

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY SENATOR MORRISH

A RESOLUTION

To commend St. John Vianney Church on its 75th anniversary.

WHEREAS, established by the Most Reverend Jules Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette, on October 12, 1939, St. John Vianney, with some four hundred families, is shepherded today by Reverend Emanuel Tanu; and

WHEREAS, located in a predominantly agricultural area, St. John Vianney serves the faithful from the communities of Bell City, Hayes, and Holmwood; and

WHEREAS, before the establishment of the parish, faithful Catholics were served by priests from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, then Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Welsh, and finally from St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph was built near the beginning of the twentieth century and served the faithful until it was destroyed by a storm in 1939; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Mathias J. Cramers was the founding pastor; and

WHEREAS, after seeing to the construction of a place to live, Father Cramers began working on the church building, breaking ground on the project on August 8, 1940; and

WHEREAS, the construction came to a swift completion and the church was dedicated by Bishop Jeanmard on December 1, 1940; and

WHEREAS, the parish was blessed with the leadership of an amazing array of dedicated priests including Reverend Daniel Habetz, Reverend A.W.Van Buijtenen, Reverend Fernand N. Gouaux, Reverend Rosaire Veilleux, Reverend Francis Bourgeois, Reverend Robert Shreve, Reverend Roland Vaughn, Reverend Milton Miller, Reverend John Poerio, Reverend V. Wayne LeBleu, Reverend Alan Trouille, Reverend Albert W. Borel, and Reverend Augustine Mulanjanay; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Emanuel Tanu was appointed Bishop Provost in 2011; and

WHEREAS, St. John Vianney Catholic Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary during a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 31, 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend St. John Vianney Catholic Church on its 75th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Reverend Emanuel Tanu.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE