

Resolution Number 140
SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF CARONDELET
175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Whereas, the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in America from Lyon, France in 1836. They settled in Carondelet, Missouri, living in a small log cabin with an outside ladder to the sleeping loft; and

Whereas, the Sisters currently minister in 19 states in addition to Missouri, as well as Japan, Peru, Uganda and Chile; and

Whereas, the work of the Sisters is a vivid testimony to the perennial vigor of the gospel. According to the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Joseph, “We turn to Mary and Joseph for examples of faithfulness to the inspiration of the Spirit...”; and

Whereas, in 1837 the Sisters began educating deaf children which resulted in the St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf. The dedication to the purpose displayed by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet also resulted in the St. Joseph Home for Boys, St. Joseph Academy and Fontbonne University, all true St. Louis regional assets; and

Whereas, in 1981 the historic convent located at 6400 Minnesota Avenue, in our city’s 11th Ward, was placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings; and

Whereas, today the Sisters continue to work closely with lay persons as they serve in parishes, schools, colleges, universities and diocesan offices; in health care, child care, deaf education, youth ministry and adult education-literacy programs; in homes and programs for the elderly, in social work, neighborhood and community development and social concerns; as artists, consultants, counselors, and spiritual directors. In a special way they are in partnership with men and women who are desirous of sharing the mission of Jesus. As non-vowed Associates, they meet regularly to share life and prayer with one another and to share in the Church’s mission with the Sisters of St. Joseph; and

Whereas, the breadth and depth of the contributions to the apostolate of the Catholic Church in America made by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is truly amazing.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the 175th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet 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 8th day of July, 2011 by:

Honorable Thomas Albert Villa, Alderman 11th Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of July, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen