



# City of Chicago



**R2019-165**

Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	3/13/2019
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Hopkins (2)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Rev. Charles T. Rubey on 40th anniversary of Catholic Charities' Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**CONGRATULATING REVEREND CHARLES T. RUBEY ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE LOVING OUTREACH TO SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Sunday, April 28, 2019, marks the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago by the Reverend Charles T. Rubey;

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Brian Hopkins, Alderman of the 2nd Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program was established in 1979 by Father Ruby as a specialized ministry to bring together people to support one another at a time in their lives when they felt irreparably broken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program represents one of Father Ruby's greatest contributions to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the mental health field, and to the thousands of people who have participated in this unique counseling and self-help program since its inception forty years ago;

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, Father Rubey embarked on a distinguished career at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago after having been appointed to the organization by John Cardinal Cody; and

**WHEREAS**, upon earning a Master's degree in Social Work in 1977, Father Ruby became Director of Mental Health Services for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, a post he held for eleven years while concurrently working in other positions of leadership within the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Rubey introduced strategic planning to the organization and saw Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago through its first national accreditation process through the Council on Accreditation, an international, independent, nonprofit, human service accrediting organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Ruby has served as a Board Member for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Consultant for the Institute for Juvenile Research, Consultant for the Center of Suicide Research and Prevention, President of the Illinois Association of Suicidology, and Division Director of the American Association of Suicidology; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loving Outreach to Suicide Survivors Program epitomizes Father Rubey's special gift for creating community, be it by counseling individuals and families; connecting people with wraparound systems of care; or bringing together different parts of a complex social service Agency, like the Archdiocese, that recently celebrated its hundredth anniversary serving the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loving Outreach to Suicide Survivors Program has become a service model replicated across the globe at the specific request of the World Health Organization in countries such as China, Korea, and Hong Kong; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Rubey and the Loving Support to Suicide Survivors Program have received local, national, and international recognition from the American Association of Suicidology, Mayor Richard M. Daley, President George H. W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, the World Health Organization, and Suicide Prevention International; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Charles T. Rubey has made it his life's work to heal the hearts and spirits of persons and families across Chicagoland and the world that have lost loved ones to suicide, recognizing his gift to help others find strength in times of weakness and healing in times of hurt; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that, we the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Chicago, on this thirteenth day of March 2019, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2019 as "Loving Outreach to Suicide Survivors Day" throughout Chicago, in honor of the dedication and leadership Reverend Charles T. Ruby has shown in carrying out this significant work; and, the positive impact it continues to have on the quality of life of the citizens of Chicago and across the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Reverend Charles T. Ruby as a sign of our deep respect for his life of service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BmH", is positioned above a horizontal line.

**BRIAN HOPKINS**  
Alderman, 2nd Ward