

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Louise Gerber, born on Friday, August 5, 1915, will celebrate her 100th birthday this year; deeply appreciated and loved by those at Mount Alvernia Convent and LIFE Pittsburgh, they are joining together to wish her a happy birthday and many more wonderful years ahead; and

WHEREAS, born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Sister Mary Louise is the youngest of four children; in 1936, after being taught and inspired by many of the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Joseph's School, she decided to enter the congregation; she went on to study at Duquesne University and earned a master's degree in education;

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Louise devoted more than 50 years of her life to teaching in the neighborhoods of Mt. Oliver and Bloomfield; during her career, she became a principal at St. Sebastian School in Belle Vernon and at St. George School in Pittsburgh's Allentown neighborhood; in addition to her passion for education, Sister Mary Louise also has a heart for those who are sick; she volunteered for 12 years at the St. Francis Medical Center in Lawrenceville where she delivered meals and socialized with patients; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Louise enjoys reading and being outside in her free time and currently lives with the Sisters of St. Francis at the Mount Alvernia Convent in Millvale; the Sisters of St. Francis continue God's work in the world today through prayer and ministries, and to this day Sister Mary Louise remains very active in the prayer ministry; she also enjoys visiting LIFE Pittsburgh where she can visit with friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish Sister Mary Louise Gerber a very happy 100th birthday, as well as health and happiness in all her years to come.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby encourage all fellow residents, family and friends to pay tribute to Sister Mary Louise on her 100th birthday, as we celebrate this milestone with her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 6th day of August, 2015.

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