



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of 50 Years

Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church

Whereas: Ten years ago, the Mayor of the City of Smyrna, A. Max Bacon, proclaimed October 7, 2006 as a day of recognition of the 40th Anniversary of this church's existence in Cobb County. Ten years more have been added to the life of this church as a center of evangelization and reconciliation to reach the milestone of a Golden Jubilee; and

Whereas: From a seedling of 300 people that gathered for worship at Belmont Theatre 50 years ago, the tree of this church grew to a current membership of thousands of Roman Catholics who gather for weekly worship at 4300 King Springs Road. It was a journey of faith to purchase 16 acres of land at its present location in December 1966 for \$25,000 with additional acreage purchased in later years. With the sacrificial support of its parishioners, it was a very proud moment when the newly constructed sanctuary was opened for the worship of the Lord in 1985; and

Whereas: Saint Thomas the Apostle has been challenged to promote "Unity in Community." It is much more than just a building housing its members, the church is the people. Successive waves of people from the U.S.A. and from other regions of the world continue to make it a multi-lingual, shared parish community. This parish church is blessed to have the clergy able to serve and attend to the variety of needs that come with such diversity; and

Whereas: Through these five decades, the people of Saint Thomas the Apostle have created approximately 100 ministries to meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of others both within and outside the immediate church family. Meeting the needs of the parishioners and those of Cobb County is one of the special qualities that has long defined the charisma of this center of mercy, justice and evangelization; and

Whereas: The people of St. Thomas the Apostle have recognized this 50th Anniversary milestone year with activities throughout the year including a Spring Festival, a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Atlanta on June 5, 2016, and a Gala Dinner on June 11, 2016; now

Therefore: I, A. Max Bacon, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as a day of recognition for the community of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church as a center of faith, hope and love in this milestone 50th anniversary.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
cause the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon
this 16th day of May in the
year of Our Lord 2016.*

Mayor

A. Max Bacon

