



Resolution No. <u>2021-13</u>
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RESOLUTION

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF STATE CHAPLAIN FR. MARIO TIZZIANI

WHEREAS: **Father Mario Joseph Tizziani** was born April 8, 1954, in Steubenville, OH to Lino John and Catherine Gabriel Tizziani; and

WHEREAS: **Father Mario** graduated from Toronto High School in Toronto, OH, in 1972; and

WHEREAS: he proudly served in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS: he later graduated from Liberty University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and earning Phi Beta Kappa honors; and

WHEREAS: he spent fifteen years teaching elementary, middle and high school in Jacksonville, FL, where he earned a Master of Education from Northern Florida University in 1999 and was named Regional Teacher of the Year in 1999; and

WHEREAS: he later pursued a doctorate degree in history from his beloved Ohio State University from 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS: he earned a Master of Arts from the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2006 on June 23, 2006, he was ordained as a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Covington, KY; and

WHEREAS: he was installed as Pastor of St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Independence, KY on August 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS: In 2011, he was awarded membership in the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; and

WHEREAS: In 2015, he received the Pastor of National Distinction Award from the National Catholic Education Association; and

WHEREAS: on July 10, 2017, he led in the groundbreaking of a \$5.5 million expansion including a gymnasium at St. Cecilia Catholic School until its completion in 2019; and

WHEREAS: in November of 2018, under his leadership as the chief administrator with ultimate decision making and leadership concerns, St. Cecilia School was named a Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS: he was also instrumental in the success of St. Cecilia's annual Labor Day Festivals during his tenure; and

WHEREAS: Toronto High School named him a Distinguished Alumni in September of 2019; and



WHEREAS: he served as a State Chaplain for the State of Kentucky Knights of Columbus from 2014 to 2016, Associate State Chaplain from 2016 to 2018, and State Chaplain from 2018 until his passing on December 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Father Mario faithfully served the State Council and attendees at State Meetings, sharing teachings, inspiration, and spiritual guidance, and celebrating Mass, and travelled with the State Council to the Supreme Conventions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Kentucky recognize Father Mario Tizziani as a Priest of outstanding faith, integrity, and conviction who loved serving the Lord and His people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Kentucky celebrate the life of Father Mario Tizziani, thank God for bringing him to our service, express our deepest sympathies to his mother, siblings, and extended family, and pray for the repose of his soul.



Respectfully submitted,

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