



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 2/28/2018

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Reverend Tom McCarthy for being named English-language official of Pontifical Council in Rome

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Tom McCarthy, an accomplished educator, administrator and retreat director, has been named the English-language official of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization in Rome; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A native of Chicago, the Reverend Tom McCarthy was raised in St. Adrian Parish and attended St. Rita of Cascia High School; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Tom McCarthy graduated from Villanova University and earned a master's degree from Lewis University; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Tom McCarthy entered the Midwest Province of the Augustinian Order in 1987 and after completing his novitiate earned a Master's of Divinity degree; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1993 the Reverend Tom McCarthy made his solemn vows as an Augustinian Friar and was ordained to the priesthood in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, After serving in various assignments, the Reverend Tom McCarthy returned to St. Rita of Cascia High School in 1994 where he served as a teacher and later as Principal and President; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Tom McCarthy is the Director of the Shrine of St. Rita at the school and has overseen more than 200 parish missions in 14 states during the past 19 years; and

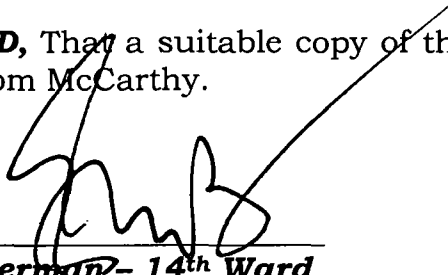
**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Tom McCarthy plans to move to the Augustinian generalate in Rome where he will stay for the next five years and focus on expanding his ministry of evangelization; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Tom McCarthy has long believed that "you have to let people know that you care before they care what you know"; and

**WHEREAS,** The faith, sacrifice and dedication of the Reverend Tom McCarthy serve as an example to all; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby congratulate the Reverend Tom McCarthy on his appointment to this Vatican post and do hereby express our best wishes for his continued success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Tom McCarthy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**