



Proclamation

On May 4, 1859, the first 10 Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, also known as the Sisters of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, arrived in Honolulu with the mission of providing the children of Hawai'i with a well-rounded education based on Christian principles.

The Sisters' mission has been perpetuated throughout the past 150 years through institutions such as the Sacred Hearts Convents with locations in downtown Honolulu and Nu'uano; Sacred Hearts Academy and St. Patrick School in Kaimukī; St. Anthony home in Kalihi; St. Theresa School and Our Lady Peace in Honolulu; and Immaculate Conception School in Līhu'e, Kaua'i.

Various events are taking place throughout the year, including a special Mass that was celebrated on March 3, 2009, "Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts." In addition, prayer ceremonies will be held honoring the deceased members of the Sisters of Sacred Hearts at the King Street Cemetery, Diamond Head Memorial Cemetery and Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery. On June 23–27, an educational seminar will be held and on June 29 members will set forth on a Moloka'i Pilgrimage. On July 9, there will be an evening vigil, Feast Day Observance of Our Lady of Peace, and on September 12, there will be an observance of the 100th anniversary of Sacred Hearts Academy. On September 23, Sacred Hearts Academy will hold its scholarship gala, and on September 26 volunteers have a chance to participate in the Aloha Week Parade. In November, the St. Anthony Retreat Center will host its 100th Anniversary Open House, and in December, a 150th Anniversary Book will be distributed throughout the community. In culmination of the year-long celebration there will be an anniversary observance closing ceremony on May 10, 2010. We are pleased to join the Sisters in celebrating their 150th milestone anniversary on the same year we commemorate Hawai'i's 50th year of statehood.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 4, 2009**, as

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS 150TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

in Hawai'i, and thank the Sisters for their 150-year commitment to improving the human condition and the lives of the residents of our state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of May 2009.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i