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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The clergy and faithful of Saint Clare of Montefalco Parish celebrated the joyful occasion of its *100th Anniversary* on Sunday, October 23, 2016; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Saint Clare of Montefalco Parish on the Southwest Side was first organized as a mission in 1909 by the Reverend James F. Green, O.S.A., President of St. Rita College; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Reverend Green, a large section of property was purchased in the Gage Park community between Talman and Washtenaw Avenues and 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1910 a combination church and school structure was completed and Catholic children began to attend classes in the fall of that year under the direction of the Adrian Dominican Sisters; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1916 Archbishop George Mundelein raised the status of the mission to a full parish and put the Augustinians in charge of the parish with the Reverend J.J. Barthouski, O.S.A., as its first resident pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1920 a convent was completed and a second combination church and school building was constructed in 1923; and

**WHEREAS**, Robust growth of the parish after World War II resulted in the construction of a new church, convent and rectory during the 1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1961 the cornerstone was laid for a new school which was opened the following year; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the Advent season of 1979, the parish launched a program to welcome back lapsed Catholics; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2002 the Order of Capuchin Franciscans of the Province of St. Joseph arrived at the parish and since then have devoted their service to ministering to the faithful; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Clare of Montefalco Parish has been an integral part of the community for 100 years and has enriched the lives and souls of all its members; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor, and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this first day of November, 2016, do hereby congratulate Saint Clare of Montefalco Parish on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and do hereby extend our best wishes to its clergy and congregation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Lyle Gundrum, O.F.M. Cap., Pastor of Saint Clare of Montefalco Parish.

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