

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 020611)

RESOLUTION

Honoring Saint George Parish on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, At the beginning of the 20th century, Port Richmond became a melting pot for many different European immigrants, including the Irish, German, Polish, Lithuanian and Italians; and

WHEREAS, Because of this influx, and in order to serve the growing number of Lithuanians living in Port Richmond, Saint George's Parish was formally founded under the guidance of Reverend Joseph J. Kaulakis on February 15, 1902; and

WHEREAS, The new Saint George's Church was proudly dedicated in a ceremony with then Auxiliary Bishop Edmund Prendergast less than 9 months later on October 26, 1902; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for a quality education and religious formation, the Parish established an educational program in 1910; and

WHEREAS, Over the next 20 years plans were made and executed to construct a new church and formal school building, with the present edifice being dedicated in 1920. The Lithuanian Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God began teaching the children in 1923, where they taught for over 50 years until their departure in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Over the years a number of pastors have guided Saint George, including the Founder, Father Joseph Kaulakis and his successor, Reverend Ignatius Zimblys who lead the parishioners until 1941. Msgr. Vito Martusevich, known throughout Port Richmond as "Monsignor Marty" followed the Reverend. He served 40 years until 1982, performing as pastor emeritus until his death in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Since 1982, Monsignor Joseph Anderlonis has administered to a number of exciting changes in the parish; and

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WHEREAS, Presently Saint George School is operated by a devoted lay faculty serving the needs of over 200 students. The school has built on its' enormous success and now serves a kindergarten, a pre-K program and computer classes; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and commend Saint George Parish on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Monsignor Joseph J. Anderlonis, further evidencing the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the third of October, 2002.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Marie B. Hauser
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Krajewski

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Krajewski, Longstreth, Miller, Cohen, Blackwell, Rizzo, DiCicco, Kenney, Clarke, Nutter, Goode, Mariano, Reynolds Brown, Ortiz, Tasco and O'Neill