

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 000550)

## RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating St. Joseph's Prep on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of this revered Philadelphia institution.

WHEREAS, In 1851 the Jesuits established "The St. Joseph's College In The City of Philadelphia," located at the site of Old Saints Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Alley; and

WHEREAS, The high school and the college would remain together under this name for over 75 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1866, the Jesuits purchased a tract of ground surrounded by Thompson, Stiles, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets and a temporary church and residence was built on the site. The Church was converted into a school building and construction was begun on a new church, the Gesu, which was consecrated in 1888; and

WHEREAS, Over the next fifty years the Prep would continue to expand its physical plant and began building a tradition of excellence in studies and a firm devotion to the Catholic faith. By 1917, the Prep had become an institution separate from the College; and

WHEREAS, The Prep is not a building, it is people. One of the greatest attributes of the Prep is the bond which holds its people together. In January 1966, this relationship was put to the test as an eight-alarm fire incinerated much of the Prep. Within one week classes resumed after all available space was converted to class use. In December 1968, a new building was dedicated at the same site, demonstrating the Prep's commitment to the surrounding community and to the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The Prep has continued educating the young men of the Philadelphia area in the Ignatian ideals. Currently the students give hundreds of hours of community service to the disadvantaged of our City; and

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WHEREAS, This summer the Prep crew team captured the coveted Princess Elizabeth Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta in England, thus becoming the first school in the city to win this competitive world event; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph's Prep remains committed to the City of Philadelphia and has been expanding the facilities at 18<sup>th</sup> & Girard to include a \$25 million dollar state of the art athletic facility to be completed this winter; and

WHEREAS, Academically the Prep excels in preparing young men for the most competitive colleges in the country yet never losing sight that their education is for the betterment of our world; now therefore

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby commend and congratulate St. Joseph's Prep on the occasion of its sesquicentennial anniversary. This yearlong celebration will begin September 15, 2000 as the Prep will continue with the goal of molding its students into "men for others."

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rev. David A. Sauter, S.J., President of St. Joseph's Prep.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourteenth of September, 2000.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kenney, Clarke, Nutter, O'Neill and Reynolds  
Brown  
Sponsored by: Councilmembers DiCicco, Ortiz, Tasco, Rizzo, Mariano,  
Cohen, Krajewski and Miller

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