

City of Saint Paul

Proclamation

Whereas, six members of the Congregation of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet were among the first settlers in Saint Paul, having arrived in 1851, three years before the City of Saint Paul was established and seven years before the State of Minnesota was established; and

Whereas, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established these highly-esteemed institutions in Saint Paul, Minnesota—St. Joseph's Hospital, the first hospital in the State, St. Joseph's Academy, the first high school in the State, and the College of St. Catherine, the first college for women in the State, which, today, is the country's largest college for women; and

Whereas, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established a network of excellent educational institutions at the kindergarten, grade school, high school, junior college, and college levels throughout the Twin Cities and Minnesota; and

Whereas, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established the first national school safety patrol at Cathedral Grade School in Saint Paul; and

Whereas, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established three hospitals in the State and today operate St. Mary's Health Clinics for medically uninsured and underserved people; and

Whereas, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have responded to urgent social needs by their work with orphans, minority groups, immigrants, victims of torture, single parents, abused women, street people, the poor and the elderly, and other persons in need; and

Whereas, during the 156 years of their residence in the Twin Cities and out state Minnesota, 2,600 Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have contributed their services in education, health care, and social services; and

Whereas, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet from the United States, Peru, Japan and Chile are gathering at the College of St. Catherine in Saint Paul during July to plan for the future direction of the Congregation;

Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim the week of July 15-21, 2007 to be

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Week

in the City of Saint Paul.



In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Fifteenth Day of July in the Year Two Thousand Seven.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher B. Coleman".

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor