

Resolution Number 136
The Young Catholic Musicians

Whereas, The Young Catholic Musicians was founded in 1974 in St. Louis and has been directed continuously by Fr. Bruce H. Forman since then; and

Whereas, over the last 40 years more than 2,000 talented young singers and instrumentalists from throughout the Metropolitan St. Louis area, aged ten through eighteen, have participated in The Young Catholic Musicians; and

Whereas, the purpose of The Young Catholic Musicians is to learn quality liturgical music, arranged for full orchestra and choir by Fr. Bruce Forman; and

Whereas, once each month, the young people lead the music for mass at various churches in the Metropolitan St. Louis area, giving strong vocal support to the congregation during mass, and the orchestra enhancing and energizing the sung prayer; and

Whereas, The Young Catholic Musicians perform a Christmas concert of sacred music in the St. Louis Metropolitan area; and

Whereas, The Young Catholic Musicians perform a concert in May during a nine-day tour, after school is completed, in destinations such as New York City, Washington, D.C., Toronto, Orlando, Denver, and Dallas/Houston; and

Whereas, The Young Catholic Musicians is open to young people from all religious traditions, realizing that their talents and services will most often be dedicated to the congregations at Catholic Parishes; and

Whereas, rehearsals are held at 816 Allen Street, across from Historic Saints Peter and Paul Church in the Soulard Historic District in the City of St. Louis; and

Whereas, The Young Catholic Musicians have led the music for the Papal Young Bridge, the prayer service at the Papal Youth Rally at the Savvis Center with Pope St. John Paul II, the Opening Event of the Eucharistic Congress at the Convention Center in St. Louis, and have recorded and produced many albums of liturgical and Christian contemporary music; and

Whereas, The Young Catholic Musicians have led the singing of the National Anthem at Busch Stadium, the Astrodome, Minute Maid Stadium, and Coors Stadium. They have performed at many State Capitol Buildings, including Missouri, Illinois, and Colorado. Also on stage at Disney World, on the observation platform of the Empire State Building, on stage at the World Trade Center in 1993, two weeks after the garage bombing, at the Statute of Liberty, the President's Park (Ellipse), the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., at many elementary and high school assemblies in the USA and Canada and at many retirement homes.

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 Young Catholic Musicians and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 24th day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 24th day of October as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen