

# Proclamation

*City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Father Richard J. Kapral is celebrating his Golden Jubilee honoring his 50 years of priesthood after being ordained on May 16, 1970, **and**

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from St. John the Evangelist in Syracuse, Father Kapral attended Resurrection College in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; then completed his seminary work at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, **and**

**WHEREAS**, Father Kapral, since his ordination, has served in different parishes including those in Syracuse, Waterville, Vernon, and New Hartford, as well as his ministry with the Vietnamese community based in St. Francis de Sales in Utica, **and**

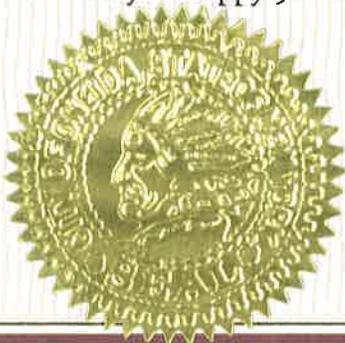
**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Father Kapral graciously accepted the task to pastor both St. Joseph's Church and St. Patrick's Church in the City of Oneida, including their numerous faith outreaches, and he has been an inspiration to this community for the past 12 years, **and**

**WHEREAS**, Father Kapral is warm and welcoming to all he meets; is very compassionate, especially to the elderly, disenfranchised and needy; has always advocated for our community by hosting benefit concerts; regularly encourages support for our local food pantries and the Karing Kitchen; and reaches out to those in need with empathy and support, **now therefore**

I, **Helen B. Acker**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2020 as

## **"Father Richard J. Kapral Day"**

in the City of Oneida and we thank him for his inspiration, abiding devotion and service to the lord, and for touching countless hearts here in our community. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Father Kapral!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Helen B. Acker", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Helen B. Acker