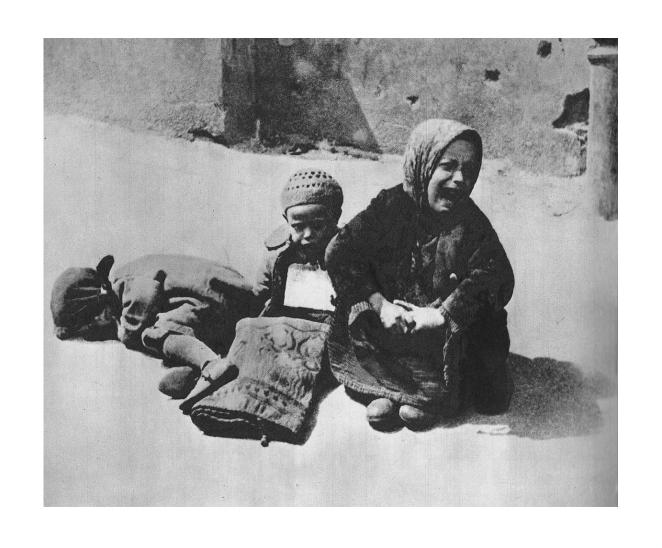
Who is Sophia Camille and what is her connection to our university?

Her 19 year-old mother had to put her in a make-shift incubator made out of quilts warmed by hot coals. She wasn't expected to live past childhood.

Forced to leave school at age 12 because of a respiratory illness, she finished her education on her own with the help of her family and tutors.

As a child she saved every cent she could so that she could distribute money to the poor and homeless when she went on her daily walks.



Shocked by seeing two orphaned children living on the street, she badgered her father until he agreed to rent two attic rooms.

Abandoned women and orphaned children lived there rent-free.

On her daily walks with the orphaned children she would bring them to a nearby church to pray at the altar of St. Felix of Cantalice.

The townspeople called the group "the children of St. Felix."

She took great pains to learn the story of each person she helped.

She taught the women practical skills they could use to support themselves.

Impressed by her dedication to the poor, donors contributed funds for her to rent larger and larger shelters.

Many women joined her efforts.

Blessed Mary Angela (Sophia Camille) is the foundress of the Felician Sisters.

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