

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Father Borgia Francis Aubespín, Society of the Divine Word, and to commemorate his extraordinary life of faith, leadership, and service to the people of Louisiana and beyond.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and reverence that the Senate has learned of the passing of Father Borgia Francis Aubespín, SVD, on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the Divine Word Residence in Techny, Illinois, at the age of eighty-nine; and

WHEREAS, born on October 10, 1935, in Opelousas, Louisiana, to Ernest Aubespín and Augusta Auzenne Aubespín, Father Borgia was called early in life to the service of the Lord and responded with a humble heart and resolute faith; and

WHEREAS, Father Borgia began his missionary journey with the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), serving his first assignment in Manila, Philippines, where he ministered to communities with great love and compassion for seven years; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1972, Father Borgia was transferred to the Southern Province, where he ministered at several parishes, including Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lafayette, Louisiana; St. Mary's Parish in Houston, Texas; St. Mary of the Purification in Houston; and Holy Family Parish in Lawtell, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, his pastoral work was marked by profound wisdom, deep humility, and a commitment to spiritual and community enrichment, earning him the respect and affection of all who encountered his ministry; and

WHEREAS, Father Borgia also served in a number of key leadership roles within the Southern Province, including Lafayette District Superior, Provincial Councilor, Texas District Superior, and Louisiana District Admonitor, demonstrating his capacity for leadership and his devotion to the mission of the Society of the Divine Word; and

WHEREAS, he served faithfully for many years as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lafayette, where his steady guidance and pastoral care were a source of strength and inspiration to his congregation and the wider community; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2024, Father Borgia transitioned to the Chicago Province's Techny Community for retirement due to health concerns, continuing to be a quiet yet powerful presence of faith and love until his passing; and

WHEREAS, his legacy is one of selfless service, unwavering devotion, and spiritual mentorship that has left an indelible mark on countless lives in Louisiana and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Father Borgia Aubespín's life stands as a testament to the power of faith, the importance of service, and the enduring impact of a life lived in accordance with God's calling.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and religious community of Father Borgia Francis Aubespín, SVD, and does hereby commemorate and celebrate his remarkable life and service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Society of the Divine Word and to the family of Father Borgia Aubespín.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE