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Title:	Congratulations extended to Reverend Monsignor John E. Pollard on 40th anniversary of Ordination
Committee(s) Assignment:	

**CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN E.
POLLARD ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Monsignor John E. Pollard, pastor of Queen of All Saints Basilica, has reached a blessed milestone during his 40th year in the service of the priesthood with the Archdiocese of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by The Honorable Alderman Margaret Laurino of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Pollard began as a young catechist and deacon prior to his ordination by the late John Cardinal Cody on May 8, 1974; going on to serve his first assignment as associate pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish, then serving St. Julian Eymard Parish, and then serving as executive director of the Center for Church and State Studies at DePaul University and;

WHEREAS, because of his extensive theological and catechetical credentials, the Reverend Monsignor Pollard had been honorably appointed to various administrative and executive positions within the Archdiocese's Office of Catechesis; chairing The National Catholic Educational Association's Convention, Exposition, and Religious Education Congress; and most importantly, his appointments within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and;

WHEREAS, during his distinct tenure at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Monsignor Pollard continually demonstrated his willingness to serve the Church to the utmost degree as assistant coordinator for His Holiness, Pope John Paul II's, historic World Youth Day visits in the United States and in the Philippines; as a member of the International Council on Catechesis; and as Director of the Office for the Catechism within the U.S.C.C.B. and;

WHEREAS, Monsignor Pollard selflessly shared his commitment of Catholic catechesis as he was commissioned to humbly direct, serve, and faithfully consult on other boards and departments within the Bishop's conference; his wonderful gifts and passion for Catholic religious education has made a mark within the theological academia field as he has authored various texts, journals, articles, and book publications on the Catholic faith and;

WHEREAS, after the many roles that were bestowed upon him, Monsignor Pollard was called back into official parish ministry as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Wilmette from 2003 to 2010, overseeing an active and close-knit parish in Chicago's North Shore community and;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2010, he was appointed Pastor of Queen of All Saints Basilica by Francis Cardinal George, two months later, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI named him Chaplain of His Holiness with the title of "Reverend Monsignor"; and

WHEREAS, during his pastor ship, Queen of All Saints has seen and celebrated significant events that make a mark on the Basilica's modern history including the 50th Anniversary of the church being elevated to the dignity of a basilica in 2012; overseeing the parish school's implementation of modern technology into the classrooms, and;

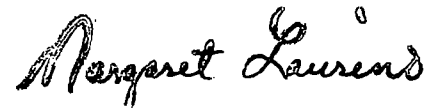
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WHEREAS, **Monsignor Pollard's enduring accomplishments and dedication as a priest throughout the past forty years, demonstrates his great spirit and determination towards his fellow priests, parishioners, staff, and educators of Queen of All Saints, making him a true model of faith, hope, and charity; now, therefore;**

Be It Resolved, That **we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of May, 2014, do hereby express our gratitude and heartiest congratulations to the Reverend Monsignor John E. Pollard on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination and;**

Be It Further Resolved, that **a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Reverend Monsignor John E. Pollard and to the parish of Queen of All Saints Basilica.**



**Margaret Laurino
Alderman, 39th Ward**

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