

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING ST. BRIDGET OF IRELAND
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, on September 7, 1963, St. Bridget of Ireland Church received its first pastor, the Reverend Thomas P. Guinan; and

WHEREAS, the families of this new parish worshipped in a neighboring chapel and school until the construction of the church was completed in June of 1965; and

WHEREAS, St. Bridget of Ireland was served from 1967 to 1972 by The Reverend William A. Nagel and from 1972 to 1997 by the Reverend John Jazowski; and

WHEREAS, St. Bridget of Ireland provided parochial education for nearly fifteen years, from 1965 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, On June 14, 1987, St. Bridget of Ireland celebrated the completion of its current church, with Bishop Curtis formally dedicating the completely renovated building; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, The Reverend Gill C. Babeu was assigned to St. Bridget's as pastor, retiring in 2012; and

WHEREAS, St. Bridget of Ireland currently has over 700 families worshipping, an active and a full religious education program, with special children's homilies and family masses; and

WHEREAS, St. Bridget of Ireland dedicated the "Our Lady of Strawberry Hill Shrine," which is open to local residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, St. Bridget of Ireland has been a valuable asset to the residents of Stamford and has been an important part of Stamford's religious community for many years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 28th Board of Representatives congratulates St. Bridget of Ireland Church on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives this 7th day of October, 2013

Randall M. Skigen, President
28th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
28th Board of Representatives