

Resolution

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CONGRATULATING ST. ANTHONY CHURCH ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING DEPARTING MARIANISTS ON 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, St. Anthony Church will celebrate its 175th anniversary on June 13, 2021, at Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, a Catholic missionary group settled in Wailuku in 1848 and formally established St. Anthony Church in 1855; and

WHEREAS, the present church building is the third structure to occupy the site; and

WHEREAS, the first church was built of wood, the second church was a magnificent architectural edifice constructed of stone—which was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1977—and the current church was completed in 1980; and

WHEREAS, the brothers and fathers of the Society of Mary, known as Marianists, will bid aloha to St. Anthony Parish and School on June 30, 2021, after staffing the parish for 45 years and maintaining a presence there for 138 years; and

WHEREAS, this year marks significant milestones, including the Marianists' 45 years in the parish and the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the church building; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Community, consisting of church and school, celebrates and honors the six Marianist fathers and brothers who will be departing for reassignment; and

WHEREAS, St. Anthony School will remain a parish school, and the parish administration will be transferred to the Diocese of Honolulu effective July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, many lives in Maui County have been touched by the dedication and loyalty of the Marianist fathers and brothers over the past 45 years and by the service and aloha of St. Anthony Church, its leaders, and its parishioners over the past 175 years; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it congratulates St. Anthony Church on its 175th anniversary;
2. That it recognizes departing Father Roland Bunda, S.M.; Father Sylverius Kerketta, S.M.; Brother David Quigley, S.M.; Brother Fred Silbereis, S.M.; Brother Frank Gomes, S.M.; and Brother Tom Spring, S.M. for their contributions to the community; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Father Roland Bunda, S.M.; Father Sylverius Kerketta, S.M.; Brother David Quigley, S.M.; Brother Fred Silbereis, S.M.; Brother Frank Gomes, S.M.; and Brother Tom Spring, S.M.; Parish Council Chairperson Stephen Kealoha; Tehani Shimabuku; Lori Cabacungan; Rosie Johnson; Rhonda Visaya; and Rowena Dagdag-Andaya of St. Anthony Church; the Reverend Larry Silva of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu; and Father Oscar Vasquez, S.M. of the Marianist Province of the United States.