



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 83; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion was a widely admired member of the religious community and the Pastor Emeritus of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Oak Lawn; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Chicago in 1931, the Reverend William J. Lion was the son of the late William and Sylvia and attended St. Nicholas of Tolentine and St. Rita schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion graduated from Quigley Preparatory Seminary and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion was ordained to the priesthood on April 12, 1958 by Samuel Cardinal Stritch and was first assigned to St. Agnes Parish on Pershing Road in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion ministered at a number of parishes, including Queen of Angels Parish in Chicago, Holy Ghost Parish in South Holland, St. Athanasius Parish in Evanston and St. Cecelia Parish in Mount Prospect before becoming Pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion served not only the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago, but also the Catholic Church throughout Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion was a former Executive Director of the Illinois Catholic Conference and Past President of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion additionally served as Associate State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and as a Director of the Vatican Art Council of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon his retirement in 2002, the Reverend William J. Lion was named Pastor Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, The holiness, sacrifice and dedication of the Reverend William J. Lion serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend William J. Lion will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Reverend William J. Lion imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate the Reverend William J. Lion for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Reverend William J. Lion.



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