

## 2013-J5938

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Father John Buehler upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on May 18, 2014

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Father John Buehler upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Historic Old St. John's Church in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Father John Buehler was raised in St. Stephen's Parish in Oriskany, New York; he graduated from St. Francis de Sales High School prior to attending seminary at Wadhams Hall, Our Lady of Angels and Christ the King; and

WHEREAS, Father John Buehler was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1974, and appointed Associate Pastor at St. Matthew's Parish; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Father John Buehler was appointed Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man also served at St. Therese Parish before going on sabbatical at Fordham University; following his sabbatical, he was appointed associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in Baldwinsville in 1987; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Father John Buehler became director of pastoral care at the Loretto Geriatric Center in Syracuse and was also named pastor for St. John's Parish in Utica; and

WHEREAS, Father John Buehler was next appointed as pastor of St. Francis de Sales in 1993, and after 2006, became the pastor of the merged parishes of St. Francis de Sales and St. John's; 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 corporeal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Father John Buehler upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, fully 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 Father John Buehler.