

1838	Spring. Nicholas Point, SJ, arrived in Natchez to ask Pierce and Cornelia to teach respectively at St Charles and Sacred Heart Convent in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.	May: Trail of Tears: The Cherokee Nation is forcibly relocated in the United States.
1838	25 June. Pierce began to teach English at the new St Charles College. Cornelia taught piano, singing and guitar at the convent.	June: The coronation of Queen Victoria takes place at Westminster Abbey in London.
1838	22 July. Mary Magdalen was born and baptized a week later by Bishop Blanc. In September, Cornelia fell ill with fever, during which Mary Magdalen died. She was buried at Grand Coteau.	July: In the United States, the Iowa Territory is formally established, following the signing of a bill by President Martin Van Buren.
1839	21-24 December. Cornelia made Spiritual Exercises for first time under the direction of N. Point. She said that she was “converted” during this retreat.	
1839	30 December. Several of Cornelia’s relations visited Grand Coteau and her sister, Mary Frances Peacock, remained.	December: The Whig Party (United States), at its first ever national convention, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, nominates former U.S. Army General William Henry Harrison to be its candidate for President of the United States in the 1840 election.
1840	02 February. John Henry died from multiple burns, after 43 hours suffering in Cornelia’s arms.	
1840	03 February. Mary Frances Peacock received into the Church by Bishop Anthony Blanc.	February: Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom marries her cousin Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.
1840	June. Father Abbadie, SJ, replaced Father Point as Cornelia’s spiritual director.	June: The World Anti-Slavery Convention is organised by the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, at Exeter Hall in London, England. Arguments over the exclusion of women from the convention have important ramifications for the

		movement for women's suffrage in the United States.
1840	(after) July 23. Father Point went on mission to Rocky Mountains and was joined by P. de Smet, SJ, there.	
1840	13 October. Pierce while making the Spiritual Exercises with Father de Theux, SJ, told Cornelia that he finally knew that God was calling him to the Catholic priesthood. Cornelia's answer was recorded by Father Abbadie, was "Think of it twice and with deliberate attention, but if the good God asks the sacrifice, I am ready to make it to Him and with all my heart." That day they made a faithfully kept promise to prove themselves to abstention from sexual intercourse.	November: U.S. presidential election, 1840: William Henry Harrison defeats Martin Van Buren in a landslide.
1841	01-10 January. Cornelia made retreat with Father de Theux, SJ.	February: The two colonies of The Canadas are merged, into the United Province of Canada.
1841	29 March. Frank was born and baptized Pierce Francis Cornelia Joseph.	
1841	18 June. Mary Frances Peacock entered the Society of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau and was professed in 1843.	June: The United Kingdom Census is held, the first to record names and approximate ages of every household member, and to be administered nationally.
1841	23 July. John Connelly, Pierce's brother, was received into the Church.	
1841	17 September. Cornelia made retreat with Father de Theux. She wrote: "Ex/amined/ Vocation. Decided."	August: Frederick Douglass speaks in front of the Anti-Slavery Convention in Nantucket, Massachusetts.
1842	22 February. John Connelly's wife, Angelica, instructed by Cornelia, was received into the Church.	
1842	05 May. Ascension Day. Pierce left for Europe taking Mercer to Oscott boarding school. Cornelia lived with younger children in	May: The Income Tax Act establishes the first peacetime income tax in the United Kingdom; 7 pence in the pound, for incomes over 150 pounds.

	Bishop's Cottage next to Sacred Heart Convent.	
1842	01 October. Retreat with Sacred Heart Community under direction of Cornelia's spiritual director, Father Abbadie, SJ.	November: The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana (United States) is established by Father Edward Sorin, of the Roman Catholic Congregation of Holy Cross.
1843	April. Pierce presented his request for matrimonial separation to Pope Gregory XVI but was told to bring his wife to Rome for her to express her view of the matter.	May: The first major wagon train headed for the American Northwest sets out with 1,000 pioneers from Elm Grove, Missouri, on the Oregon Trail.
1843	08 July. Cornelia left Grand Coteau with Adeline and Frank to join Pierce in Philadelphia before sailing for Europe.	July: Père Antoine Désiré Mégret, a Capuchin missionary, purchases for \$900 the land that will become Abbeville, Louisiana, a town founded by descendants of Acadians from Nova Scotia.