b) Oregon c) Washington d) Quebec e) Montana

4. How did Mother Joseph and her companions travel from Montreal to Vancouver in 1856?

 a) through the Northwest Passage

b) on the Concorde

 c) by ship around Cape Horn

d) across the Isthmus of Panama

e) across the continent by Union Pacific Railroad

5. Mother Joseph was officially superior of the sisters in the northwest for how many years?

 a) 2 b) 10 c) 21 d) 45 e) none

6. Of the 17 hospitals founded by the Sisters of Providence in the west during Mother Joseph's life, how many continue to be sponsored by Providence Health & Services?

 a) 14 b) 10 c) 7 d) 5 e) none

7. Only a few months after Mother Joseph's death in 1902, the Sisters of Providence expanded their ministry to which of these locations?

 a) Alaska & California

b) Alaska & Hawaii

c) Chile & California

 d) Chile & Alberta

e) Alaska & Alberta

8. When did Mother Joseph say "Whatever concerns the poor is always our affair"?

a) before leaving Montreal in 1856

b) at the dedication of Providence Academy in 1873

 c) at her Golden Jubilee celebration in 1895

 d) shortly before she died in 1902

e) at the dedication of her statue in 1980

9. Mother Joseph had a deep spiritual devotion to which of the following?

 a) St. Joseph

b) St. Vincent de Paul

c) Sacred Heart of Jesus

d) Our Mother of Sorrows

e) All of the above

**True or False?**

10) Mother Joseph spoke fluent English when she came to the west.

11) One of Mother Joseph's sisters, a niece, a cousin, and three grand-nieces also became Sisters of Providence.

12) Mother Joseph was the first Sister of Providence to celebrate 50 years in religious life.

13) As an adult, Mother Joseph loved children because she had been an only child.

14) Mother Joseph often organized pancake picnics on the farm for the orphans in Vancouver.

15) Mother Joseph cared for Blessed Emilie Gamelin as she lay dying of cholera in 1851.

16) Mother Joseph led the first group of Sisters of Providence to come to the American west.



Answers:

**1 – b**; **2 – e**; **3 – c**; **4 – d** (The 35-day journey took them by rail and ferry from Montreal to New York City, by ship to Jamaica and Panama, across the Isthmus by train, and then by ship to Acapulco, San Francisco, and finally Vancouver.); **5 – b** (Following 10 years as superior, she served as treasurer and was then placed in charge of construction.); **6 – d** (5 of the 17 hospitals are still sponsored by Providence Health & Services; most of the others continue to exist but are sponsored by other groups. The 5 sponsored by Providence are: St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center (Missoula, Montana); Providence St. Vincent Medical Center (Portland, Oregon); Providence St. Mary Medical Center (Walla Walla, Washington); Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center (Spokane, Washington); and Providence St. Peter Hospital (Olympia, Washington). The other 12 hospitals founded during Mother Joseph’s life were: St. Joseph Hospital (Vancouver, Washington); Providence Seattle Medical Center (Seattle, Washington); St. Mary Hospital (Astoria, Oregon); St. Mary Hospital (New Westminster, British Columbia); St. Clare Hospital (Fort Benton, Montana); St. John Hospital (Port Townsend, Washington); Providence Hospital (Wallace, Idaho); St. Elizabeth Hospital/Providence Yakima Medical Center (Yakima, Washington); Columbus Hospital/Benefis (Great Falls, Montana); St. Ignatius Hospital (Colfax, Washington); St. Paul Hospital (Vancouver, British Columbia); St. Eugene Hospital (Cranbrook, British Columbia).); **7– a** (Holy Cross Hospital, Nome, marked the beginning of the Providence ministry in Alaska, and Providence Hospital in Oakland was the sisters' first foundation in California.); **8 – d**; **9 – e**; **10 – False** (She relied totally on the two sisters who spoke and wrote English.); **11 – True**; **12 – False** (She was the first in the west, but three sisters in Montreal preceded her to this milestone, including two of the community's founders, Mother Mary of the Seven Dolors and Sr of the Immaculate Conception.); **13 – False** (She had 11 brothers and sisters.); **14 – True**; **15 – True**; **16 – False** (The first group of Sisters of Providence arrived in Portland on December 1, 1852, four years before Mother Joseph. They stayed only a few weeks because of the lack of resources and people, but on the way back to Montreal, they stopped in Chile and were invited to remain to care for the orphans and people in need. The Sisters of Providence celebrated 160 years of ministry in Chile in 2013.)

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