

MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Kevin Boyle
Re: Resolution Honoring the 100th Anniversary of Saint Cecilia's Parish
Date: June 9, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution recognizing and honoring the 100th Anniversary of Saint Cecilia's Parish in the Fox Chase Section of Philadelphia.

Since its inception on October 1, 1911, Saint Cecilia's Parish has served as home to many of the Catholics faithful who migrated from Europe to Philadelphia during the early 1900's. As the number of Catholic families that settled in Philadelphia area increased, the population began to spread out. In fact, between the years of 1900 – 1910, forty-three new parishes were founded within the Philadelphia archdiocese.

Saint Cecilia's Parish was established in an effort to absorb the burgeoning Catholic population as well as to provide parishioners with a local place house of worship. In addition, Saint Cecilia's Parish School was established in 1924 and commenced its first class in September of 1925. Saint's Cecilia Parish School has skillfully instructed and graduated several future priests and successful alumni. These include, but are not limited to former NFL star and 2002 Most Valuable Player of the National Football League, Rich Gannon.

Most importantly, Saint's Cecilia Parish, since its humble beginnings to the present day, has selflessly and dutifully served the Catholic community in the Fox Chase section of Philadelphia. Saint Cecilia's rich and longstanding traditions of faith, charity, and community are the foundation of its 100 years of success and prosperity. Therefore, I wish to formally recognize and honor its 100th Anniversary.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Dan Green via email at dgreen@pahouse.net or by calling (717) 783-4944.