

Proclamation

The Holy Union Sisters

proclaim October 17, 2010 to October 16, 2011 as a Year of Jubilee.

We ask you to

Rejoice with us

as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Holy Union Sisters
in the United States

Unite with us

as we remember 125 years of faithful service

Give thanks with us

for God's faithful presence throughout our history

Celebrate with us

because you are part of our history

Pray, work and hope with us

as we strive to bring union to today's world.

One-hundred and twenty-five years ago, ten Holy Union Sisters journeyed from northern France to Fall River, Massachusetts in response to Fr. Matthias McCabe's request for sisters to staff Sacred Heart Parish School. Our small international band of pioneering women began an education ministry that soon extended to parish schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In the first half of the 20th century, we moved out of New England to staff schools in Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Alabama, North Carolina and Cameroon in Africa.

Throughout the second half of the 20th century and into the 21st, Holy Union Sisters have responded to the changing needs of the Church and the people of God. This has taken us into many different states and Tanzania. Today we continue to minister in the eastern U.S. States and Kentucky as well as internationally in Benin, Cameroon and Haiti.

**Faithful to the spirit of our founder, Jean Baptist Debrabant,
today and into the future we continue to be at the heart of the world revealing God's love.**

