



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2013, Saint Louis de Montfort Catholic Church is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and on this day, it is deserving of special public commendations; and
WHEREAS, Saint Louis de Montfort Catholic Church was founded by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1963 under the spiritual care and direction of Rev. Vincent McCabe; and

WHEREAS, members of Saint Louis de Montfort Catholic Church and its "pioneers" undertook the building of a parish site in Orcutt, CA and celebrated Mass as a community in an old barracks located in what is now the runway for the Santa Maria Airport, while the school was built; and

WHEREAS, the parish came together to then construct the Saint Louis de Montfort School under the direction of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph and the 6th-8th grade classrooms became the setting for Sunday Masses from 1964-1965 while the new permanent church was being built; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 1966 the first Mass was celebrated in the new permanent church; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Saint Louis de Montfort Church was entrusted to the care of the Josephite Fathers, with Fr. Anthony Runtz, CJ the first pastor from then until 1985, followed by Fr. Guillermo Garcia, CJ (1985-1990), Fr. Mark Newman, CJ (1990-2001), and Fr. Charles Hofschulte, CJ (2001-present) and during those years the parish hall, kindergarten, computer lab, Church renovation, the Gathering Area, the Bell Tower, and Parish Community Center have been added; and

WHEREAS, a number of programs and ministries to address the spiritual needs of the parishioners' families have been added over the years; the 50+ different organizations serve the 3100 families that are now registered in the parish; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, April 28, 2013 - the feast day of the death of Saint Louis de Montfort in 1716 - will culminate with a celebratory Mass with Archbishop José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles as main celebrant; the Josephite Fathers, and other clergy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara commends Saint Louis de Montfort Catholic Parish Community on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary on April 28, 2013, and extends best wishes for continued success in the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 5th Day of March, 2013, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandee Walker
Clerk of the Board

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