

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1079

In Memory
of
Monsignor Balthasar Joseph Janacek

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Monsignor Balthasar Joseph "Balty" Janacek, who died April 30, 2007, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Janacek was a beloved spiritual leader who was well known in the San Antonio area for his efforts to preserve four 18th-century missions and for negotiating a landmark agreement between the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, He had been the director of the Old Spanish Missions for the Archdiocese since 1967; he served as an ex officio member of the friends of the park group, Los Compadres, and he recently established a nonprofit organization to raise funds for the mission churches; and

WHEREAS, Balthasar Joseph Janacek was born in Deweesville on November 8, 1926; he attended Saint John's High School Seminary and Saint John's Major Seminary in San Antonio; he was ordained a priest in 1950 and first served as assistant pastor at Saint Rose Parish in Schulenberg and then at Saint Agnes in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, He returned to San Antonio in 1962 as pastor of Saint Cecilia's Church and served at other parishes, including Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, Christ the King Church, San Fernando Cathedral, and San Francesco di Paola Catholic Church; he was named a monsignor in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Father Balty was the spiritual director for the Cursillo Movement; he was president of the Texas Old Forts and Missions Restoration Association and a member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Mexican American Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Monsignor Janacek was dedicated to each parish he served; he has had a profound impact on the lives of many people, and he will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Monsignor Balthasar Joseph Janacek: his sister, Josephine Severa; and his sisters-in-law, Olga Janacek, Marcie Janacek, and Mary Jane Janacek; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Monsignor Balthasar Janacek.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate