

RESOLUTION NUMBER 151
2008 St. Peter Claver Day Celebration

WHEREAS, Saint Peter Claver was born in Catalonia in Spain in 1581 and is often known as the Apostle of the Negro Slaves; and

WHEREAS, Saint Peter Claver aided slaves by bringing food, caring for the sick and ministering to their souls. Over a forty year period, Peter baptized over three hundred thousand slaves; and

WHEREAS, Peter throughout his life made frequent visits to hospitals and prisons and spent many hours of each day hearing confessions and preaching in public squares; and

WHEREAS, Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654 and was beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1851. He is remembered and honored on September 9th.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the selflessness labors of Saint Peter Claver and acknowledge the 2008 St. Peter Claver Day Celebration and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27th day of August, 2008 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 27th day of August, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen