



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church on 110th anniversary and 75th Jubilee Year of Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church in Chicago will celebrate its *110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* at a special event on October 17, 2015, which will also honor the *75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year* of the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this dual event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Canonized by Pope Leo XIII, Saint Rita of Cascia was an Italian Augustinian nun who is called the "Patron Saint of the Impossible"; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1905 Archbishop James E. Quigley invited the Order of St. Augustine to Chicago to establish a presence on the sparsely populated Southwest Side; and

**WHEREAS**, A five-acre tract of land was purchased on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between Oakley and Claremont Avenues and construction soon began on a chapel, monastery and school; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1911, with the parish increasing in growth every year, there was need for a larger church and school which resulted in the purchase of another tract of land, at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Fairfield and 62<sup>nd</sup> and Washtenaw, where the present day parish is located; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the ensuing decades, the parish continued to replace the church and school with larger buildings as the neighborhood rapidly developed; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1950 Samuel Cardinal Stritch dedicated what is now the current church, a Romanesque style structure, and praised it as "magnificent in its simplicity"; and

**WHEREAS**, During its long and rich history, Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church has fostered a deep sense of faith and community in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the religious of Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of October 2015, do hereby congratulate Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church on its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year of the Province of Our Mother of Good; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Tony Pizzo, Pastor of Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B.', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**