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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Granting Powers to the Franciscan Fathers of Maine.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. Corporate powers. The trustees, their associates and successors of the Franciscan Fathers of Maine, a corporation organized under chapter 50 of the revised statutes, are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of Franciscan Fathers of Maine, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to have perpetual succession; to acquire, take by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, encumber and convey such real and personal estate as shall be required for the purpose of its incorporation; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure.

Sec. 2. Institution of higher learning; degrees. Said corporation is further empowered and authorized to establish, maintain and conduct at Biddeford, within this state, an institution of higher learning to be known as the St. Francis College; and to provide in said St. Francis College instruction in such language and in the liberal and useful arts and sciences, including, but not limited to, courses in the humanities, mathematics, the natural and social sciences, philisophy, theology and the sacred sciences, as the said trustees of said corporation shall from time to time determine;

and to grant and confer at and through said St. Francis College the academic degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, and honors as are usually granted and conferred by institutions of higher learning, and to those who may complete a full graduate or post-graduate course in said institution having previously received from said institution the degrees of B.A., or B.S. or M.A., or any others who, in the judgment of said Faculty may merit the distinction, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and to the students in said institution such certificate of proficiency and attainments in any special study as the Faculty of said institution may see fit and proper to confer, and further to confer the honorary degree of B.A., B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. or such other degrees as are or may be conferred by any college or institution of learning of this state upon any person, who in the judgment of the said Faculty may merit such distinctions, whether such person be a student or graduate of the said institution or not.