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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reverend Father Alfred A. Lamanna upon the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 11, 2009

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Reverend Father Alfred A. Lamanna upon the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Father Alfred A. Lamanna was ordained on June 11, 1949, by Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, Father Lamanna initiated the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Basketball League; he served as Director of the CYO in Herkimer County from 1952-1958; and

WHEREAS, During that same time, Father Lamanna was the Chaplain of the Herkimer County Boy Scouts; he was also one of the National Chaplains at the 1957 National Boy Scout Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; and from 1953-1958, the Chaplain of the Ilion Council of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, The following year, Father Lamanna served as the Albany Diocese Director of the American Committee on Italian Migration (ACIM), a position he held until 1967; the efforts of the ACIM were instrumental in the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and Father Lamanna was cited for his work by the ACIM National Office; and

WHEREAS, He served as Pastor of the Churches of St. Catherine's, Middleburgh, New York, and St. Joseph's located in Schoharie, New York, for three years; and

WHEREAS, Father Lamanna faithfully served for 31 years at St. Mary's Church in Frankfort, New York, 25 of which were as Pastor from 1969 through 1994; and

WHEREAS, Due to his concern for the safety of the children riding to school on buses, Father Lamanna spearheaded the construction of a new bridge over the railroad tracks on North Railroad Street connecting the Townships of Frankfort and Schuyler; on August 4, 1994, the bridge was dedicated and named in his honor for his ceaseless efforts; and

WHEREAS, Although Father Lamanna retired in 1994, he is still the Spiritual Director of the St. Padre Pio Prayer Group, serving the people of Central New York, as well as assisting area parishes and serving as the Chaplain of the Herkimer Council of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Father Lamanna has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is

appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reverend Father Alfred A. Lamanna upon the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him heartfelt best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Father Alfred A. Lamanna.