

RESOLUTION NO. 140
St. Raphael Archangel Catholic Church
50th Anniversary of Laying of the Cornerstone

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Aldermen take great pride in acknowledging a milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many St. Louis-area residents; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1950, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter appointed the Rev. Arthur Behrman to organize a new parish to be known as St. Raphael the Archangel; and

WHEREAS, the members and staff of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the Cornerstone of the parish's second church with a special celebration to be held on October 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, following the laying of the cornerstone on October 23, 1966, construction of St. Raphael the Archangel Church was completed on August 6, 1967; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of St. Raphael the Archangel Church held its first Mass at its new church on November 5, 1967, and it was officially dedicated by Archbishop John J. Carberry on April 28, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church has received a tremendous amount of spiritual guidance and fulfillment from its ministers, including Monsignor Arthur Behrman, Monsignor Richard Gallagher, Monsignor William Drennan, Monsignor Henry Breier, and Father Robert J. Reiker, all of whom provided their flock with the tools to develop a closer and more meaningful relationship with the Lord; and

WHEREAS, through both the trials and wonderful moments of their 50-year history, the devoted leaders and congregation of St. Raphael the Archangel Church have maintained their commitment to serve the people of the community in the spirit of faith, duty, and love; and

WHEREAS, known, admired, and respected throughout St. Louis as a divine proclaimer of faith and a friend to those in need, St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church continues a fine tradition through its commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a wonderful future with God.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to mark the 50th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of October, 2016, by:

The Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman, 16th Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of October, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen