

BY ALD. DUDZIK

*Resolution recognizing Fr. David E. Cooper on his retirement from St. Matthias Parish.*

**WHEREAS,**

**FATHER DAVID E. COOPER**

*retired with pride and satisfaction from his years of distinguished work and ministry at St. Matthias Parish, 9306 W Beloit Rd, on June 27, 2015; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. David E. Cooper served as pastor of St. Matthias Parish for fourteen years, providing valuable services for countless youth, adults and senior citizens; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Grateful parishioners honored Fr. David E. Cooper with a weekend retirement celebration and reception to show their thanks for his years of service; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. David E. Cooper attended Mount St. Paul College in Waukesha freshman and sophomore years, and to complete his formation for priesthood he transferred to St. Francis Major Seminary until his ordination on May 31, 1970; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. David E. Cooper continued on to receive a Master of Divinity Degree from St. Francis Seminary in 1979, and then served as associate pastor at St. Alphonsus for six year, at St. James for five years, and continued to be associate pastor at St. Matthias until 1990; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1990, Fr. David E. Cooper helped Fr. John Biegler at Holy Assumptions, and proceeded Fr. Biegler as Pastor of Holy Assumptions from 1990 until 2000; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. David E. Cooper returned to St. Matthias as pastor in 2000, and has worked diligently through his participation in many aspects of the church and community such as membership in the Knights of Columbus Council 3095, being a Faithful Friar of the Forth Degree Knights of Columbus Msgr. Arnold Assembly since 2000, serving as Diocesan Chaplain for Knights of Columbus, and Wisconsin State Chaplain for a two year term; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. David E. Cooper served as Priest Moderator for several districts of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Conference of Christian Women, co-founder of the Priest-Rabbi Dialogue Group of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area, member of the Catholic-Jewish Conference of Milwaukee, chair and treasurer of the West Allis Clergy Association, and founder and chair of the Milwaukee Archdiocese Priests Alliance; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Fr. David E. Cooper on his retirement from St. Matthias Parish, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Fr. David E. Cooper.*

**Introduced by Common Council member Joe Dudzik and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 12, 2015.**

