

## **RESOLUTION**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
100th Anniversary

**WHEREAS**, in October of 1920, Fr. Joseph Tonello founded Our Lady of Lourdes in the Forster family living room in Tujunga, with 23 attendants present; in November of 1920, Fr. Tonello was appointed as the first priest; and

**WHEREAS**, through his dedication and leadership, in December of 1921 the first Our Lady of Lourdes church building was purchased and dedicated by Archbishop Cantwell on 7510 Valaho St. in Tujunga; in 1941 the construction for a new church building began that would seat 450 parishioners; and on July 14, 1921, under Fr. Falvey's leadership the first Mass was held in the new church on Mountair Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, in the same year, on September 21, 1941, Bishop Joseph McGucken dedicated the Mountair Church to the McGroarty Family, of whom donated the parcel of land to the church for construction; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1969 under the leadership of Monsignor Edward Wade, the present day Our Lady of Lourdes church was built, seating 950 parishioners, and was completed in time to celebrate its first Mass on Christmas Eve. It was dedicated by Cardinal Timothy Manning on May 3, 1970; and

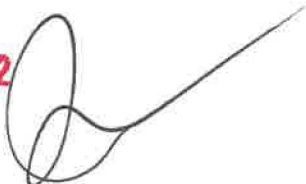
**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 1973, the People's Garden on Our Lady of Lourdes, built a shrine for parishioners to plant their favorite flowers in, symbolizing placing one's family roots in the church; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988 Mike and Pat Livingston in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus began the church's first Fish Fry; this started as a project serving about 20-30 families with fish caught fresh by the Livingstons, and has now developed into a 250-300 meal distribution every Friday within the season of Lent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990 the Adult Choir went on a musical pilgrimage in Rome, singing at five different churches in Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 the Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir was invited to sing at the First Sunday Mass at the Vatican in Rome; and in the summer of 2004 completed an international singing tour in Germany; and

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**WHEREAS**, in 2012 Fr. Rolly Astudillo was named head Priest and continues to grow his parish through his founding program of the Evangelization Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Lady of Lourdes serves a place of worship, faith, love, and forgiveness for the Sunland-Tujunga community;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council extends its warmest congratulations to Our Lady of Lourdes Church on their 100th Anniversary.

PRESENTED BY:

  
MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



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