

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Reverend Borgia Aubespín, SVD, for his 52 years of service in the priesthood.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Reverend Borgia Aubespín, SVD, pastor of Holy Family Church in Lawtell,  
3 Louisiana, and St. Ann Church in Mallet, Louisiana, upon the fifty-second  
4 anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

5 WHEREAS, Father Borgia Aubespín was born in Prairie Laurent, a small farming  
6 community near Opelousas, Louisiana, the second of six children born to Augusta and  
7 Ernest Aubespín; and

8 WHEREAS, as a young boy, Borgia worked on the family farm, attended elementary  
9 school in Prairie Laurent, and then attended Holy Ghost High School in Opelousas as there  
10 was no high school in the area, getting to and from school with his uncle who worked in the  
11 city and would drop Borgia off at school at 5 A.M. and pick him up from school at 5 P.M.;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Father John, the priest at Holy Ghost, noticed Borgia waiting in the  
14 early mornings for the school doors to open and invited him to wait in the church until  
15 school would start; and

16 WHEREAS, Father John inspired Borgia to seriously consider a vocation in the  
17 priesthood, and with advice from Father John, he entered St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay  
18 St. Louis, Mississippi, at the age of fourteen; and

1           WHEREAS, Father Borgia later attended the Divine Word Seminary in New York  
2 in 1954, and professed his first vows in 1956 following his philosophy studies at the Society  
3 of the Divine Word Seminary in Techy, Illinois; and

4           WHEREAS, on February 13, 1965, Father Aubespín was ordained into the  
5 priesthood of the religious order of Society of the Divine Word and his priestly ministry  
6 began with an assignment to the Philippines which included pastoral duties, serving as the  
7 director of the High School, Dean of Student Affairs, and vice president of SVD  
8 College-Bahol in the Philippines; and

9           WHEREAS, in 1973, he returned to the United States of America and became pastor  
10 of St. Francis Catholic Church in Yazoo City, Mississippi, serving there until 1974 when he  
11 was assigned as pastor of St. Rose de Lima in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and

12           WHEREAS, in 1978 Father Aubespín was assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary in  
13 Lafayette, Louisiana, and it was during this time that recent canon laws from Rome  
14 emphasized the leadership role of the laity and his focus became that of allowing parish  
15 leadership to evolve in carrying out the work of lay ministry; and

16           WHEREAS, in 1986 Father Borgia was elected Provincial of the Southern Province  
17 for the SVD order of priest, serving in this capacity until the end of his tenure in 1994 when  
18 he was once again assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church as pastor from  
19 1994 to 2001; and

20           WHEREAS, Father Aubespín was assigned to St. Mary of the Purification Catholic  
21 Church in Houston, Texas, in 2001 and served there until July, 2015, when he was assigned  
22 to Holy Family Church in Lawtell, Louisiana and St. Ann Church in Mallet, Louisiana,  
23 where he currently serves; and

24           WHEREAS, Father Borgia Aubespín has been and continues to be an inspiration to  
25 so many and has made a lasting impression in the hearts of those who have been fortunate  
26 to have know and love him, and it is appropriate to recognize and extend to him sincere and  
27 heartfelt appreciation.

28           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
29 does hereby commend Reverend Borgia Aubespín upon the fifty-second anniversary of his  
30 ordination as a priest, does hereby recognize the good works and service that Father

1       Aubespín has given to numerous churches, and particularly his wonderful service as pastor  
2       of Holy Family Church in Lawtell, Louisiana and St. Ann Church in Mallet, Louisiana, does  
3       hereby express gratitude for the many lives that Father Aubespín has touched during his  
4       ministry, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for health, happiness, and God's richest  
5       blessings in the years to come.

6               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
7       Father Borgia Aubespín.

---

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

---

SR 64 Original	DIGEST 2017 Regular Session	Boudreaux
----------------	--------------------------------	-----------

Commends Reverend Borgia Aubespín upon the 52nd anniversary of his ordination as a priest.