A PROCLAMATION FOR THE CLOSING OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Parish was established in 1912 and served the spiritual needs of the Homewood community; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Parish has continued, over the years, as having the largest church population of any church in Homewood, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of Chicago canonically closed St. Joseph Parish on June 30, 2022 after 110 years of operation; and

WHEREAS, The closing of St. Joseph Parish is the result of a multi-year Archdiocese-wide review and consolidation of parishes known as Renew My Church; and

WHEREAS, The archdiocese has determined to continue to use the church building currently known as St. Joseph to be the home of a new consolidated parish which will include the legacy parishes of St. Joseph (Homewood), St. Anne (Hazel Crest) and St. Emeric (Country Club Hills); and

WHEREAS, A final Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish on Sunday, October 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The name of the new United Parish is currently under consideration but will not be available by the time of the final Mass on Sunday, October 16, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Rich Hofeld, Village President,* do hereby acknowledge the closing of St. Joseph Parish after 110 years of service to the Homewood, IL and proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2022 as

St. Joseph Parish Day

in the *Village of Homewood*, and urge all citizens to celebrate *St. Joseph Parish Day*.

Dated this 27th day of September 2022.

Village President, Richard Hofeld