

Town of Bristol



Proclamation

Be it hereby known to all that:

WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache has faithfully served as a devoted priest for the past 42 years, having been ordained on November 21, 1981; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Father Barry Gamache arrived at St Mary's Church, where he dedicated 26 years of his ministry, spreading love, compassion, and spiritual guidance among the parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache also served as the former Chaplain for Roger Williams University, using his influence to nurture the spiritual growth of the university community; and

WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache's profound impact on the St Mary's Church community was demonstrated by his discerning eye for talent, as he invited Michael DiMucci, whom he met as a student at RWU, to our music ministry, where he delighted churchgoers for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache diligently oversaw the Prudence Island Church, ensuring that the spiritual needs of the community were met with unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache's tireless efforts were instrumental in the restoration and rehabilitation of St Mary's Church to its original beauty, embarking on numerous fundraising campaigns to restore the interior and exterior of the church, while also making it accessible to all by installing an elevator; and

WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache's dedication extended beyond the physical structures, as he championed improvements to the parish center, upgraded the church sound system, and installed air conditioning, creating a more comfortable environment for the congregation; and

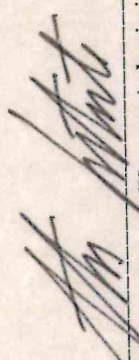
WHEREAS, Father Barry Gamache's departure from active ministry signifies a well-deserved rest for this faithful servant of the Lord, but his absence will be deeply felt each day by the parishioners whose lives he touched with his wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith.

TOWN COUNCIL

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THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Council and Honorable Town Administrator of the Town of Bristol, hereby proclaim our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding service of Father Barry Gamache. We recognize and honor his 42 years of dedicated priesthood, his transformative impact on St Mary's Church and Roger Williams University, and his unwavering commitment to the spiritual well-being of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Council and Administrator, extend our sincere best wishes to Father Barry Gamache for a peaceful and fulfilling retirement, and we offer our prayers that he may continue to find joy, happiness, and spiritual fulfillment in all his future endeavors.



Steven Contente, Town Administrator

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol on adoption this 25th Day of June, Two-thousand Twenty-Three.



Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman


Mary A. Parella, Vice-Chairwoman



Antonio A. Teixeira, Councilman



Timothy E. Sweeney, Councilman



Aaron J. Ley, Councilman


Attest: Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

