

CITY OF  PITTSBURGH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

A Proclamation

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

March 8 - 14, 2014

WHEREAS, March has been designated nationally as Women's History Month and Pittsburgh is marking this month with numerous celebrations of women; and

WHEREAS, many women religious are included in the roster of great leaders in the history of Pittsburgh, with the sisters' leadership extending beyond the bounds of teaching and nursing; and

WHEREAS, the first Catholic Sisters arrived in Pittsburgh in 1843 quickly set out to determine the needs of the people, resulting in their opening a school and the first hospital of any kind on this side of the Alleghenies; and

WHEREAS, two of Pittsburgh's three Catholic Universities were founded by women religious and a clear part of their mission from their founding has been the promotion of service to others; and

WHEREAS, Sisters Place, has received regional attention, as it provides housing and support services to women who have been homeless, completed rehab programs or been released from prison; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of the Catholic Sisters to others has brought national acclaim for their endeavors such as Dr. Jim Withers' ministry, in partnership with Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, to the people living under the bridges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, William Peduto, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do hereby declare March 8 - 14, 2014 "**National Catholic Sisters Week**" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



A blue ink signature of William Peduto.

WILLIAM PEDUTO

Mayor