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Title:	Congratulations extended to Immaculate Conception Parish on 100th anniversary and gratitude extended to Reverend Robert Coleman for contributions to community
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Robert Coleman, the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church on the Southwest Side of Chicago, will preside over the parish's Centennial celebrations during 2014; and

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

WHEREAS, For generations, families have found Immaculate Conception parish to be a place of comfort, inspiration and hope; and

WHEREAS, Inside this church, countless baptisms, weddings and funerals have taken place; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1914 when the Brighton Park neighborhood was still a prairie, Immaculate Conception Church initially served Lithuanian and eastern European families; and

WHEREAS, Over its long and rich history, the faithful of this highly active parish became largely comprised of Mexican immigrants and today has 2,500 registered families; and

WHEREAS, This Jubilee year provides the opportunity to not only reflect on the parish's rich history, but also acknowledge the contributions of its many priests, including its current Pastor, the Reverend Robert Coleman; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Southwest Side, the Reverend Robert Coleman was raised in an Irish family and served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

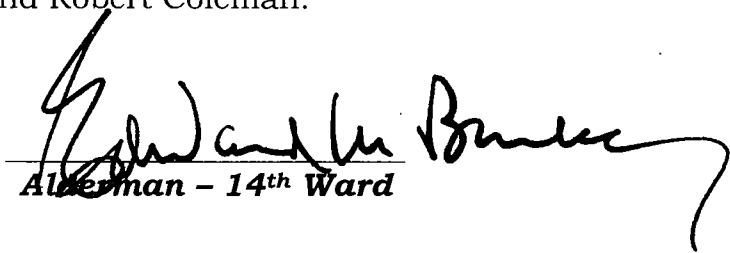
WHEREAS, While in the military, the Reverend Robert Coleman decided to pursue a religious vocation and was ordained in 1978 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work at Immaculate Conception Parish, the Reverend Robert Coleman has served as Pastor of St. Philomena, ministered at St. Mary of Lake Parish and Good Shepherd Parish and spent fourteen years as a missionary in Mexico, where he honed his language skills in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of the Reverend Robert Coleman and the contributions to the community of Immaculate Conception Parish 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 second day of April, 2014, do hereby recognize the *100th Anniversary* of Immaculate Conception Parish and do hereby express our appreciation to the Reverend Robert Coleman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Robert Coleman.


Alderman - 14th Ward

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