

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** on the 2nd day of December, 1877 the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was instituted with the erection of a small Chapel in Taft; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Church Parish, at its dedication, included the entire West Bank of St. Charles Parish, including Killona, Hahnville, Luling, Ama, Boutte, Bayou Gauche, Paradis, and Des Allemands; and,
- WHEREAS,** the original Church suffered the ravages of the Mississippi River as it ate away at the land, requiring that it be moved at least three times, but never damaging the spiritual determination of the congregation; and,
- WHEREAS,** in 1949 the Church dedicated its first building at its current site in Hahnville, a new Community Center, which was joined by the current Church, and Rectory in 1964; however, in 1965 Hurricane Betsy roared through the Parish causing severe damage to the Church and Rectory and completely demolishing the Community Center; and,
- WHEREAS,** with a continued spiritual drive to rebuild, on November 24, 1969, the Church, Rectory, and a new Community Center were dedicated by The Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan, Archbishop of New Orleans; and,
- WHEREAS,** for 140 years the Parishioners of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary have stood united against many odds: the Great Depression, World War II, Hurricane Betsy – yet generation after generation of parishioners have been inspired by the Pastors who have lead with dedication through their own sacrifices; and,
- WHEREAS,** no truer words can be found today than were written on the One Fortieth Anniversary of the Church...*one hundred forty years of joy and sorrow, of struggle and triumph, shared by Priests whose service have spanned those years, and people who have from generation to generation kept alive the words of the psalmist,*
“The Lord’s dwelling is well founded on a firm rock”
The People and Priests of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church are a firm rock, indeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 1, 2017 AS


OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY DAY IN ST. CHARLES PARISH

ON THIS, ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO REFLECT ON THE MANY SPIRITUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ITS PARISHIONERS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CIVIL PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do hereby commend the *Reverend Joel P. Cantones*, Pastor and Spiritual Leader, in his 3rd year of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of our Parish.


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