

**As Adopted by the House**

**135th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2023-2024**

**H. R. No. 349**

**Representative Troy**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring St. Mary Magdalene Parish  
on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate St. Mary  
Magdalene Parish on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary, January 27, 2024;  
and

WHEREAS, To meet the needs of the growing population of Lake  
County, Bishop Edward Hoban appointed Father Harold Laubacher as the  
pastor of a new church in Willowick, and St. Mary Magdalene Parish was  
commissioned on January 27, 1949, and dedicated less than two years  
later. Over the years, the church building has been enlarged several  
times and reconfigured in the late 1980s, and it operated a school for  
more than five decades as well as instituted a variety of programs and  
switched from a single pastor with assistants to a pastoral team. The  
parish has not only provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual  
motivation for each of its members, but it has also enhanced the  
quality of life within the surrounding area, earning the gratitude and  
respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, St. Mary Magdalene Parish has  
offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by  
illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was  
founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among  
the parishioners not only prevails within the church edifice itself  
but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the lives of  
everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that  
represents dedication and commitment. For three quarters of a century,  
the members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish have kept their faith alive

in the Willowick community, and on this special anniversary, all those 27  
associated with the congregation have accepted the challenge of 28  
carrying their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 30  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 31  
commend St. Mary Magdalene Parish on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary and 32  
pay tribute to all those joining in the celebration of this joyous 33  
event; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 35  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Mary Magdalene 36  
Parish. 37