

BY ALDS. BORKOWSKI, BOHL, COGGS, PÉREZ

*Resolution recognizing and congratulating Jo Therese Fahres on her retirement from St. Gregory the Great Church.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **JO THERESE FAHRES**

*retired with pride and satisfaction as the director of child ministry at St. Gregory the Great Church, 3160 S. 63<sup>rd</sup> St. on May 15, 2016 after 29 years of distinguished service; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jo Therese Fahres was educated at Cardinal Stritch University, received a Bachelor's Degrees in Art Education, and in Religious Studies, as well as a Master's Degree in Religious Studies, and on July 1, 1987 she started her position as youth minister at St. Gregory the Great; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jo Therese Fahres assisted the children of the parish in their formation and their sacramental preparation, worked with the school community by helping the teachers and students prepare for All-School Liturgies, and she enjoyed leading an adult Bible study, planning the Thanksgiving and Lenten Meals, and leading the Mardi Gras celebration; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jo Therese Fahres also arranged many other activities for the children, including bowling nights, dances, trips to Wisconsin Dells and Great America, she also arranged two mission trips to Saint Labre Indian mission in Montana, she also arranged "clowns of the kingdom" which provided entertainment for senior citizens with the children with her and wrote two scripts for modern day stations; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jo Therese Fahres enjoys creating art, playing the guitar, and writing in her free time; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jo Therese Fahres on her retirement as the director of child ministry at St. Gregory the Great, and wishes for her a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jo Therese Fahres.*

*Introduced by Common Council members Mark A. Borkowski, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 24, 2016.*

Info for JT: (again, along with her long article in the newsletter, I think you might have enough, but if not, just let me know, Mark!)

Hello, I am Jo Therese Fahres and I am the Director of Child Ministry at St. Greg's. I was educated at Cardinal Stritch University where I received Bachelor Degrees in Art Education and Religious Studies, as well as a Master Degree in Religious Studies. In addition to my ministry with children,..

My love for St. Greg's stems from the first welcome I received when I came here 29 years ago. The friendliness and helpfulness of the parishioners was overwhelming. This is a very prayerful community that openly shares its witness to Jesus and the gospel by its generosity to the poor and needy. I am proud to be part of such a loving and caring group of Christians.