

An Act to incorporate the Sisters of St. Joseph, for the Diocese of Hamilton, in Upper Canada.

**W**HEREAS an association of Religious Ladies hath existed in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, in 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: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

- 10 I. The Reverend Mother Mary Martha, Sisters Jane Frances, Mary Joseph, Mary Philip, and Mary Vincent, 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 Hamilton, 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 immoveable property and estate, situate, lying and being within this Province, 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

Preamble.

Sisters of St. Joseph incorporated.

Corporate name.

General powers.

Real property.

Power to make By-laws.

Further powers.