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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Father John Naus, S.J.,  
who passed from this life on September 22, 2013.*

**WHEREAS,**

**FATHER JOHN NAUS, S.J.**

*passed from this life at the age of 89 on September 22, 2013 and funeral services were  
held at the Gesu Church in Milwaukee on Thursday, September 26; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Father John Naus, S.J., was a treasured member of the Marquette  
community for nearly 50 years, serving various roles throughout those years including  
that of priest, philosophy professor, hall chaplain and campus resident clown, and was  
never lacking for a kind word and made anyone in his presence feel special, and believed  
“if you can make somebody smile, you’ve had a good day”; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Father John Naus, S.J., grew up in Milwaukee, attending Marquette  
High School, held a degree from Saint Louis University and a Doctor of Philosophy from  
the Gregorian University in Rome, and was ordained as a priest in 1955 at the Church of  
the Gesu on the Marquette campus, and was a valued professor of philosophy at  
Marquette teaching theory of ethics, Eastern philosophy, and philosophy of humor; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Father John Naus, S.J., had a Christmas card list of 4,000 that went  
out to friends in more than a dozen countries and a team of volunteers to help him  
send them each summer, he made sure to include a letter and inspirational quote in each  
one, and his fun loving spirit was exemplified by his love of clowns which he  
incorporated into his classes and sermons, and eventually his students got him a clown  
outfit complete with custom shoes and makeup, he went on to appear in circuses and  
parades; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Father John Naus, S.J., was a pillar in the Marquette community,  
and Father Robert Wilde stated “it is this silliness and sly humor that have that have  
made the 88-year-old priest perhaps the best known and most beloved Jesuit at  
Marquette for the past 49 years,” and the memory of this exemplary priest, professor,  
clown, friend, and human being will live on through the thousands of lives he touched  
here in Milwaukee and throughout the world; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Father John Naus, S.J. leaves to cherish his memory his family, the  
Marquette community and a whole host of other loving friends, students, and colleagues;  
now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED***, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Father John Naus, S.J. and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it

***FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Father John Naus, S.J.

***Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Tony Zielinski, Joe Davis, Sr., Robert W. Puente, José G. Pérez, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Terry L. Witkowski and Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 15, 2013.***