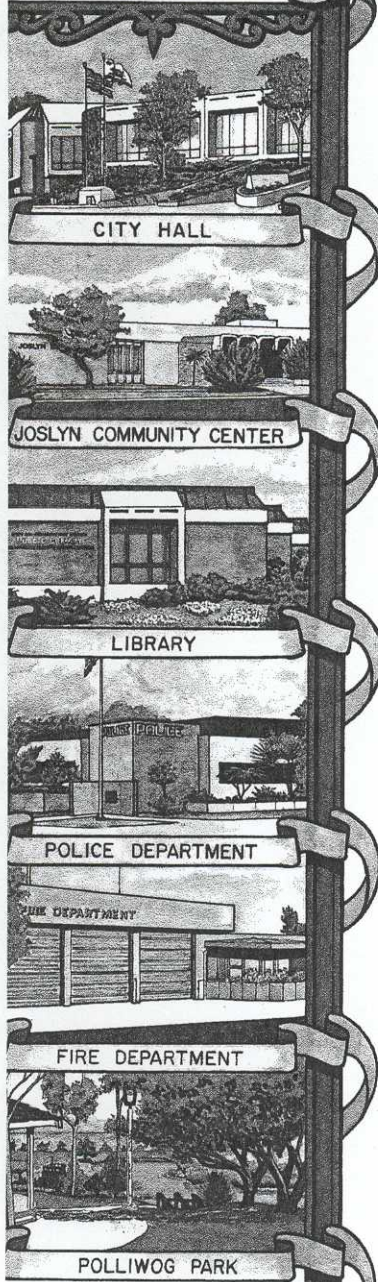


# City of Manhattan Beach

FOUNDED 1912



## CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

### AMERICAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

*WHEREAS, in November 1930 American Martyrs Parish was established in the Manhattan Beach Community; and*

*WHEREAS, this year, American Martyrs Catholic Church celebrates 75 years as a Parish; and*

*WHEREAS, the Parish began with masses being celebrated in the homes of parishioners, until Father Leo Lambrick, the first Pastor, built the original American Martyrs Catholic Church on Fourth Street; and*

*WHEREAS, through the vision of Monsignor Edmund O'Donnell, in 1954, the present church property, on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, was purchased and a new school and church were built; and*

*WHEREAS, on Easter Sunday, 1957, the first Mass was celebrated in the new church; thus began this journey of faith in "The House on the Side of the Road"; and*

*WHEREAS, today, American Martyrs is home to a vibrant, highly acclaimed Catholic school, educating students from throughout the South Bay; and*

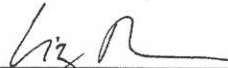
*WHEREAS, under the guidance of its lay leadership and its pastor, Monsignor John F. Barry, American Martyrs Catholic Church has grown to almost 6,000 registered families, many of whom are actively involved in the more than 60 ministries that serve the South Bay community and beyond.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council, on behalf of the residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby award this commendation to

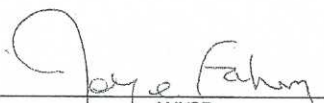
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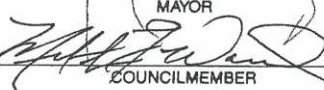
*in celebration of 75 years of service and for its outstanding commitment to the community.*


**DATED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2005.

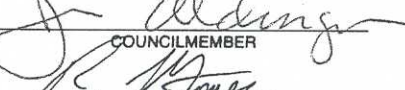
  
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