

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 190

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend Father Stanley Kelechi Ihesinachi Ihuoma on the occasion of the twelfth anniversary of his ordination.

WHEREAS, Father Ihuoma was born in Umuke Okpofe, in Ezinhitte Mbaise L.G.A. of Imo State, Nigeria; he became an altar boy at a very young age and quickly rose to become the leader of altar boys in his parish; and

WHEREAS, Father Ihuoma possessed an uncommon degree of wisdom in his youth and was nicknamed "Okemadu", which means "Elder"; and

WHEREAS, Father Ihuoma's priestly formation began at the Missionary Society of St. Paul Seminary, Ogun State, Nigeria; he completed his philosophy studies in Nigeria at the National Missionary Seminary of St. Paul Abuja before moving to Washington, D.C., to continue his education as a member of the Josephites; and

WHEREAS, during his priestly formation, Father Ihuoma attended many educational institutions, including Notre Dame College in Baltimore and Xavier University in New Orleans; he also studied at the Pontifical Faculty of Immaculate Conception-Dominican House of Studies, where he earned both a master of divinity degree and a master of arts degree in theology; and

WHEREAS, Father Ihuoma was ordained on May 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, after his ordination, Father Ihuoma served at St. Francis Xavier Church in Baltimore from May 2010 until September 2012; he served next as pastor of All Saints Church in New Orleans for two years, and then in July 2014, he was transferred to Los Angeles to serve as the first-ever Josephite priest and pastor of Holy Name of Jesus parish; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2021, Father Ihuoma accepted the responsibility to pastor the faith community of St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in New Orleans; for him, returning to New Orleans is like returning home; and

WHEREAS, for all of the lives he has touched, the ministry he has offered, and the grace he has shared, Father Ihuoma is most deserving of recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Father Stanley Kelechi Ihesinachi Ihuoma on the occasion of the twelfth anniversary of his ordination and does hereby further recognize Father Ihuoma's dedication to the city of New Orleans and to his parishioners at St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Father Stanley Kelechi Ihesinachi Ihuoma.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES