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TRIBUTE TO LATE FATHER JOHN CASSIDY.

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this chamber learned of the death of Father John Cassidy; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Illinois, Father Cassidy attended St. Agnes School in Chicago Heights and graduated from Quigley Preparatory Seminary and from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, served as a chaplain in the Illinois National guard with a rank of first lieutenant and received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from St. Mary of the Lake; and

WHEREAS, He admired the passion and dedication of both of his late brothers, Frank and Jim, and followed in the footsteps of Father Frank, also a priest, and became ordained on April 12, 1958; and

WHEREAS, His first assignment was at St. Raphael Parish in Chicago where he served as assistant pastor from 1958 to 1966, and he served as assistant pastor at Our Lady of the Snows in Chicago from 1966 to 1968 and St. Thaddeus Parish from 1973 to 1985. He was then named associate pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland from 1985 to 1987 and St. Daniel the Prophet Parish from 1987 to 2003. In 2003, Father Cassidy returned to St. Ambrose where he was named pastor emeritus; and

WHEREAS, He served the St. Daniel the Prophet Parish selflessly for 23 years, visiting shut-in parishioners in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes; bringing comfort and care to those in need; and offering prayers and support to those sick and in need; and

WHEREAS, In the twilight of his life, he moved to St. Benedict Nursing Home in Niles where he lived until his passing; his compassion and caring returned as he was taken care of and made comfortable by his beloved parishioners and community; and

WHEREAS, In commemoration of his life, the community has come together to memorialize the death of a man who so humbly served others and God by naming the street in front of St. Daniel the Prophet Parish, the 5300 block of South Natoma Avenue, in his name; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 20th day of May 2015, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Father John Cassidy and extend to his loved ones our deepest sympathy; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Father John Cassidy as a token of our appreciation.

Michael Zalewski
Alderman, 23rd Ward