

WHEREAS: St. Mary's parish recently welcomed many new parishioners when Blessed Sacrament Parish closed in 2004; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating St Mary's of the Annunciation Parish on their 140th year of service to the Cambridge community and thank them for all they have to done to help build the Cambridge community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to St. Mary's of the Annunciation Parish on behalf of the entire City Council.

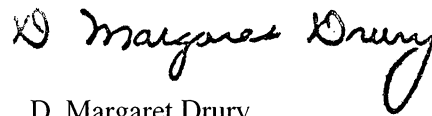
In City Council October 15, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: St. Mary's of the Annunciation Parish will celebrate the 140th Anniversary of its founding with a Liturgy and supper at the parish's Memorial Center on October 13, 2007. The theme of the celebration will be: *Honoring the past, rejoicing in the present, and anticipating the future*; and
- WHEREAS: St. Mary's has quite a past. The cornerstone of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church was laid at the corner of Harvard and Norfolk Streets on the site of the first City Hall of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The first Mass was celebrated on June 9, 1867; and
- WHEREAS: In order to preserve the rights of Catholic children in the public schools, St. Mary's pastor, Fr. Thomas Scully, was elected to the Cambridge School Board in 1868; and
- WHEREAS: On September 6, 1875, St. Mary's School, a "free school teaching all branches from the ABCs to the classics, from arithmetic to algebra and geometry" was opened; and
- WHEREAS: In 1876, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur arrived to teach in all of the parish schools where they remained until the last one closed, providing over 100 years of service to the parish; and
- WHEREAS: Early days of the parish saw the establishment of St. Thomas Aquinas College, which later became Boston College, the building of St. Mary's Gym, and the founding of Holy Ghost Hospital, later Youville Hospital, on land donated by the parish; and
- WHEREAS: Led by Fr. Paul Mc Manus, St. Mary's parishioners joined in the fight to "Ban the Belt" and prevent the extension of I-95 through Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: St. Mary's parish is part of the Spanish Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Boston and serves the spiritual needs of many Spanish speakers from a variety of countries; and

RESOLUTION #72

**Congratulations to St. Mary's of
the Annunciation Parish on its
140th Anniversary
Vice Mayor Toomey and entire
membership**

**In City Council
October 15, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED