

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS *Sister Mary Nona McGreal, a Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa has remained faithful to Dominic's call to preach and teach the Gospel as she begins her seventy-fourth year of vowed life within the Dominican family, and,*

WHEREAS *Mary Nona, with Sister Joan Smith, authored **Guiding Growth in Christian Social Living**, a work that formed the foundation of the **Faith and Freedom** readers which integrated the social teachings of the Church into the curriculum of Catholic elementary schools throughout the nation, and*

WHEREAS, *Mary Nona provided seventeen years of extraordinary leadership as President of Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin where she expanded facilities, increased student enrollment and established a cohesive, core curriculum that imbued students with Christian social principles, and*

WHEREAS *Mary Nona, as Vicarress of Sinsinawa from 1967 – 1977, prudently helped to guide the Congregation through the turbulent, uncharted waters after the Second Vatican Council toward a renewed commitment to the spirit of St. Dominic, the Founder of the Order of Preachers, and,*

WHEREAS *Mary Nona, always a gifted teacher, enthusiastically shared for over a decade the rich history of the Order with the American Dominican novices in the Dominican Internovitiate Program*

WHEREAS *Mary Nona researched and composed the *Positio: Super Vita, Virtutibus Et Fama Sanctitatis*, and submitted said document to the Congregation for Causes of Saints which led to Pope John Paul II's declaration that Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP, be known as Venerable; and the fruit of that vigorous labor enabled Mary Nona to author the definitive biography, **Journeyman, Preacher, Pastor, Teacher: Samuel Mazzuchelli: American Dominican**, and*

WHEREAS *Mary Nona, Historical Lecturer for the Parable Conference from 1985-1997, guided over one thousand members and friends of the Order of Preachers on the Lands of Dominic pilgrimages that fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation for history and the mission of the Dominican family, and,*

WHEREAS *Mary Nona, in 1984 initiated the collaborative research and writing of the history of the Dominican family in the United States; and as Director of Project OPUS, facilitated the publication of **Dominicans at Home in a Young Nation: 1786-1865, Volume I of The Order of Preachers in the United States: a Family History**, the first comprehensive history of the Order in one single country,*

THEREFORE, *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad as the Dominican Leadership Conference cherishes Sister Mary Nona McGreal, OP, for her profound love and devoted commitment to the Dominican Family; for her embodiment of contemplative study and for encouraging others to embrace scholarship as a distinctive way to preach and teach the Gospel; we ask God Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit to bless Sister Mary Nona McGreal and we give thanks for her nurturing the life and mission of the Order of Preachers for seven decades.*

Presented on the Twenty-Second of September, 2006, in the eight hundredth year of the Holy Preaching, and the two hundredth year of the birth of Venerable Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP, at the Fifty-Fifth annual meeting of the Dominican Leadership Conference at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.



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