



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Fr. Adrien Longchamps was Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish from 1998 to 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laconia had virtually no entertainment venues for large capacity concerts; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Adrien had a life-long love of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Adrien offered Sacred Heart Church as a concert venue for appropriate performances and welcomed thousands of citizens of all denominations to Sacred Heart Church; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2000, Father Adrien opened Sacred Heart Church to the music of the greatest Irish tenor of all time, Frank Patterson, whose music brought the lilt of Irish laughter to the smiling faces of all 700 in attendance; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2002, Father Adrien opened Sacred Heart Church to the music of Anthony Kearns, one of the original Irish Tenors, and a packed Sacred Heart Church again experienced the joy of music and song; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Adrien opened Sacred Heart Church on September 16, 2005 to the "Sound of Music" performed by Elizabeth von Trapp, the granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, and then again on November 21, 2005 the Von Trapp Children, the great-grandchildren of Maria von Trapp, performed to the delight of a packed concert hall; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Adrien opened Sacred Heart Church on November 28, 2003, to the sublime and ethereal voice of the world-famous Judy Collins, who bewitched the audience with her incomparable voice; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Adrien opened Sacred Heart Church on December 18, 2007, to Clara Ann Fowler, whose stage name was Patti Page, the top-charting female artist of the 1950's, selling over 100 million records during her career, known as "the Singin' Rage, Miss Patti Page". That memorable night Patti Page sang many of her hits, including "The Tennessee Waltz" and "Changing Partners"; and

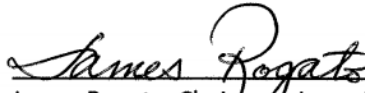
WHEREAS, there were so many other memorable shows at Sacred Heart Church that brought multiple standing ovations to the performers;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Laconia Putnam Fund and the Laconia City Council recognize Fr. Adrien Longchamps, former Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, who passed away on November 17, 2020 for his invaluable support of the Laconia Putnam Fund shows and the citizens of Laconia by providing a large-capacity venue for numerous special shows. Without his support and that of the Sacred Heart Parish, these shows would not have been possible. In view of Fr. Adrien Longchamp's unheralded contribution to the citizens of Laconia, the Laconia City Council is requested to designate November 17, 2021, the anniversary of Father's passing, as **FATHER ADRIEN LONGCHAMPS DAY** in the City of Laconia.

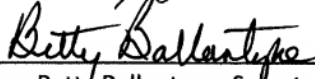
Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire,
this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord
two thousand and twenty-one



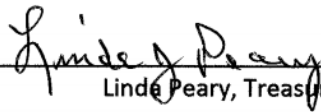
Andrew J. Hosmer, Mayor



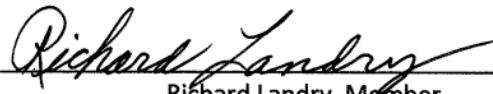
James Rogato, Chairman, Laconia Putnam Fund



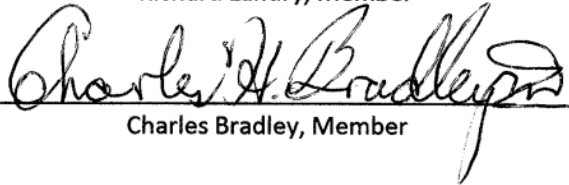
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