



PROCLAMATION #PRO2022-09

In Honor of Right Reverend Patrick Augustine

WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick Augustine is embarking on his third and possibly final trip to Dunnellon as a guest of The Church of The Holy Faith; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Augustine served as the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in La Crosse, Wisconsin for 16 years prior to becoming a Missionary Bishop in 2018; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2019 Bishop Augustine was installed as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Bor, in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Africa, where he still serves today; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Augustine struggles to serve and improve the country of South Sudan, as a representative of peace, in an effort to heal over 50 years of war, internal conflict and poverty which plague the area. He is also a positive force for the 3,770 children of the Bor community who study in a compound with no water and no structure for classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Augustine, among many other efforts, previously worked to provide healing for the predominately Muslim region of Kashmir, stood beside victims of terror in Pakistan and visited refugee camps in Africa. He created Help with Compassion Ministry in early 2019 to provide an umbrella for donations and support to his overseas work, especially in South Sudan; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Augustine is described as a “living saint” and a “role model for good” by those enduring the darkest of the pandemic days. It has been said if the younger generations need a “hero”, Bishop Augustine would certainly fit the bill. He is welcomed and saluted for his bold efforts to lift up humanity and improve human suffering in a far off part of the world; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Patrick Augustine will be celebrated during his visit to the Church of The Holy Faith in Blue Cove for this religious servants outstanding services and sacrifices. We commend him for his steadfast Christian leadership over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED The Dunnellon City Council honors the humanitarian work all around the world of Right Reverend Patrick Augustine and proclaims Saturday, July 2, 2022 as “**Right Reverend Patrick Augustine Day**” within the City of Dunnellon and urges the citizens of Dunnellon to acknowledge the occasion of this day. He has earned the respect and affection of the residents and friends of Dunnellon.

PASSED AND PROCLAIMED this 13th DAY OF JUNE 2022.

DUNNELLON CITY COUNCIL

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