

Making God's Providence Visible

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Mayor Bill Peduto City of Pittsburgh 414 Grant St. 5th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mayor Puduto:

We, the Sisters of Divine Providence in McCandless, are writing to say that we wish to congratulate you and support you on being open for the City of Pittsburgh to be a Sanctuary City. We agree with you when you say that immigrants are among our most vulnerable populations. We thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the many refugees and asylum seekers who now reside in the Pittsburgh area.

Along with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, (Formerly the Vincentian Sisters of Charity), we are currently collaborating to provide housing and services to families seeking asylum. They are waiting for their court hearings to be hopefully granted asylum. We have been able to do this through a grant from the Hilton Foundation for religious communities working on immigration. We have been able to assist four families into apartments around the Pittsburgh area since we began in October 2018.

Thank you for welcoming our sisters and brothers in need from other countries.

Sincerely, Jester Michele Besleij