

CITY OF WINTER PARK

# proclamation

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## Very Reverend Richard M. Walsh Day | April 15, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Very Reverend Richard M. Walsh, was ordained to the priesthood on June 16, 1968, and is celebrating 50 years of devoted and dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been Priest of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Winter Park, since 1985, where he continues to lead the spiritual well-being of this congregation of 3500 families by his preaching, teaching, counseling and visioning; and

**WHEREAS**, he has initiated programs which benefit the greater community, both locally and internationally: Family Promise, Shepherd's Hope Health Center, Bridging the Color Divide, KUDU Orphanage in Uganda, and Haiti Outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, he is the recipient of the Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Education Association; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as interim administrator of the Orlando Diocese in 2010 and is presently the Vicar General of this Diocese; and

**WHEREAS**, this humble, energetic and dynamic man has overseen many multimillion dollar building, expansion, and updating projects at St. Margaret Mary Parish and School, which have enhanced the spirit of community and added beauty to the city; and

**WHEREAS**, he has served as a chaplain for the Winter Park Police Department and was recognized and named "*The Shepherd*" by *Winter Park Magazine*, 2015, for being one of the most influential people in this city and the longest-serving pastor of any church in Winter Park; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park in the state of Florida, join the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary in extending much appreciation and gratitude to Father Richard M. Walsh for his 50 faithful years as a Catholic priest, and proclaim **Sunday, April 15, 2018**, as "**Very Reverend Father Richard M. Walsh Day**" in Winter Park, Florida.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Leary".

Steve Leary  
Mayor