

# CITATION

The City of Philadelphia has a worldwide reputation as the City of Brotherly & Sisterly Love because of the amazing character and desire of our residents to help their fellow Philadelphians. That spirit has deep roots in our City and the tradition has continued over several generations of people who selflessly and with great dedication work to help others. The City of Philadelphia commends these individuals and organizations that promote such beneficial work and hopes their recognition inspires the next generation of Philadelphians to do the same.

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth is one of those such distinguished groups that is part of our immense history of support for those in need. For over 135 years, this historic organization has been ministering to families in Philadelphia and throughout the US. The Sisters' primary focus of work is to minister to families through diversified services such as education, health services, social work, parish ministry and direct service to the elderly of our community in Philadelphia.

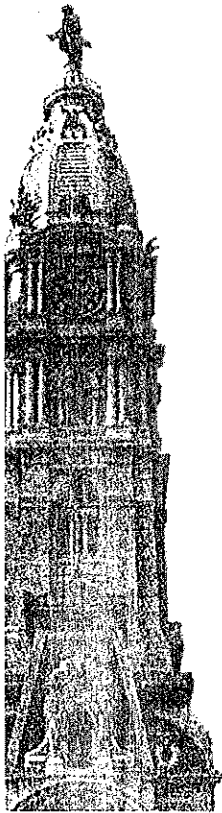
The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth was founded in Rome, Italy in 1875 by Frances Sideliska, a Polish noblewoman. In 1873, Frances had received the blessing of Pope Pius IX on her request to organize a new religious institute modeled on the life of the holy Family of Nazareth. Following the broad ecumenical vision of the foundress, the Congregation was international since its conception and women of various nationalities have always been welcome. Today, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth continue a rich tradition of ministry to families in Australia, Belarus, England, France, Ghana, Italy, Israel, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Spain, Ukraine and the United States of America. Throughout their history in the US, in 20 states and Puerto Rico, hundreds of sisters have served families in schools, health care and in childcare services, care of the elderly, retreat work, and in parish and youth ministry. Today, more than 200 sisters pray for and minister to families in Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

On the evening of October 23, 2020, The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth will host a Stay-At-Home Gala *Celebrating Sisterly Love* and their 135<sup>th</sup> year milestone.

It is fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the City of Philadelphia officially recognize with this Citation

## **THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH: CELEBRATING SISTERLY LOVE AND 135 YEARS OF SERVICE**

and urge everyone to recognize their selfless and faithful service to their community and commend The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for its continued work to benefit our residents and our City.



*James F. Kenney*

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