

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Father Clete Kiley, Chaplain of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Special Advisor to Archbishop Blase Cardinal Cupich, celebrates fifty years of priesthood; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Members of the Chicago City Council have been informed of this joyous anniversary by the Honorable Raymond A. Lopez, Alderman of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward; and,

**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley received his Sacrament of Holy Orders in 1974, having received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Loyola University in 1970, a Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity Degree from Mundelein Seminary in 1973 & 1974; and,

**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley continued his educational attainment, earning a Master's Degree in Applied (Ignatian) Spirituality from the University of San Francisco and a Doctorate in Ministry from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, both in 1983; and,

**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley has a mastery of the Spanish & Italian languages that allowed him to study at the Centro de Artes y Lenguas in Cuernavaca, Mexico and the Seminario Arcivescovile in Milano, Italy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley's religious career brought him to various parishes in predominantly Mexican and Puerto Rican parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago, including as Pastor of St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley served on the of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as its Executive Director for Priestly Life and Ministry from 1997 thru 2006, served as a delegate to the annual meetings of the Anglo-phone Bishop's Conferences at the Holy See on issues of child protection, appointed by United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld as a federal visitor on the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors, and participated to the 2000 Papal Visit to Ukraine; and,

**WHEREAS**, From 2006 thru 2010. Father Kiley served as the President of the Faith & Politics Institute in Washington D.C., leading weekly reflection groups with Members of Congress, sponsored civil rights pilgrimages to Mississippi and Alabama with the late Congressman John Lewis, and promoted racial reconciliation a spirit of conscience and compassion among congressional staff; and,


**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley has worked with UNITE HERE International Union since 2010 on immigration issues, assisting union leadership in the roles as members of the AFL-CIO Immigration Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, Father Kiley currently serves as a member of the Board of Catholic Labor Network and founder of the Priest-Labor Initiative, serves as a Board Trustee of the UNITE HERE Health Trust Fund, serves as a member of the national board for Pastoral Migratoria Nacional, serves on the Religious Advisory Committee of ARISE Chicago, serves as a member of the Interfaith Network of Worker Solidarity, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Misericordia/Heart of Mercy in Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his life, Father Clete Kiley has earned countless awards, honors and recognitions for his work in the Archdiocese of Chicago, his faith ministry to immigrants and workers, and his publications; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this Twenty-second day of May, 2024, do hereby congratulate the most Reverend Clete Kiley on fifty years of Catholic ministry and service to the Roman Catholic Church; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to Father Clete Kiley and his peers as a token of the body's admiration and respect.



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Raymond A. Lopez  
Alderman, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward