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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Father Tom Kobuszewski upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in the Great State of New York is 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 individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; one such individual is Father Tom Kobuszewski; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father Tom Kobuszewski upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Father Tom Kobuszewski was born on September 12, 1937, in Syracuse, New York, to Walter and Mary Kobuszewski; and

WHEREAS, Father Tom Kobuszewski attended Sacred Heart grammar school in Syracuse and later graduated from St. John's Catholic Academy on June 26, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Father Tom Kobuszewski found his calling and prepared for the priesthood by continuing his education at St. Mary's College and Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, On May 16, 1964, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, Father Tom Kobuszewski was ordained, beginning his remarkable journey of priesthood; and

WHEREAS, Father Tom Kobuszewski furthered his education in 1974 with degree programs from Stonewall College and Onondaga Community College, specializing in course work which focused on the mentally handicapped;

and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his 50 years of priesthood, Father Tom Kobuszewski has made many significant contributions to the Catholic Church: (1964-1969) Assistant at St. Mary's of New York Mills, (1969-1974) Assistant at Sacred Heart in Syracuse, (1974-1976) Assistant at Transfiguration Church in Syracuse, (1976-1982) Director of Special Education, (1982-1995) Temporary Associate of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Liverpool, Administrator for St. Patrick's in Syracuse, and Transfiguration Church in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Father Tom Kobuszewski serves as Pastor of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish on Teall Avenue in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming a Priest, Father Tom Kobuszewski has excelled in a variety of special assignments and duties which include serving on the Executive Committee as Priests CCD Chaplain, Syracuse State School, and being named Chaplain of Knights of Columbus, Christ the King Council 411, and Associate Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Central New York Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Since his arrival at Transfiguration Church in 1999, Father Tom Kobuszewski has successfully met many challenges; among those often cited by his parishioners are the refurbishing of the rectory, installation of a modern communications system and updated computers, implementation of 40 Hours Devotion to better meet the needs of parishioners, increased enrollment in weekly Bible study classes; completion of a handicapped-accessible restroom; and the completion of extensive repairs and improvements throughout the church grounds; and

WHEREAS, Father Tom Kobuszewski has also devoted his life's work to assisting those who may be ill or grieving the loss of a loved one; and

WHEREAS, Father Tom Kobuszewski has been and continues to be a dedicated, inspirational leader and role model for all members of the community during his 50 years of priesthood; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Father Tom Kobuszewski upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith in his service to God, and his community, and extending to him the best wishes of this Legislative Body 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 Father Tom Kobuszewski.