

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 151

Approved March 12, 1999

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert J. McManus was born in Providence, Rhode Island on July 5, 1951, the son of Edward W. and Helen F. King McManus. He graduated from Blessed Sacrament School, Our Lady of Providence Seminary High School, and Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Warwick where he studied diligently for the priesthood; and

WHEREAS, After attending the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., earning both a bachelor and master of arts degree, he continued his studies at the Toronto School of Theology, earning a master of divinity degree. His studies culminated in licentiate and doctoral degrees in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome; and

WHEREAS, After an energetic and dutiful year of diaconal service at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in East Greenwich, Bishop McManus was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1978 by Bishop Kenneth A. Angell, and

WHEREAS, After his ordination, Bishop McManus' unselfish service to the public continued through various positions beginning as temporary assistant chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in 1978, associate pastor at St. Matthew's Parish in Cranston from 1978-1981, associate pastor at St. Anthony's Parish in Providence from 1981-1982 and as the Catholic chaplain at the Community College of Rhode Island in Warwick from 1982-1984; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert McManus continued his pursuit of religious education with advanced studies in theology in Rome from 1984-1987 during which time he was also named director of the diocesan Office of Ministerial Formation of July 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS, He returned to the diocese in July 1987 to take up residence at St. Luke's Parish in Barrington and was then named diocesan Vicar for Education on November 9, 1987; and

WHEREAS, On October 4, 1990, he assumed the additional duty as theological consultant and editorial writer for The Providence Visitor newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert J. McManus was appointed Honorary Prelate to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor on February 28, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Bishop McManus was named rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary on June 26, 1998, while continuing his duties as Vicar for Education and Director of Ministerial Formation, and while leaving St. Luke for residence at the seminary, he also assumed responsibility for weekend assistance at St. Margaret's Parish in Rumford; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving on the Advisory Board for Major Seminarians, Bishop McManus chairs the diocesan Bio-Medical Ethics Commission, the Advisory

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Board for the Continuing Education of the Clergy Fund and the advisory boards for the Ministry Institute and the Permanent Diaconate; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated servant is expected to continue as Vicar for Education, Director of Ministerial Formation and Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 1999, this remarkable man of the cloth was ordained as Titular Bishop of Allegheny and Auxiliary Bishop of Providence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to the most Reverend Robert J. McManus, diocesan Vicar for Education, Director of Ministerial Formation and Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary on being named by the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, as the sixth Auxiliary Bishop of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby authorize and direct to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Bishop Robert J. McManus.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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MAR 12 1999
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MAYOR