

RESOLUTION NUMBER 127
St. Gabriel the Archangel 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that September 23, 2009 will mark the 75th Anniversary of St. Gabriel the Archangel; and

WHEREAS, the parish has 1,514 registered Parish families and the school has more than 500 children enrolled; and

WHEREAS, St. Gabriel the Archangel has numerous organizations that provide Christian Service which includes: Pro-Life, St. Vincent de Paul, ACTS Retreat, Holy Name, L.I.F.E, St. Peter & Paul, RCIA, Legion of Mary, Parish Helpers, Food & Fuel for Life, Board of Education, Parent Faculty, Senior Services, Social Ministry, Perpetual Adoration, Marriage Preparation, Parish Nurse, Quilters, Lectors, Choir, Greeters, Sanctuary Society, Ecumenical, Youth Ministry, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Archangel Players, Athletic Association, Finance, Facility, Stewardship and Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1934, under the leadership of Pastor Father Francis Skaer, 5100 people began attending mass in an office building of a real estate company which is now St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, located on Donovan Avenue. The church and school buildings were completed at Murdoch and Tamm Avenues the following year. Father Skaer served as pastor until 1943; and

WHEREAS, Msgr. Leo Steck was appointed St. Gabriel's second pastor. He left St. Gabriels in 1948 to become auxiliary bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah. Msgr. Rudolph Schuler was appointed Pastor in 1948 and the present church at 6323 Nottingham and the rectory, 6303 Nottingham Avenue, were completed in 1951; and

WHEREAS, the fourth pastor, Msgr. Harry Stitz organized in 1954 the building of a new convent for the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The residence at 4700 Tamm Avenue was built for 18 nuns. In 1962, the parish announced plans to build a new gymnasium. In 1979, Msgr. Richard Lubeley was appointed St. Gabriel's fifth pastor. He was charged with renovating the interior of the church in keeping with the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Father Charles Burgoon was appointed as the sixth pastor. During his tenure he oversaw the "Call to Build Campaign", which provided 6 new classrooms, a school meeting room, air conditioning and other improvements to the school. In addition, the campaign provided windows for the rectory and maintenance to the church. Father Robert Samson is currently the seventh Pastor for St. Gabriels.

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 75th Anniversary of St. Gabriel the Archangel and we wish the church continued success and achievement 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 31st day of August, 2009 by:

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 31st day of August, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

