

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 124**  
**2009 St. Peter Claver Day Celebration**

**WHEREAS**, Saint Peter Claver was born in Catalonia in Spain in 1581 and is often known as the Apostle of the Negro Slaves; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Peter Claver aided slaves by bringing food, caring for the sick and ministering to their souls. Over a 40 year period, Peter baptized over three hundred thousand slaves; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter throughout his life made frequent visits to hospitals and prisons and spent many hours of each day hearing confessions and preaching in public squares; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter enlisted assistants to beg for alms; he bought food, medicine, brandy and tobacco, and whenever a Slave Ship arrived, he distributed these goods, cares for those who were sick and ministered to the Souls of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654 and was beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1851. He is remembered and honored on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 selflessness labors of Saint Peter Claver and acknowledge the 2008 St. Peter Claver Day Celebration 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 27th day of August, 2009 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 27th day of August 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