
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 282 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, B. BOYLE, K. BOYLE, MILLARD, KOTIK,
CALTAGIRONE, VEREB, DIGIROLAMO, ROSS, PAINTER, SAINATO,
HENNESSEY, GODSHALL, RAPP, PARKER, READSHAW, MAHONEY,
MIRABITO, BARRAR, MARKOSEK, YOUNGBLOOD, GINGRICH, MAJOR,
V. BROWN, COHEN, FLYNN, MARSICO, MCNEILL AND KORTZ,
MAY 1, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 1, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 50th anniversary of Christ the King Parish.

2 WHEREAS, The decree for establishment of Christ the King
3 Parish by the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Archbishop John Krol,
4 occurred in May of 1963; and

5 WHEREAS, The parish officially began on June 18, 1963, with
6 the Reverend Arthur Woods as the founding pastor; and

7 WHEREAS, Morrell Park and East Torresdale are the parish
8 neighborhoods served by Christ the King Parish; and

9 WHEREAS, The first mass occurred on Sunday, June 23, 1963, at
10 St. Michael's Chapel, Shrine of the True Cross, a novitiate of
11 Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, on grounds that are presently
12 occupied by Aria Hospital; and

13 WHEREAS, During the Christmas of 1965, the first mass of the
14 parish church occurred; and

15 WHEREAS, In May of 1966, the church and school were dedicated

1 and the school opened the following fall, staffed by Sisters of
2 St. Joseph and lay faculty; and

3 WHEREAS, The Reverends Arthur Woods, Robert McGee, Henry
4 Birkhead and James A. Callahan have served Christ the King
5 Parish as pastors; and

6 WHEREAS, Christ the King Parish currently serves 1,850
7 families, 5,500 parishioners and 350 school children in
8 preschool to 8th grade classes; and

9 WHEREAS, Many parish organizations and ministries exist at
10 Christ the King Parish, through which parishioners give of their
11 time, talent and treasure; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 50th
13 anniversary of Christ the King Parish; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
15 the current pastor of Christ the King Parish, The Reverend James
16 A. Callahan, 3252 Chesterfield Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114.