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SALUTE TO FATHER EUGENE GRATKOWSKI

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2012 the congregation of St. Cyprian Parish in the northwest suburb of River Grove will gather to celebrate the retirement of Father Eugene Gratkowski as pastor and his subsequent appointment as pastor emeritus at a mass and reception; and

WHEREAS, Father Eugene Gratkowski has been an outstanding spiritual leader of St. Cyprian for almost seven years. He served as a deacon at Presentation Parish on this city's West Side and St. Martin Parish on the South Side before being ordained on April 27, 1967. In order to better prepare himself to serve the growing Hispanic population of Catholics, he studied in Puerto Rico to become proficient in the Spanish language; and

WHEREAS, Father Eugene Gratkowski became Associate Pastor at St. Mark's from 1967 to 1970. From 1970 to 1972, he held the same title at St. Sylvester's. In 1972 through 1984, he co-pastored at St. Boniface. For the next year, he was pastor at Queen of Angels before being assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Gregory until 1991 when he became Pastor of St. Genevieve's for the next seven years. In 1997, he served two years as Administrator for St. John Bosco and spent the following two years as Associate Pastor at St. Hilary's before being appointed Pastor of St. John Berchman's for six years; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2005, Father Eugene Gratkowski was appointed pastor at St. Cyprian where he will remain after his retirement as pastor emeritus; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ray Suarez, Alderman of the 31st Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant milestone and noteworthy achievements of this remarkable Catholic priest, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 6th Day of June, 2012 AD, do hereby salute Father Eugene Gratkowski on the occasion of his retirement and extend our very best wishes for health, happiness and success in all he endeavors to do in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Father Eugene Gratkowski.



RAY SUAREZ
Alderman – 31st Ward