The PEOPLE of DeSALES UNIVERSITY

St. Francis de Sales
(1567-1622)
Bishop of Geneva
Doctor of the Church
patron saint of deaf, journalists

St. Jane de Chantal
(1572-1641)
co-founder of the
Visitation of Holy Mary

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
(1647-1690)
Visitation nun
patron of the Sacred Heart

St. Leonie Aviat
(1844-1914)
founder of the
Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales

Blessed Louis Brisson
(1817-1908)
founder of the Oblate Sisters & Oblates
of St. Francis de Sales

Venerable Mary de Sales Chappuis
(1793-1875)
Visitation nun
inspired Fr. Brisson to found OSFS
Fr. Joseph Marechaux, OSFS (1859-1944)
the first Oblate in America who served as chaplain to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion in New York

Fr. Charles Fromentin, OSFS (1861-1940)
first superior of the Oblates in America and first principal of the Salesianum school (Wilmington, DE)

Fr. James Isenring, OSFS (1862-1923)
chaplain to the Visitation monastery in Wilmington (DE) and first master of novices in America

Fr. Louis Henry Jacquier, OSFS (1873-1946)
first resident priest in the first Oblate parish in Salisbury (MD)

Fr. J. Francis Tucker, OSFS (1889-1972)
first American-born Oblate, chaplain to Prince Rainier (Monaco), only American to have met Fr. Brisson

Fr. Thomas Lawless, OSFS (1891-1966)
provincial treasurer at the founding of DSU
Fr. John Conmy, OSFS
(1910-2006)
provincial superior at the founding and first chairman of the board of trustees

Fr. John Tocik, OSFS
(1908-1965)
instrumental in building the physical structures at DSU

Fr. William Buckley, OSFS
(1907-1970)
first American to be elected Superior General of the Oblates

Fr. J. Stuart Dooling, OSFS
(1913-2001)
founding President of Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales

Fr. Bernard Donahue, OSFS
(1930-2008)
professor of politics from 1966 to 1999

Rev. Daniel G. Gambet, OSFS
(1929 - )
second president of Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales
Fr. James Finnegan, OSFS  
(1929-2005)  
professor of theology from 1966 to 1998

Fr. John Harvey, OSFS  
(1918-2010)  
trustee and adjunct faculty in theology

Bishop Joseph McShea  
(1907-1991)  
first bishop of the diocese of Allentown; initiated the founding of DSU

Bishop Thomas Welsh  
(1921-2009)  
second bishop of the diocese of Allentown

Monsignor Felix Labuda  
pastor of Sts. Cyril & Methodius parish  
Bethlehem, PA
Joseph J. Billera
son of prominent local businessman

Robert & Alvina Campbell
president of PPL / DSU trustee

John & Josephine Connelly
Connelly Foundation

Priscilla Payne Hurd
benefactor

Gen. Harry Clay Trexler
philanthropist, agriculturalist, soldier, industrialist

F. Reed Wills
benefactor

J. Bowling Wills
life trustee