

FOREWORD

In 1955 the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth established Holy Family College in Torresdale, Philadelphia, as an institution of higher education. Fifty years later, with the guidance of Holy Family's founders and presidents, Holy Family University has advanced into a twenty-first century institution with the root of the mission statement still firmly implanted within the University's growing structure. Students enroll in Holy Family University to receive an education that will "both intellectually and morally assume their responsibilities toward God, themselves, and society." Holy Family University affirms the dignity of the human person, the oneness of the human family, and the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Holy Family University is an institution with a commitment to morality and ethics in personal, group, and national behavior.

In May 2003, I became an alumna of Holy Family University with a Bachelor of Arts in English literature. I not only graduated with a degree, but with a deeper understanding of the importance to see beyond the monetary motivation of the world. Holy Family University has strengthened my ethical, logical, and communication skills, preparing me to manage modern problems and seek solutions for a peaceful future. In a time when the nation is in conflict with people who believe in war and those who seek artillery disarmament, we are challenged to seek refuge in the moral rearmament that the mission statement of Holy Family University provides. The mission statement of Holy Family offers an atmosphere of mutual concern for the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical needs of the faculty and students who attend the University.

I hope the *Reflections on the Mission of Holy Family University* can offer the reader a poignant and personal account of what the mission statement means to the employees who dedicate their time to Holy Family University and how the mission is applied to each individual. In 1875, Sister Frances Siedliska founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth through the profound reality that God exists in the most simple and everyday experiences of human life. Through God's guidance, the faculty and the students of Holy Family University are committed to creating a community of support and love that celebrates the oneness of the human family, a family that each and everyone of us are responsible for its survival and spiritual growth.



Kristina A. Weise '03
Editor