



BERNARDINE FRANCISCAN SISTERS

Sacred Heart Parish
316 E. Broadway Ave.
Clifton Heights, PA 19018

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Dear Reverend Monsignor Majoros,

It is with great joy and humble hearts that on October 16, 2019, the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters will celebrate the 125th year of their founding in the United States. Our journey of trust and faith over these past 125 years has been filled with moments of blessing, joy, and surprises, as well as times of struggle, hardship, and sadness. But in all things, God has been ever faithful to us.

Since 1894 when our foundress, Mother Veronica Grzedowska, left her cloister in Poland to answer the call to mission, the congregation has responded with energy and imagination to the many needs of God's people. We have blossomed and expanded our ministries to include the People of God in not only the United States, but also Africa, Brazil, and Santo Domingo. The goodness and mercy of God knows no boundaries.

It has been said that a grateful heart sees many blessings. The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters have been touched by the lives of so many families, co-workers, and others they have met and ministered with in the years they served in your parish. As we joyfully anticipate our 125th anniversary celebration, we implore our generous and loving God to bless you and your parishioners for their support and their kindnesses while our sisters were missioned among you. Your parish is a part of our blessed history.

During this anniversary year, we invite you to partner with us in a year of thanksgiving and prayer. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us in serving the mission of Jesus with courage and enthusiasm. We also ask your prayers that God will send us vocations to respond to God's invitation to love and serve the People of God.

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters around the world extend the blessing of St. Francis upon you.
The Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and have mercy. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace. The Lord bless you.

With our deepest gratitude, I am in the Name of Jesus

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