

2011-K608

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father Rick Beuther, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, upon the occasion of the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of his ordination and his final mass at the church on June 29, 2011

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in the Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who 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 Father Rick Beuther, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, upon the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of his ordination and the celebration of his final mass at the church on June 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Saints Peter and Paul Church, located in the heart of Williamsburg, Brooklyn a few blocks north of the Williamsburg Bridge, is part of the much larger Saints Peter and Paul Parish which also includes Epiphany Church, located a few blocks south of the Williamsburg Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, established in 1843, was one of the first Catholic parishes in Williamsburg; it has enjoyed a long-standing presence in the area and remains the backbone of many of the community's current outreach and preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Father Rick Beuther is a tireless community activist championing the rights of the poor, organizing youth rallies, and fundraisers, all the while maintaining a full mass schedule at both of the

parish's churches; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn on February 7, 1968, Father Beuther attended P.S. 171 in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn and Thomas A. Edison High School in Jamaica, Queens, after which he went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from St. John's University in 1991 and, in 1996, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York and was ordained a priest on June 29, 1996; and

WHEREAS, His first assignment was at St. Matthias Parish in Ridgewood, Queens, where he served from 1996-2001; his second assignment was to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, where he has ably served since 2001 and where, in 2003, he was given the additional assignment of serving as Administrator of Epiphany Parish while continuing to serve as Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish; and

WHEREAS, Father Beuther will complete his outstanding service to Saints Peter and Paul Parish on June 29, 2011 and will begin his new ministry as Pastor of St. Bartholomew's Parish in Elmhurst, Queens on June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Father Beuther 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 them for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Father Rick Beuther upon the occasion of the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of his ordination and his final mass as Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish on June 29, 2011, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of continued purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Father Rick Beuther.