



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Deacon Salvatore Villa on 50th anniversary of ordination
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Chicago City Council has been informed of Deacon Salvatore ("Sal") Villa's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal was born on December 5, 1929 to his parents, Michael and Margaret Villa on the south side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal grew up in Bridgeport with his parents and his nine siblings near Chinatown on 27<sup>th</sup> Street and South Princeton Avenue; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal attended Santa Maria Incoronata grade school and St. Rita High School where he graduated in 1949; and

**WHEREAS,** He was drafted in the U. S. Army and served from 1951 -1953 in Germany; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal worked at Morrie Mages Sports downtown as well as selling subscriptions for the Extension and St. Anthony Messenger magazines; and

**WHEREAS,** He had contemplated entering the seminary to become a priest, but that all changed when he met his future wife, Marie; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal and Marie married on January 18, 1958 and will be married 65 years on January 18, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1970, Sal answered the call to ordained ministry in the Catholic Church by entering the seminary programs for deacons; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal was ordained in the first diaconate class in the Archdiocese of Chicago on December 10, 1972; and

**WHEREAS,** He was one of the 96 to be ordained, and his ordination was held at St. John of God Church by Bishop Abramowicz; and

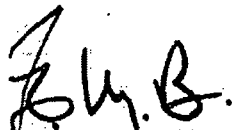
**WHEREAS,** Sal and Marie moved to 45<sup>th</sup> and Avers in 1965 and joined St. Bruno Parish, where Sal was assigned after his ordination and has been ministering to the parishioners for the past 50 years; and

**WHEREAS,** During his ministry at St. Bruno, Sal was the moderator of the St. Bruno Teen Club, coached the boys softball team, and was moderator for the Phoenix Group for the divorced and separated; and

**WHEREAS,** Sal has two children, Michael and Joseph, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of December, 2022, do hereby recognize Deacon Salvatore Villa's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination as well as his lifetime achievements and accolades; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Deacon Salvatore Villa.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. M. Burke", written over a horizontal line.

Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14th Ward