



# City of Chicago



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

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Father Robert Carroll on 50th anniversary of ordination

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Father Robert Carroll was born to his parents, Thomas and Beatrice; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Father Robert Carroll's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert attended St. Raymond's Grade School, then he went on to Joliet Catholic High School which was under the leadership of the Carmelite Order; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1961, Robert began his college years at Mount Carmel College in Niagara Falls, Ontario and finished school at Carmelite novitiate in Pennsylvania where he received a degree in Philosophy, and minors added by summer studies at St. Bonaventure in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, His Theology studies took place in the Carmelite theologate in Washington D.C, and then he completed a two-year internship at Mount Carmel High School in Chicago as a Math teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, After completing his internship, Robert returned to Washington D.C. for two years of Theology studies while simultaneously studying across town at Georgetown University where he received a Master's degree in Philosophy; and

**WHEREAS**, In May 1971, Robert was ordained a priest at the Carmelite Parish in downtown Joliet, and celebrated his first Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Robert was assigned to Mount Carmel where he was a teacher in several departments for eight years and was then appointed Principal, a position he had for ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure at Mount Carmel, Father Robert earned a Master's in Education from Loyola University, and subsequently a Doctor of Philosophy; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Robert's dissertation was award winning, its theme was the Gospel of Mark and its underlying architectonic structure; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Robert was appointed Principal of Carmel Catholic in Mundelein where he also found time to teach at the Seminary across the street, and helped four failing Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, After spending fourteen years at Carmel Catholic in Mundelein, Father Robert went to live in Scotland for a semester at Perth to study Celtic spirituality and has returned to the United States to become a Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Darien, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, During his Chicago and Mundelein days Father Robert served in several parishes as a Sunday assistant, St. Cajetan, St. Thomas More, and for twenty-three years at Christ the King; and

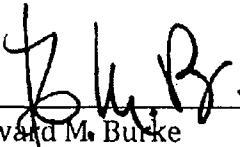
**WHEREAS**, Father Robert presided over numerous baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and attended over 1,700 high school sporting events and retreats; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Robert is the only high school Principal in the country who has secured four Blue Ribbon Awards for his leadership, a feat in which a winning school could only apply again if significant progress was made from a previous outstanding performance over a period of five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Robert was inducted into Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame due to his leadership in Illinois Athletics; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twentieth-seventh day of October, 2021, do hereby recognize Father Robert Carroll's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination as well as his lifetime achievements and accolades; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Father Robert Carroll.

  
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Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward