



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 1998

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 MAYOR DUEHAY
 VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS: Our Lady of Pity Parish has had a dynamo team in Sister Irene Menard and Sister Claire LaRoche, of the Holy Union Sisters; and
- WHEREAS: Sister Irene has served in the Pastoral Care ministry to the sick and shut-in assisting Sister Claire for twenty years and as a teacher at Notre Dame elementary and high school from 1933-1960; and
- WHEREAS: Sister Claire served as Religious Education Coordinator from 1978 to 1995 and in the Pastoral Care ministry and as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society; and
- WHEREAS: Sister Irene and Sister Claire will be leaving Our Lady of Pity Parish to serve their own religious community at St. Mary's Retirement Home in Lowell, Massachusetts ending an assignment of the Holy Union Sisters at Our Lady of Pity Parish that began in 1901; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its gratitude and appreciation to Sister Irene, Sister Claire, the Holy Union Sisters and the Marist Fathers for their dedication to the service of those in need to whom they gave generously; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That a suitable ceremony and a memorial be held to dedicate a suitable landmark to the Holy Sisters and the Marist Fathers for their services to the residents of the City of Cambridge and the Our Lady of Pity Parish; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Sister Irene Menard and Sister Claire LaRoche on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 8, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

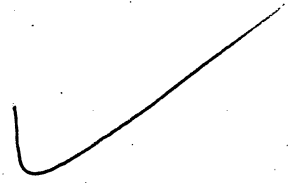
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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
 D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

Councillor Sullivan

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Whereas:

Our Lady of Pity ^{Parish} ~~Parish~~ has had a
dynamo team in Sister Irene Menard
and Sister Claire La Roche, ~~and~~, Holy
Union Sisters; and
assisting Sister Claire
for twenty
years.

Whereas:

Sister Irene has served ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ the Pastoral
Care ministry to the sick and shut-in
and as a teacher at Notre Dame
elementary and high school from 1933-
1960; and

Whereas:

Sister Claire served as Religious
Education Coordinator from 1978 to 1995
and ~~and~~ in the Pastoral Care ministry
and as a member of the St. Vincent de
Paul Society; and

Whereas:

Sister Irene and Sister Claire will
will be leaving ~~the~~ Our Lady of Pity
Parish to serve their own religious
Community at St. Mary's Retirement Home
in ~~Rose~~ Lowell, Massachusetts ending
an assignment of the Holy Union

Sisters at Our Lady of Pity parish since
1901; now therefore be it

Resolved

That this City Council go on record extending
its gratitude and appreciation to Sister
Irene, Sister Claire, the Holy Union Sisters
and the Marist Fathers for their dedication
to the service of those ~~in need~~ ~~fortunate~~ of
those in need which they gave generously;
and be it further

Resolved:

That a suitable ~~dedication~~ ceremony and a
memorial be ~~also~~ held to dedicate a suitable
landmark to the Holy Union Sisters and the
Marist Fathers for their services to the
residents of the City of Cambridge; and be it
further

and the
Our Lady of
Pity Parish

Resolved

SEC to Sister Irene Menard and
Sister Claire La Roche

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Our Lady Pity, Marxist
Ch.

Dedicate the Marxist

Our Lady of Pity

Michael A.

Sullivan**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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NAME: MichaelWe are transmitting 3 pages, including this cover sheet.

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in order in on the attaches
for me - next week.
Thank you
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Sister Irene Menard & Sister Claire La Roche

We love you!

We bless you!

We thank you!



**You
were
made
for
Service**

Sisters Irene and Claire have been serving as a team at Our Lady of Pity since 1978.

- Sister Irene served in Pastoral Care ministry to the sick and shut-ins and assisted Sister Claire who served as Religious Education Coordinator.
- Sister Claire served as Religious Education Coordinator from 1978 to 1995. She and Sister Irene then worked as a Team in service to the sick and shut-ins of the parish. They served the poor generously as members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in union with the other parish members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Their services together throughout these 20 years have been greatly appreciated by the parishioners and staff of Our Lady of Pity.
- Sister Irene served as a school teacher at Notre Dame School at the elementary and High School levels from 1933-1960. Many parishioners can well remember Sister Irene as their teacher. The Sisters will be leaving to serve in their own religious community at St. Mary's Retirement Home in Lowell, MA.

Our prayers and good wishes accompany them as they move on to their next destination in the vineyard of the Lord.

**In the name of all parishioners and the Marist Fathers who served with them,
Sincerest of Thanks! Jr. Roland A. Lajoie, S.M., Pastor**

Our Lady of Pity Parish

Tel: 617 547-2037 - Fax 617 547-1334

35 Middlesex St.

Cambridge, MA 02140

May 8, 1998

Sister Alice Arsenault, SUSC, Provincial
Sisters of the Holy Union
Main St. Box 993
Groton, MA 01450

Dear Sister Alice,

As we bring the last volume of the history and the life and ministry of the Marist Fathers and the Holy Union Sisters to a close in June of 1998, I wish to share a few thoughts of gratitude in the name of the parish community and the Marist Fathers..

Browsing through the roster of names of women religious vocations listed in Our Lady of Pity Parish's centennial book, the records show that forty-four women from Our Lady of Pity Parish became Holy Union Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

It all began with the pioneers of your community, who were invited by the Rev. Francois Morcel, SM. who became the fifth pastor of Our Lady of Pity in 1900. He asked the religious of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts, who, he said, had acquired a well deserved reputation as excellent teachers, to take charge of the school.

In August of 1901, five Sisters, with Mother Mary Donata as superior arrived to occupy the top floor of the school on Harvey Street and to begin teaching 215 registered children from ages five to fourteen. The school ministry grew to become a vivid ministry of Catholic Education of youth from the elementary through high school levels until June of 1972. In June of 1972 changing demographics of the French/Canadian/ Franco American community of North Cambridge caused Notre Dame School to be closed.

Nonetheless, the Holy Union Sisters continued to serve in the parish. Sister Irene Menard ventured into Pastoral Care of the sick and shut-ins and assisted Sister Rachel Michaud, who became the religious education coordinator of the CCD program for our parish youth. Sister Irene and Sister Rachel worked together from 1972-1978.

In 1978 Sister Claire La Roche took on the assignment as religious coordinator and Sister Irene Menard assisted her until June of 1995. They served on numerous parish committees as well.

From June of 1995 to this day of withdrawal, Sister Irene and Sister Claire teamed up in full-time service in the Pastoral Care of the sick, the shut-ins and the poor of the parish, while serving generously in other ways..

This short summary of the Holy Union Sisters' active presence in Our Lady of Pity Parish only confirms that God not only called members of your congregation to evangelize the North Cambridge community of Our Lady of Pity Parish, but He also greatly supported your congregation in adding generous numbers to your membership in service to the Church as Holy Union Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

The Sisters assigned to Our Lady of Pity from 1901-1998 served beyond the call of duty. Our Heavenly Father, just judge that He is, has and will continue to reward you all, as Mary, Our Lady of Pity, watches, cares and pleads for the children of Her Son.

In the name of all the parishioners of Our Lady of Pity and in the name of the Marist Fathers, who have served with you, I thank and bless your congregation and all the sisters who served our parish for 98 years.

Gratefully yours:

Fr. Roland A. Lajoie SM.
Fr. Roland A. Lajoie, SM.
Twenty-third Pastor



City of Cambridge

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Amended Order
IN CITY COUNCIL

March 23, 1998

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: A Mass and departure ceremony will be held on June 21, 1998 for Pastor Roland LaJoie and Boston Provencial Head Kenneth Thibodeau at the Our Lady of Pity Church; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking the Marist Fathers and the Holy Union Sisters for their dedicated work to the citizens of Cambridge since 1892 at Our Lady of Pity Church; and be it further

RESOLVED: That an appropriate landmark be placed in commemoration of 106 years of service by the Marist Fathers.

In City Council March 23, 1998.

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Consent Order #5

Councillor Sullivan re: dedicate a suitable landmark to the Holy Sisters and the Marist Fathers for their services to the residents of the City and Our Lady of Pity Parish and thank Sister Irene Menard and Sister Claire LaRoche for their service.

In City Council June 8, 1998

ORDER ADOPTED