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## **RESOLUTION**

### **IN APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**WHEREAS:** Archbishop Joseph Kurtz was born on August 18, 1946, in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. He earned both the Bachelor (1968) and Master of Divinity (1972) degrees from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and a Master's in Social Work degree from the Marywood School of Social Work in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1976; and

**WHEREAS:** Archbishop Kurtz was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Allentown on March 18, 1972 and has served the Archdiocese of Louisville for 13 years; and

**WHEREAS:** He served as an instructor in marriage and family therapy at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, Pennsylvania, and as a professor and counselor at St. Pius X Seminary and earned the distinguished title of Monsignor in 1986 and was named Bishop of Knoxville in 1999; and

**WHEREAS:** He has been a strong advocate of the sanctity of Marriage and Life both of which are cornerstones of Columbianism; and

**WHEREAS:** He is a Past President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops where he helped to provide a voice for Catholic beliefs in the public forum; and

**WHEREAS:** Archbishop Kurtz has been a charter member of several new councils in the Archdiocese of Louisville and a public supporter of the Order; and

**WHEREAS:** Bishop Roger Foys was born on July 27, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois. He began his religious studies for the Diocese of Steubenville at St. John Vianney Seminary in Bloomingdale, Ohio and completed his graduate studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome; and

**WHEREAS:** Bishop Foys was ordained into the priesthood on May 16, 1973 in Holy Name Cathedral of Steubenville, Ohio and served as Diocesan Treasurer, Chairman of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, and Moderator of the Curia; and

**WHEREAS:** He was appointed Vicar General in 1982 and monsignor in 1987 and taught Canon Law at St. John Vianney Seminary. Pope John Paul II made him a Prelate of Honor in 1986 and a Protonotary Apostolic in 2001 and Bishop of Covington on May 31, 2002; and

**WHEREAS:** The number of priestly vocations in the Covington Diocese has dramatically increased under his tenure as Bishop of Covington; and



**WHEREAS:** **Bishop William Medley** was born September 17, 1952 in Loretto, Kentucky. He graduated at Bellarmine College where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and psychology and earned a Master of Divinity degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana; and

**WHEREAS:** Bishop Medley was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1982, by Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P. and served as associate pastor, chaplain, administrator in the Diocese of Louisville, a became director of the Office of Clergy Personnel in 1989, and served as rector of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral which was elevated to the rank of a basilica; and

**WHEREAS:** He was named pastor of Mother of Good Counsel Church in Louisville in 2005, and of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish in Goshen in 2007 with additional duties as a member of the College of Consultors, Priests' Council, Planning Commission, Priests' Health Panel, Priests' Personnel Board and president of the Bardstown/Nelson County Ministerial Association and on the Nelson County Human Rights Commission; and

**WHEREAS:** In December 2009, he was appointed the fourth Bishop of Owensboro by Pope Benedict XVI and his episcopal consecration took place on February 10, 2010, at the Owensboro Sports Center and he selected as his episcopal motto: "Holy Is God's Name."; and

**WHEREAS:** **Bishop John Stowe** was born April 15, 1966 in Lorain, OH, and educated at St. Anthony of Padua Parish and Lorain Catholic High School. After a year of community college, Bishop Stowe joined the formation program for the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation at St. Bonaventure Friary in St. Louis, MO. During the time of his candidacy, he began studies in philosophy and history at St. Louis University and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in each in 1990. Bishop Stowe earned a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in the field of Church History from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1995 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop A. James Quinn at his home parish of St. Anthony in Lorain. He was assigned to continue at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church as associate pastor in El Paso, Texas. The parish is at the site of the Ysleta Mission, founded in 1682 and the oldest parish in Texas. It is on the U.S.-Mexico border and includes the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of the Tigua tribe of Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS:** In December 2002, Bishop Stowe was invited by Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, of El Paso, to serve the Diocese of El Paso as Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General. He later also served as Chancellor of the diocese. With a lack of priests in the diocese, Bishop Stowe also assumed the role of Administrator of Our Lady of the Valley Parish there, while serving in the Chancery. At the Province Chapter of 2010, Bishop Stowe was elected Vicar Provincial of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation; he resigned from the Chancery in El Paso and became Pastor and Rector of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH (Diocese of Toledo). He was re-elected vicar at the Chapter of 2014; and





**WHEREAS:** On March 12, 2015, Pope Francis appointed Conventual Franciscan Father John Stowe as the Third Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington and he was ordained on May 5, 2015; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Knights of Columbus of Kentucky thank the Lord and our Holy Father for sending men of such high caliber and devotion to His church and with genuine care for the His flock; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kentucky Knights of Columbus pledge our steadfast support and continued remembrance in our daily prayers for long healthy life and successful ministries for the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., the Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, D.D., the Most Reverend William F. Medley, D.D., and the Most Reverend John Stowe, D.D., our beloved Shepherds of the Catholic Church in the State of Kentucky, and the retired Most Reverend J. Kendrick Williams, D.D.



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