

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 68**

**The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Centennial Celebration**

**WHEREAS**, the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an international congregation of Catholic sisters, announce the 100th anniversary of the arrival of their order in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in St. Louis, Missouri. Five Sisters journeyed from Connecticut to this Midwestern city for the same reason the Apostles had traveled to the U.S. from Italy in 1902: to serve Italian immigrants who were struggling and to preserve their Catholic, moral, and cultural life in the “New World”; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Cesar Spigardi, Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians, or “the Italian Church” as it was deemed, reached out to the Apostles whom he had met while giving a mission in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1912. He saw in the Sisters the zeal and charity necessary to help him renew the faith of his flock. The Apostles arrived in St. Louis on January 24, 1913, and began teaching in the new parish school, educating the Italian immigrant children, evangelizing, and providing pastoral care to their families. From downtown, the Sisters’ mission expanded to Sacred Heart Villa on the Hill in 1940 and St. Ambrose School in 1941; and

**WHEREAS**, the Apostles began ministering at Our Lady of Good Counsel in North County in 1953 and built Cor Jesu Academy in Affton in 1965. For the past 100 years, the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have served in more than 35 schools, parishes, and other ministries in the greater St. Louis area; and

**WHEREAS**, the centennial celebration will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at St. Francis Xavier College Church with Archbishop Robert J. Carson as celebrant. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass in the Xavier Grand Ballroom.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Centennial Celebration 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 14th day of June, 2013 by:

**Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 14th day of June, 2013 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