

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, often referred to as the French Church of Minneapolis, was founded in 1877, one hundred years ago; and

WHEREAS: Our Lady of Lourdes Church claims the distinction of being the oldest continuously used church in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Our Lady of Lourdes Church was certified as a historic building "worthy of most careful preservation for the benefit of future generations" by the United States Department of Interior in 1934; and

WHEREAS: the Reverend Alan W. Moss was assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 1970 and has been the driving force in the restoration effort since 1973; and

WHEREAS: the 100th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes Church will take place on Sunday, September 11, 1977;

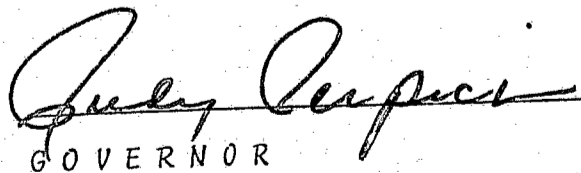
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday September 11, 1977 to be

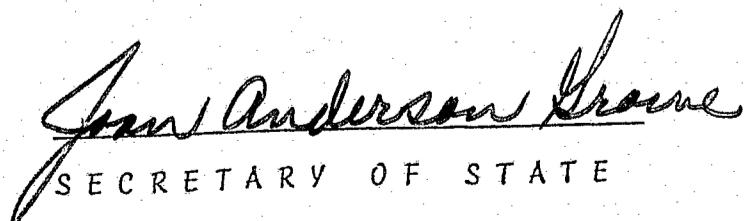
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in Minnesota and, on behalf of the citizens of our state, offer my sincere congratulations to Father Moss and the members of this prestigious church.

FURTHERMORE, I also want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to Father Moss, the parishioners, and all those good people who have been involved in the restoration of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, thus contributing to the preservation and enrichment of our state's history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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