



## Celebrate our Jubilee!

Merriam-Webster defines Jubilee as “a special anniversary of an event; a celebration of such an anniversary”.

**T**he year 2025 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Ministering in a CSFN sponsored ministry, you will share not only in this special year of celebration but you will also share in its spiritual benefits.

Jubilee comes from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Leviticus: “... the 50<sup>th</sup> year shall be a jubilee for you....It is a jubilee and is to be holy for you....”

Jubilee, an ancient practice rooted in the Old Testament, holds timeless principles that resonate with us today. Jubilee principles, originating from Leviticus, can be applied in our time in various ways that encompass the original spirit of social justice, economic balance and community well-being.

Our Mission Moments will reflect practical applications of Jubilee throughout the year.

**J**oin us, as we prayerfully consider the many dimensions of Jubilee in relationship to our Core Values, Catholic Social Teaching and our Nazareth Mission!

“Not too many years ago this Congregation was not in existence.

Today, it is here, expands; the Lord Jesus cultivates it, forms it, gives it direction and life.”

(Letter #134)



❖ Can you see yourself as part of our CSFN history and future?  
How?

- ❖ Our Jubilee begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. In preparation, you may wish to pray for the grace of a deeper understanding of the CSFN Mission of spreading the Kingdom of God's Love especially to families.

## *Did you know...?*

### Coat of Arms

Designed by the Congregation's Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, the coat of arms of the Sisters of the Holy



Family of Nazareth is rich in meaning.

The cross, with the superimposed monogram of Christ (P) between the Greek Alpha and Omega, represents Jesus, the beginning and end of all things. A lily and scepter intersect the cross diagonally, with the lily representing the Blessed Virgin Mary and the scepter, St. Joseph, a descendant of the house of King David. The cross, lily and scepter represent the Holy Family

Encircled by gold rays, the dove hovering above the cross, symbolizes the Holy Spirit, the Author of the Incarnation of the Son of God- the Love that is to fill the sisters' hearts and animate their community so that the sisters may radiate the Love onto their surroundings.

The papal tiara and keys reflect the sisters' union with and loyalty to the Church and the Holy Father.

Appearing below these symbols are the words of the Congregation's motto: *Fiat Voluntas Tua* (Thy Will Be Done), a concise expression of Nazareth Holiness and the fundamental plan of life drawn from the Foundress' contemplation of the life of the Holy Family that each sister accepts as her own.

The scarlet robe with the ermine lining and the crown represents the Kingdom of God's Love.