

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 273**  
**100 Year Anniversary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that a group of Roman Catholic laymen who were members of the then-newly formed Catholic Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland in the Shaw Neighborhood established a Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Feb. 21, 1910; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 100 years this independent, all-volunteer group of Catholic lay men, joined in recent years by lay women, have reached out in charity and compassion to thousands of persons in the immediate neighborhood providing, among other things, financial assistance for rent and utilities, clothing, furniture, instruction in household financial management and nutrition, groceries and, most recently prepared frozen meals and fresh garden produce---all of which is delivered to families in their homes or made available at the Fr. Jack Gavin Outreach Center on Lafayette and Compton Aves., and

**WHEREAS**, due to the closing of several adjoining Catholic parishes in recent years, the neighborhoods served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Margaret Parish have nearly tripled, now stretching from Jefferson Ave. on the East to Kingshighway on the West, and from Hwy. 64/40 on the North to Arsenal St. on the South, and

**WHEREAS**, its 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2009 was probably the group's most vigorous, with its 140 active and associate members distributing more than \$120,000 in assistance, not counting the additional value of donated food, supplies, clothing and furniture, and

**WHEREAS**, the current president of the St. Margaret Conference, Mr. Jeff Goldone, and a special committee have, over the past two years, planned, designed and executed the complete renovation of a small side chapel and impromptu infant "cry room" inside the Church into a testimonial to the reverence they feel for their patron, St. Vincent de Paul, and

**WHEREAS**, this beautifully renovated space, renamed the "Vincentian Children's Chapel" will be formally opened and dedicated in ceremonies at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, by the Vicar General of The Archdiocese of St. Louis, Rev. Msgr. Vernon Gardin.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate the leaders and members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish on 100 years of faithful charity and service to persons in their immediate neighborhood, and, moreover, encourage these generous men and women to continue providing compassion, sustenance and tangible help to their neighbors in need 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29th day of January, 2010 by:

**Honorable Stephen J. Conway Alderman 8th Ward**

Adopted this the 29th day of January, 2010 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