



PROCLAMATION OF ESTEEM

Happy 50th Anniversary to Father William Kelly

- WHEREAS,** Father Kelly has served as a priest for fifty years and has ministered to the sick, old, young and less fortunate; and
- WHEREAS,** Father Kelly is the Pastor for St. Paul's Catholic Church; and
- WHEREAS,** He succeeded Father Diego Conesa at St. Paul's in October 1977; and
- WHEREAS,** When he started at St. Paul's there were 1100 families now there are 3400; and
- WHEREAS,** Among his many duties serves as the Vicar General of the Diocese of St. Augustine; and
- WHEREAS,** He was born in the small town of Castlerea, Ireland; and
- WHEREAS,** He attended Patrick Seminary College in Carlow, Ireland and says he became a priest because of the example other priests set when he was growing up; and
- WHEREAS,** He was ordained on June 13, 1959; and
- WHEREAS,** He served as a Catholic educator for many years around Florida and he renovated St. Paul's Elementary School where today it serves 600 students; and
- WHEREAS,** He has been a leader in helping the less fortunate of our beaches communities; and
- WHEREAS,** He faithfully ministers weekly to the sick and elderly in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Harriet Pruette of Neptune Beach by virtue of the authority vested in her by the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, does hereby congratulate Father Kelly on 50 years in the priesthood and is glad he has no plans to retire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida on this 6th day of July, 2009, A.D.

Mayor Harriet Pruette