

BY ALDS. MURPHY, KOVAC

*Resolution recognizing Fr. Dick Aiken on his retirement from St. Sebastian Church.*

**WHEREAS,**

**FATHER DICK AIKEN**

*retired with pride and satisfaction from his years of distinguished work and ministry at St. Sebastian Church, 5400 W. Washington Blvd., on June 15, 2014; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. Dick Aiken served as pastor of St. Sebastian Church for nine years, providing valuable services for countless youth, adults and senior citizens; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Grateful parishioners honored Fr. Dick Aiken with a retirement open house, thank you program and reception to show their thanks for his years of service; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. Dick Aiken grew up in the nearby St. Catherine Parish and was ordained in 1940, and before coming to St. Sebastian Church, he served at St. Margaret Mary, Holy Angels, St. Nicholas and St. Alphonsus; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fr. Dick Aiken worked diligently for the Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope, which empowered individual churches to unite to shut down drug houses and create “safe zones” and “holy ground” in their communities; and*

**WHEREAS,** *St. Sebastian parishioners enjoyed Fr. Dick Aiken’s compassion and commitment to his work, and how he always found time to laugh, praise, ponder and delight in life; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Fr. Dick Aiken on his retirement from St. Sebastian Church, 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. Dick Aiken.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 24, 2014.**