

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Monsignor Adolph Kantor upon the occasion of celebrating the 70th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

WHEREAS, The spiritual guidance and nurturing of the citizens of the State of New York are of great importance to the vitality and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Monsignor Adolph Kantor upon the occasion of celebrating the 70th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on May 25-26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In addition, a special Mass will be held in his honor on Sunday, July 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Kantor is a resident at St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Utica, New York; he is truly remarkable and through 70 years of active ministry, he always worked tirelessly seeking to help others whether it was visiting the sick, attending wakes or praying over people; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Kantor grew up in New York Mills and graduated from New York Mills High School in June of 1932; for the next two years, he was a student at St. John Kanty Prep School in Erie, Pennsylvania, before attending St. Bernard's and completing his seminary studies; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination on June 5, 1943, Monsignor Kantor served as associate pastor for Sacred Heart in Syracuse from 1943 until 1948, and was at Holy Trinity in Utica from 1948 to 1956; he enjoyed working within the local communities and served as chaplain to the Utica Police Department in 1956 and as chaplain at Utica College from 1960 to 1963; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Kantor was appointed associate pastor at Blessed Sacrament in Syracuse from 1956 to 1960 and at his hometown parish, St. Mary's, from 1960 to 1962; in February of 1962, he was named pastor at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Monsignor Kantor was appointed pastor of St. Stephen's in Syracuse until 1967, and then to Transfiguration in Rome from 1967 to 1970; in 1968, he served on the Diocesan Board of Consultors; and

WHEREAS, On December 21, 1971, Monsignor Kantor was named Honorary Prelate to Pope Paul VI; he served at Sacred Heart in Syracuse as pastor from 1970 to 1989, when he retired and returned to Utica and celebrated Mass at his home parish of St. Mary's until he was 96 years old; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Monsignor Adolph Kantor upon the occasion of celebrating the 70th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Monsignor Adolph Kantor.