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Sponsor(s):	Burke, Edward M. (14)
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Title:	Recognition extended to William Fraher as director of Liturgical Music at old St. Patrick's Church after 22 years of service
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William Fraher officially stepped down as Director of Liturgical Music at Chicago's historic Old St. Patrick's Church on July 14, 2013, following twenty-two years of service; and

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

WHEREAS, William Fraher earned his bachelor's degree in Philosophy from St. Mary's Seminary in Perryville, Missouri, a master's degree in Liturgy of the Arts from the De Andreas Institute of Theology and did post-graduate work at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, William Fraher's expert direction has earned Old St. Patrick's Church, Chicago's oldest English-speaking Catholic parish, located in a building that survived the Great Fire of 1871, a well-deserved reputation for excellence in liturgical music; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, William Fraher has fostered the congregation's "full, conscious and active participation"; and

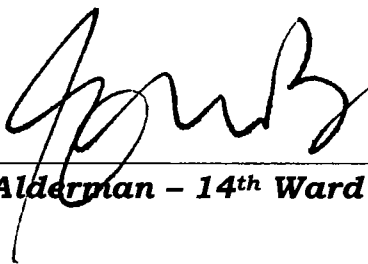
WHEREAS, William Fraher will remain with the parish as Director of Concerts and Concert Choirs, working on the annual *Deck the Halls*, *Too Hot to Handel* and *Siamsa na nGael* concerts which bring such delight to appreciative audiences; and

WHEREAS, William Fraher will also remain as coordinator of music for weddings and funerals; and

WHEREAS, William Fraher's hard work, talent and dedication serve as an outstanding example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fourth day of July, 2013, do hereby commend William Fraher for his tireless commitment to excellence and thank him for his twenty-two years of service as Director of Liturgical Music for Old St. Patrick's Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to William Fraher.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alderman - 14th Ward', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.