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An Act to incorporate the Sisters of St. Joseph for the Diocese of Toronto, in Upper Canada. Assented to 19th May, 1855.

Whereas an Association of Religious Ladies hath existed for several years in the Diocese of Toronto, in the Province of Upper Canada, under the name of “The Sisters of St. Joseph,” who have formed an institution for the reception and instruction of orphans, and the relief of the poor, the sick, and other necessitous; And whereas the said Ladies have by their Petition prayed that the said Association may be incorporated, and in consideration of the great benefits which must arise from the said Association, it is expedient to grant their prayer: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. The Mother Mary Dauphine, Sisters Mary Martha, Mary Theresa, Mary Bernard, and such other persons as shall under the provisions of this Act become Members of the said Association, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate in deed and in name by the name of The Sisters of St. Joseph, for the Diocese of Toronto, in Upper Canada, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew, or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and to have, take and receive to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real and immovable property and estate, situate, lying and being within the City of Toronto, occupied or hereafter to be occupied by the said Corporation for the purposes thereof, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead for the same purpose; and by the same name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all Courts of Law and Equity and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other Body Politic or Corporate, or as any persons able or capable in law may or can sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any manner whatsoever; and the Mother Superioress and her Council for the time being, shall have power and authority to make and establish such Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act nor to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, and for the management thereof, and for the admission of Members into the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter, repeal and change such Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them, or those of the said Institution in force at the time of the passing of this Act, and shall and may do, execute and perform all and singular other the matters and things relating to the said Corporation and the

management thereof, or which shall or may appertain thereto, subject, nevertheless, to the Rules, Regulations, Stipulations and Provisions hereinafter prescribed and established.

II. Provided always, that the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all property, real or personal, held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the maintenance of the Members of the Corporation, the construction and repairs of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the said Corporation, and to the advancement of education, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

III. All and every the estate and property real or personal, belonging to or hereafter to be acquired by the Members of the said Association, as such, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever due to them in that quality, shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established, and the Rules, Orders and Regulations now made or to be made for the management of the said Association, shall be and continue to be the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided.

IV. Nothing herein contained shall have the effect or be construed to have the effect of rendering all or any of the said several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the members of the said Corporation, or any person whatsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt, contract or security incurred or entered into for or by reason of the Corporation, or for or on account or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation.

V. The aforesaid mother Superioress and Council of the said Corporation for the time being, shall have power to appoint such Attorney or Attornies, Administrator or Administrators of the property of the Corporation, and such officers and teachers and servants of the said Corporation, as shall be necessary for the well-conducting of the business and affairs thereof, and to allow to them such compensation for their services respectively as shall be reasonable and proper: and all officers so appointed shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authority for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the said Corporation as shall be prescribed by the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation.

VI. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before each branch of the Provincial Legislature within thirty days after the beginning of each session, a detailed statement of the real or immoveable property or estate held by virtue of this Act, and of the revenue arising therefrom.

VII. This Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act, and the Interpretation Act shall apply to this Act.