

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Monsignor Michael J. Adams has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, son of the faithfully departed Michael and Jennie Adams, brother of Yolanda (late John) DuBois and uncle of their four children; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Adams was ordained into the priesthood on May 7, 1959, by Albert Cardinal Meyer; and

WHEREAS, he began his priestly ministry as Assistant Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish; and

WHEREAS, he went on to serve at St. Matthias Parish (Ainslie St), St. Mary Parish (Evanston), St. Francis de Paula Parish (Dobson Ave), and St. Stephen of Hungary Parish (Augusta Blvd); and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Adams pastored the People of St. Gall Parish (55th St) from 1977 until 1992, and then pastored the people of St. Mary Star of the Sea (64th St) from 1992 until his official retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, he served as the Administrator of St. Bede the Venerable, St. Albert the Great, and St. Catherine of Alexandria parishes when their need arose; and

WHEREAS, he was a beloved presence at Christ the King parish where people benefited from his exceptionally kind nature, dedicated prayer life, and thought-provoking homilies; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Adams will be dearly missed by the life-long friends he made throughout his nearly 64 years of priesthood, and it would be impossible to count the thousands of people that benefited from his wisdom, guidance, prayer, commitment to social justice, and service to God's people; and

WHEREAS, to his beloved family, Monsignor Adams imparts a legacy of generosity, compassion, devotion to family and unwavering faith in God; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of May, 2023, do hereby commemorate Monsignor Adams for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Monsignor Michael J. Adams.

Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward