

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 41**  
**Monsignor Robert Joseph Gettinger**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised Monsignor Robert Joseph Gettinger recently celebrated his 50th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Ryan, baptized the infant Robert Joseph, freeing his soul from original sin and giving him rebirth through water and the Holy Spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, young Robert received his First Holy Communion when he received his first taste of the life-giving Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert was Confirmed, which strengthened, signed, and sealed him as a soldier of Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, Cardinal Ritter ordained Seminarian Robert to become part of the chosen race, the royal priesthood, a priest forever; and

**WHEREAS**, his loving, caring, nurturing parents, Edgar and Mary Rose were his first teachers and guides along the path of faith; and

**WHEREAS**, his only brother, Jack was his friend, guide, and role model through his growing up years; and

**WHEREAS**, for Father Bob's many years of priestly service to those whom he has prayed for, baptized, confirmed, married, anointed, reconciled, and commended to God at the six parishes he has served: St. Charles Borromeo, St. Sebastian, Most Holy Name, St. Bridget, Most Blessed Sacrament and St. Augustine; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Bob has invited in, fed, clothed, cared for, visited, helped to educate, and comforted many people in his charitable outreach to the least of our brothers and sisters; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 21 years he has served as "one and only" pastor, padre, teacher, and friend at St. Augustine Parish and for many more years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, we hope for Father Bob's continued health and well-being that he remain strong in spirit, mind, and body, enjoy life and have peace of mind and continue to do the Lord's work.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Monsignor Robert Joseph Gettinger and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of May, 2014 by:

**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

Adopted this the 16th day of May, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen