

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Mater Christi School in Burlington is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, September 15, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Mercy, after their arrival in Vermont in 1884, began teaching in Saint Patrick's Academy, which was located in what is now downtown Burlington; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 1886, the Sisters moved to the newly built convent on Mansfield Avenue and began teaching ungraded classes there in November; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty years later, in 1906, the southwest wing of Mount Saint Mary was completed and it housed for many years Mount Saint Mary Academy, Trinity College, and Mount Saint Mary Grade School; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1963, Mater Christi School, the successor of Mount Saint Mary Grade School, opened in a new, separate building on the property that has seen education by the Sisters of Mercy since 1886; and

**WHEREAS**, event planners have determined that it is most appropriate to include the story of 127 years of Mercy education in each of the events that will take place to mark this anniversary year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mater Christi School and the Sisters of Mercy have touched thousands of families in the Burlington area and beyond, offering both a strong academic education and a values-infused education; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating this jubilee milestone gives everyone an opportunity to recognize the impact Mater Christi School and the Sisters of Mercy have had on the Burlington community; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim that September 15, 2012 be declared

**MERCY EDUCATION DAY**

  
Miro Weinberger, Mayor

