

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING

St. Matthew Catholic Church

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in 1863, Archbishop Alemany was sent by Father Denis Dempsey to San Mateo to establish the first parish in the county, thus began the construction of St. Matthew Church with the help of Charles B. Polhemus, a promoter and investor in the San Francisco-San Jose Railroad, who contributed land and funds for construction that helped build the church; and

WHEREAS, Father Callaghan, who served 53 years as the fourth priest established a parish cemetery that was opened in the summer of 1886, with the help of Abby Parrot; and

WHEREAS, Father Hennerly Lyne came to St. Matthew Church as its fifth pastor to succeed Msgr. Callaghan and in 1931 purchased the Tobin-Clark Estate and converted it into classrooms which the Seven Sisters of the Holy Christ officially opened as a school on August 10, 1931; and

WHEREAS, the sixth pastor, Father Edward J. Meagher, launched St. Matthews building fund drive and through the generosity of many parishioners, an independent parish in Shoreview was dedicated May 28, 1954; and

WHEREAS, when Monsignor retired in 1979, Father James Ward, a 1937 graduate of St. Matthew School, became its eighth pastor from 1979-1995 worked diligently for a number of years to coordinate efforts with the archdiocese and city planning committees for the vacated property, which was later leased as Walgreen's Drug; and

WHEREAS, Father Anthony McGuire is the current pastor of St. Matthew Church and has worked diligently with the increased numbers of Hispanic and Asian families in the parish, and continues to ensure St. Matthew Church is an essential part of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County expresses its sincere gratitude to St. Matthew Catholic Church for 150 years of dedicated service to the residents of San Mateo County and is grateful for all the shared spiritual and social growth of the past and current families during these 150 years.

Dated: September 29, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors