

RESOLUTION NO.: 83-2017

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche, Council President Cotton-Henry, and Councilpersons O'Toole, Alexander, Lewis, Lentine, Kumin, and Hurst

**A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION TO FATHER ROGER BOURGEOIS OF ST. PASCHAL BAYLON CHURCH IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION INTO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Whereas, Father Roger Bourgeois, SSS, of St. Paschal Baylon Church was ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1957 and his congregation and friends are celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the priesthood with a Eucharist Celebration on September 17, 2017, at 10 a.m. at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Highland Heights, Ohio, followed by a reception;

WHEREAS, Father Bourgeois has served the Lord and parishioners' needs through congregations in various parts of the U.S. and the Philippines over the past 60 years;

WHEREAS, Father Bourgeois continues to serve as the Chaplain of St. Ann's Shrine in Highland Heights helping others to experience the love of God;

WHEREAS, Father Bourgeois has stated: "A highlight of my ... years as a priest is the joy of celebrating the Sacraments with God's people, of making good friends wherever I was assigned, and enjoying the cultural diversities of food, language, traditions, and beauty of each locale. I love my priesthood and thank my Congregation that has given me the opportunity to travel, meet and minister to so many people. All of them continue to enrich my personhood and inspire me to continue serving as a priest."

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to publicly acknowledge Father Bourgeois' milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio:

Section 1: The Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond Heights do highly commend and congratulate Father Roger Bourgeois upon the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood and express their appreciation for his service and many contributions to the City's citizens and those of surrounding areas and the world as a religious and moral leader.

Section 2: The Clerk of Council is directed to forward this Resolution to Father Bourgeois.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and execution.

PASSED: August 22, 2017

APPROVED: August 22, 2017

ATTEST: Betsy Traben

Betsy Traben, Council Clerk

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