

## 2023-J1058

Senate Resolution No. 1058

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of St. John  
the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church of Center  
Moriches, New York

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social, and  
educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development  
of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay  
tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to  
the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-  
standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
commemorate the 125th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Roman  
Catholic Church of Center Moriches, New York; and

WHEREAS, The roots of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist go back  
to the mid-1870s, and the first mass was celebrated on August 1, 1897;  
and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic  
Church has experienced tremendous growth both spiritually and socially;  
and

WHEREAS, A true cornerstone in the community for 125 years, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church is a strong and loving place to worship, as well as a beacon of light and resilience in the Center Moriches community; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of Reverend Patrick M. Riegger, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades, while retaining that spiritual resolve which has so characterized its glorious past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church of Center Moriches, New York, confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Patrick M. Riegger, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church of Center Moriches, New York.