

RESOLUTION NUMBER 99
Father James Edward Wuerth

WHEREAS, Father James Edward Wuerth was born on March 6, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky and is the oldest of seven children born to Eddie Paul and Mary Ruth Wuerth; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Father Wuerth entered Holy Family Seminary in St. Louis to study priesthood. He later received a Master of Divinity Degree from St. Leonard's College in Centerville, Ohio and a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from the University of Dayton; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 Father Jim was ordained a priest and since has served in different parishes and ministries in many different communities; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1990, Father Jim was assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Sequin, Texas. There he gave guidance and spiritual inspiration to his congregation, and earned the respect and admiration of all our citizens by his whole-hearted and dedicated participation in many church and civic projects; and

WHEREAS, Father Jim later moved back to St. Louis and was assigned as Pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in September 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Father Jim participated in the consolidation of ten parish schools into St. Frances Cabrini Academy, which is housed at St. Wenceslaus. With Father Jim's guidance, St. Frances Cabrini Academy today provides a wonderful education with religious formation to many youth with different ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Father Jim has been a member of the Benton Park West Housing Authority since his arrival in 2001, assisting in locating affordable housing for many needy individuals in the community. Father Jim has overseen the growth of the Outreach and Parish Food Pantries at St. Wenceslaus Parish to the point that the two pantries help over one hundred families a month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Father James Edward Wuerth 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 3rd day of June, 2011 by:

Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

Adopted this the 3rd day of June, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen