

## **Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Bishop Father José María García-Maldonado**

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado was born in Mexico on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1979 in the town of Los Altos de Jalisco Region of San Julián to parents José María García-Maldonado and Angélica Maldonado; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado is the fifth child in a family of nine, five sisters and three brothers; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado studied at the Seminary of San Juan de Los Lagos, Jalisco, Mexico where he completed three years of Philosophy, then came to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Father José María García-Maldonado attended Mundelein Seminary to study four years of Theology; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado was ordained a Priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by Cardinal Francis George; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado's first assignment was St. Silvester Parish where he served for two years and then was assigned to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for one year; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado was assigned to Good Shepherd Parish in Little Village on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, where he was the Pastor for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado was assigned on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, to serve as Pastor of San José Sánchez del Rio Parish consisting of the Churches of St. Francis in the Community of West Humboldt Park, Maternity BVM in the Community of Humboldt Park, and St. Philomena in the Community of Hermosa; and

WHEREAS, Father José María García-Maldonado has demonstrated his personal and spiritual commitment to the Lord and his leadership and guidance to the many Parishioners of the Archdiocese of Chicago as the first Hispanic Priest of St. José Sánchez del Rio Parish to be named by Pope Francis II to be installed as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Holy Name Cathedral of Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this event, we declare this day to be a Celebration of Jubilee across the Archdiocese of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby recognize and honor Bishop Father José María García-Maldonado for his exceptional contribution to faith, community, and service in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop Father José María García-Maldonado as a token of our city's deep appreciation.



Jessie Fuentes  
Aldersperson, 26<sup>th</sup> Ward