

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father John V. O'Farrell upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Our Lady of Victory Parish

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Father John V. O'Farrell upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Our Lady of Victory Parish in Floral Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Father John V. O'Farrell was first named Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish on June 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Father John V. O'Farrell was formerly Associate Pastor at St. Anthony of Padua in East Northport, New York; and

WHEREAS, This Brooklyn native's first positions included guidance counselor and social studies teacher at Most Holy Trinity High School in Williamsburg, New York, director of pupil personnel services at the Diocese of Brooklyn, assistant principal at St. Francis Preparatory School in Fresh Meadows, New York, and principal of Walt Whitman High School in Huntington Station, New York, for more than 21 years; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from the South Huntington School District, Father John V. O'Farrell entered the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, graduating in 2002; he completed his pastoral and deaconate experience at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Centerport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Father John V. O'Farrell holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology from St. John's University, a master's degree in counseling psychology from Fordham University, and a professional degree in school administration and leadership from St. John's University; in addition, he completed graduate work at New York University, Boston University, and Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Father John V. O'Farrell has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; 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, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Father John V. O'Farrell upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Our Lady of Victory Parish, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Father John V. O'Farrell.