



## **Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Land Acknowledgement**

The land we inhabit reflects a shared history. As we gather today, we are mindful that we stand on the homeland of the Cherokee, Ho-Chunk (Winnebago), Iroquois, Mascouten, Menominee, Meskwaki (Fox), Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibwe (Chippewa), Oneida, Potawatomi, Sauk (Sac), and Sioux nations who have known these lands for millennia.

We acknowledge that the 1833 Treaty of Chicago signed by the United States and Potawatomi displaced these tribal nations, removing them from their land. When our community arrived in 1849, with honor and respect for these first nations, we used the word “nojoshing” in the language of the Deer Creek Indians. It means “straight tongue,” which describes the way the land juts out toward Lake Michigan. Gratefully, we honor the sovereignty of these first peoples and our shared connection to Mother Earth.

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