

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church of Cortland, New York, to be celebrated on Sunday, April 7, 2013

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church of Cortland, New York, to be celebrated Sunday, April 7, 2013 with a special Mass and anniversary banquet; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Church was established on April 6, 1913, and today, the church consists of 1,350 active members; and

WHEREAS, Since July 1, 2011, St. Mary's Church has been under the luminous direction of Pastor Lucian Urbaniak; and

WHEREAS, The church is adorned with several stunning stained-glass windows, 128 of which were made in 1913, in Innsbruck, Germany; and

WHEREAS, With 100 years of faith and fellowship, the beautiful revitalization of the church's structure sets St. Mary's Church on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church observed on Sunday, April 7, 2013, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pastor Lucian Urbaniak, St. Mary's Church.