

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

HONORING Father Archie Faustino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of Saint Gertrude Award on February 18, 2017

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

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Archie Faustino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of Saint Gertrude Award, to be celebrated at its Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at The Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Saint Gertrude's Church began as a mission church in 1905; two years later, a priest from St. Dominic's in Oyster Bay, New York, was assigned to lead the church during the summer months; today, the Church is home to parishioners from Bayville, Locust Valley, Centre Island, and Lattingtown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on 1967, Father Archie Faustino was ordained in the Diocese of Zamboang in Philippines in 1993; he then travelled to Rome where he earned his pontifical doctorate philosophy degree from the University of the Holy Cross; and

WHEREAS, Father Archie Faustino has served the Catholic Church in many capacities; he has been an Associate Priest, a Pastor and a Seminary Professor; and

WHEREAS, For the last nine years, Father Archie Faustino has been a vital part of Saint Gertrude's Church; during that time, he has touched the heart of the entire congregation through his wise and gentle ways; and

WHEREAS, Father Archie Faustino 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 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 Father Archie Faustino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Spirit of Saint Gertrude Award, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him heartfelt best wishes for a future of continued purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Archie Faustino.