

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church of New York Mills, New York

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, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church of New York Mills, New York, to be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1923 in New York Mills, New York, the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Parish is a Catholic community of believers, under the jurisdiction of the Polish National Catholic Church which is part of the Old Catholic Church of Europe; and

WHEREAS, The beliefs of the parishioners of this sacred institution are based on Holy Scripture, Apostolic Tradition, and the Ecumenical Synods from the first 10 centuries of the Catholic Universal Church; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church nurtures a diverse and welcoming community, and is steadfastly committed to fearlessly following God through a lifechanging journey; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades, while retaining that spiritual resolve which has so characterized its glorious 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 the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church of New York Mills, New York, 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 The Reverend Rafal Dadello, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church of New York Mills, New

York.