

CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's in Frederick County passed at the December session of the General Assembly of Maryland, in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, chapter ninety-five.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth A. Seton and others associated with her, being unmarried women, and above the age of twenty-Preamble. one years, formed themselves into a religious association by the name of the "Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's," for the purpose, under the superintendence of certain clergymen of their religious persuasion, of devoting their lives to works of piety, charity and usefulness and especially for the care of the sick, the succor of aged, infirm and necessitous persons, and the education of young females, and

WHEREAS, by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the December session, eighteen hundred and sixteen, chapter ninety-five, the said Elizabeth A. Seton, and others associated with her, and their successors hereafter to become "Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph," according to the rules and regulations of their association for the time being, were incorporated by the corporate name and style of the "Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's," with perpetual succession and power, to sue and be sued, and to have and use a common seal, and to take and hold in fee simple, or otherwise; the farm in Frederick County on which they now dwell, and any other lands and real estate and any personal and mixed estate or property, to sell, lease, dispose of and convey in as full and ample Preamble manner as any person or body corporate holding any lands or property, real personal or mixed, may sell, lease, dispose of and convey the same; and to collect and receive the rents, profits, proceeds and emoluments of all property by them so held or possessed, and apply the same to the uses of their said association according to the rules and regulations established from time to time for the government thereof, provided, always, that they shall not at any time hold, use, possess or enjoy more than eight hundred acres of land, nor shall their personal estate at any time exceed in value the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, that the said corporation of the "Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's" has been eminently successful since its incorporation in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen to the present time far beyond the expectation of its promoter and originator, and