

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 412

Approved August 9, 1974

WHEREAS, His Excellency, Russell J. McVinney, late lamented Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, during his episcopate, contributed initiative and unstinting cooperation in the Urban Redevelopment of the Weybosset Hill area, so called, to the end, that the physical attractiveness of Cathedral Square has won the plaudets of all and sundry who have inspected the same, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and indeed proper that his myriad contributions to the redevelopment of this area be memorialized,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in tribute to his memory, that section of Pond Street, situated between Fenner Street and Franklin Street be designated as "Bishop McVinney Way"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be directed to transmit a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution to His Excellency Louis E. Gelineau, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, for his edification.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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PRES.

Ernest R. Ruppel  
CLERK

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MAYOR

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Joseph A. Cooney

Councilman J. Murphy  
and Councilman J. J. J.

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## DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

CATHEDRAL SQUARE  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
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August 20th, 1974

OFFICE OF  
THE BISHOP

Mr. Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

On behalf of the Diocese of Providence, and the many friends of Bishop McVinney, I wish to express my most sincere gratitude to you and the members of the City Council who passed Resolution No. 412 designating that section of Pond Street situated between Fenner Street and Franklin Street, to be called "Bishop McVinney Way".

As is mentioned in the Resolution, I concur with you that it is proper to commemorate the life of Bishop McVinney in this way. Having observed at close range the effects of his many years of labor as Bishop of Providence, I know how devoted he was to the welfare of the city, and in a special way this area around the Cathedral. I am sure his family and many friends will be pleased by the action of the City Council. I will forward a copy of the Resolution to his two brothers for their information.

Thanking you again for this gesture of respect for a great man, and asking God's choicest blessings for you and your good work, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bishop of Providence