

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 157

Approved February 22, 1979

WHEREAS, Reverend Vaclovas Martinkus shall, on March 15, 1979, celebrate his Seventieth Birthday, and

WHEREAS, A native of Lithuania he began his studies for Priesthood in that Country where he was ordained on April 24, 1935, and

WHEREAS, in 1940 Reverend Martinkus was appointed Pastor of the Church in Zidikai, following which he encountered difficulties under the Russian and German occupation, and upon advice from his Bishop he withdrew himself from the imminent dangers to Germany where he became Chaplain to the many Lithuanians in several displaced persons camps, where through his untiring efforts, hundreds of Lithuanians were released and saved from deportation to Siberia, and

WHEREAS, In 1950, by invitation of Bishop McVinney, he came to these United States, where from 1952 to 1963 he was Assistant Pastor at Saint Casimer's Church, and from 1963 to the present, has continued on as Pastor of said Church, and

WHEREAS, Father Martinkus, over the years, gave of himself untiringly, his energy and zeal reached far beyond the borders of his Parish, and

WHEREAS, To honor this occasion befittingly, parishioners and friends of Reverend Martinkus have planned "Father Martinkus Day" to be March 4, 1979 on which date a Concelebrated Mass at Saint Casimer's Church will be held, followed by a Birthday Banquet to honor him for the devoted and compassionate Pastor that he is, and

WHEREAS, This event is in keeping with the high esteem in which Reverend Martinkus is held by the many people he has come in contact, through his Church and his everyday events and for the educator and leader of youth that he is as well as a zealous organizer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of this City Council hereby wish for Reverend Vaclovas Martinkus a joyous celebration of his Seventieth Birthday and offer its prayers that he shall enjoy many celebrations of future birthdays in good health.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 15 1979
READ AND PASSED

Ralph Fugate
Rose M. Mendonca
Clerk

APPROVED

MAYOR

Joanna C. Ciani, Jr.

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