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An Act respecting The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Peterborough, in Ontario

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Preamble

The General Superior and Leadership Team of The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Peterborough, in Ontario have applied for special legislation to exempt certain land from taxation for municipal and school purposes, other than local improvement rates, while the land is used for a specified purpose.

The applicants represent that The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Peterborough, in Ontario was incorporated in 1893 as a benevolent and provident society under *An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies*, being chapter 172 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, and that the rights and powers of the corporation were amended by *The Sisters of St. Joseph (Peterborough) Act, 1932*. The applicants further represent that the corporation sought and obtained an order from the Supreme Court of Ontario, dated May 4, 1961, clarifying the terms of the 1932 special Act and that the objects and powers of the corporation were amended by supplementary letters patent issued on June 23, 1999.

The applicants further represent that the corporation owns a freehold interest in the land at 1555 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, which is used as its main ministry hub and home, that the corporation is a not-for-profit Roman Catholic order of religious women whose members are devoted to the dignity and care of the poor and homeless, marginalized and disadvantaged, uneducated, sick and elderly and that the corporation is a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

It is appropriate to grant the application.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definition

1. In this Act,

“specified property” means the land, as defined in the *Assessment Act*, municipally known as 1555 Monaghan Road in the City of Peterborough.

Municipal tax exemption by-law

2. The council of the City of Peterborough may pass by-laws exempting the specified property from taxes for municipal purposes, other than local improvement rates, if,

- (a) the specified property is occupied and used solely for the purposes of The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Peterborough, in Ontario;
- (b) The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Peterborough, in Ontario is the registered owner of the specified property; and
- (c) The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Peterborough, in Ontario is a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Property exempt from school taxes

3. (1) If the council of the City of Peterborough passes a by-law under section 2, the specified property is also exempt from taxes for school purposes for so long as the by-law remains in effect.

Chargeback

(2) Section 353 (taxes collected on behalf of other bodies) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* applies, with necessary modifications, to taxes exempted by subsection (1).

Commencement

4. **This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

Short title

5. **The short title of this Act is the *Sisters of St. Joseph of Peterborough Act (Tax Relief), 2010*.**