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## EDUCATION NEWS

# CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF MERCY IN THE U.S.



Merion Mercy Academy students organize the donated items, from left – Sophia Lamb of Gladwyne; Maggie McKernan of Haddon Township, NJ; Ava Marie Donatucci of Philadelphia; Caroline Giangiordano of Mount Laurel, NJ; Samantha Pasciullo-Boychuck of Marlton, NJ; Isabelle Millan of Philadelphia; Sadie Goane of Springfield; Cate Aaron of Philadelphia; Ryleigh Lord of Philadelphia; Tess Szathmary of Havertown; and Kaitlyn Powel of Havertown.

Throughout 2018, the Sisters of Mercy have been commemorating and celebrating the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the beginning of a vibrant legacy of service in the United States. That legacy continues today in numerous and diverse ministries, in hospitals, in universities and high schools, in parishes, in shelters and in immigrant detention centers, adhering always to the Mercy vow to serve people who are poor, sick and uneducated. Recently, Merion Mercy celebrated this anniversary through a school-wide initiative of 175 ways of giving. Student Council organized this giving effort and is collecting 175 (each per grade) canned goods, boxes of crayons, socks, and vitamins for those in need.

## French International School Students Offer Candleholders, Sympathy to Neighbors at LM Synagogue after Pittsburgh Tragedy

Following the tragic events at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27, students at the French International School of Philadelphia showed their solidarity with their neighbors at Lower Merion Synagogue by presenting the congregation's leadership with 11 small candleholders, one for each of the Pittsburgh victims. The candleholders were hand-decorated by children in the school's aftercare program.

In a message to the school community, Head of School Kathy Kotchick said: "We are

French International School students create candleholders for Lower Merion Synagogue.

thinking about all of those in Pittsburgh and those who have family and friends affected by the horrendous tragedy there. We will continue to focus on teaching and modeling kindness in our welcoming, loving, accepting school and are here to support all of our Jewish families in this trying time."

Located in Bala Cynwyd, PA, the French International School of Philadelphia is an independent pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school serving a multicultural community and offering a comprehensive bilingual curriculum in French and English. Accredited by both the French Ministry of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the school expects its students to become global citizens with a deeper understanding of and appreciation for other cultures.

### "The Little Mermaid" at Immaculata University

Immaculata University's Cue and Curtain Theater presents "The Little Mermaid." Based on the 1989 movie, "Disney's The Little Mermaid" has music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and book by Doug Wright. Performances will be Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m., Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, November 17 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, children, and seniors citizens (over 65). Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more. For info, or to reserve tickets, call 610-647-4400 ext. 3168 or email [cttheatre@immaculata.edu](mailto:cttheatre@immaculata.edu).

### National Constitution Center Scout Days

At the National Constitution Center, scouts will enjoy action-packed day learning about American history and the importance of good citizenship—all while meeting badge, patch, or journey requirements! Scout Days feature guided tours, interactive quiz games, outdoor flag ceremonies, hands-on artifact workshops, activity tables, and more! PLUS: All Scouts receive a great National Constitution Center Scout Day Fun Patch! Scout Days will occur on the upcoming dates: Girl Scout Days: **March 9, 2019**. Boy & Cub Scout Days: **November 17, 2018 & March 23, 2019**. Ticket prices and more information can be found here: <https://constitutioncenter.org/visit/group-visits/scout-days>.