

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION

St. Peter and St. Paul Parish

100th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS The St. Peter and St. Paul Parish has been a beacon of spiritual guidance and community solidarity in Detroit, Michigan, for 100 years; cherishing a rich history that began with the humble beginnings of forty families seeking spiritual guidance, which led to the establishment of the parish under the leadership of Rev. Adalbert Zadala; **and**

WHEREAS The Parish has since expanded and evolved, experiencing various stages of growth and transformation, from the first worship in the small brick chapel on Christmas Day of 1923 to the establishment of the beloved “little white wooden church”; moving subsequently to its current location; **and**

WHEREAS Through the tireless efforts, dedication, and commitment of the pastors who served, such as Rev. Raphael Chrzaszcz, Rev. John Hewelt, Rev. Vincent Borkowicz, Rev. Peter Rypel, and Rev. Francis Gramza, the Parish has continued to flourish; welcoming new families, expanding the school building, constructing new rectories and convents, and building the final church in 1959; **and**

WHEREAS The Parish has not only been a place for worship, but also a home for spiritual education, community activities, and a symbol of unity and faith; it has faced challenges with courage, including the passing of its leaders, the closure of its school due to low enrollment, and yet, it continually strives to serve its community with unwavering dedication and devotion; **and**

WHEREAS The Parish, under the leadership of its recent pastors - Rev. Francis Maliszewski, Rev. Richard Steiber, Rev. Sigismund Kowalczyk, Rev. Francis Reiss, and Rev. Stan Tokarski, and currently Rev. Jaroslaw Pilus, continues to uphold its mission, enriching the spiritual lives of its congregation, fostering community bonds, and contributing to the overall well-being of the community; **and**

WHEREAS That we, the undersigned, on this momentous occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, do hereby extend our deepest appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to the Parish for its century-long service, contributions, and enduring legacy. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED That **Honorable Council Member Fred Durhal III and Members of the Detroit City Council** hereby express our profound gratitude for the Parish's unwavering commitment to spiritual growth and community service. We celebrate its accomplishments and milestones and wish it continued success in its divine mission. May **St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** continue to shine as a beacon of faith, hope, and love, guiding its community towards spiritual enlightenment and unity.

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