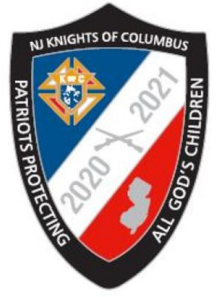




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RESOLUTION FELICITATIONS TO STATE CHAPLAIN BISHOP EMERITUS PAUL G. BOOTKOSKI

WHEREAS Bishop Paul G Bootkoski was born in Newark July 4, 1940, one of two children of Peter and Antoinette Bootkoski, and

WHEREAS Bishop Bootkoski attended Our Lady Queen of Peace School in North Arlington and St. Benedict Prep High School in Newark and where his desire to become a priest was nurtured by the Benedictine monks of Newark Abbey, and

WHEREAS He attended Seton Hall University and upon graduation entered Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. New Jersey. He was ordained a priest by then Archbishop Thomas Boland for service in the Archdiocese of Newark on May 28, 1966, and

WHEREAS Bishop Bootkoski holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in classical languages from Seton Hall University, a Master of Divinity degree in theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary, and a Master of Arts degree in education from Manhattan College, and

WHEREAS then Father Bootkoski's parish assignments led him to Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, parochial vicar in Holy Spirit Parish, Orange, and St. Michael Parish, Cranford. In 1972, Father Bootkoski was assigned to campus ministry at the Rutgers-Newark campus. He was named archdiocesan director of campus ministry in 1974 and served in that capacity until he was named assistant vice president for Student Affairs at Seton Hall University in 1980. Father Bootkoski returned to parish ministry in 1983 as pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Elizabeth. He was subsequently appointed pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, in 1990, and

WHEREAS in 1991 Pope John Paul II named Father Bootkoski a prelate of honor and the title of Reverend Monsignor. In 1996 Msgr. Bootkoski assumed additional Archdiocesan duties as Vicar for Priests, Spiritual Director for the Clergy of the archdiocese and resumed responsibility for campus ministry activities in the archdiocese of Newark, and

WHEREAS on July 8, 1997, Pope John Paul II named Msgr. Bootkoski to serve as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. He was ordained by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick Sept. 5, 1997 in Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark. He subsequently was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, responsible for daily management and operations of the administrative agencies of the Archdiocese. He was subsequently elected by the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Newark as diocesan administrator, responsible for the

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temporary management of the archdiocese. He served the archdiocese in that capacity until the installation of Archbishop John J. Myers and,

WHEREAS the Most Rev. Paul G Bootkoski was named the Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen by Pope John Paul II on January 4, 2002. He was installed as the Fourth Bishop of Metuchen on March 19, 2002.

WHEREAS upon his retirement as the Bishop of the Metuchen Diocese, Bishop Paul Bootkoski was asked and appointed to the position of State Chaplain of the New Jersey State Council in July 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, on this 15th day of May 2021, representing the 59,000 New Jersey Knights along with their families, with great pride, affection, and respect, commend and express our sincere appreciation to Bishop Paul G Bootkoski, State Chaplain.

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