

Introduced July 28, 1987 by  
Councilman Richard Van Sandt, seconded  
by Councilman Phil Salvaggio

Resolution R-87-33

Whereas the Mayor of Slidell has invited Pope John Paul II to visit Slidell in connection with his visit to New Orleans on September 11, 12, and 13, 1987, and

Whereas that invitation was issued in November of 1985 nearly one (1) full year before the Pope's visit to the United States was ever announced, and

Whereas Slidell will begin its Centennial Celebration in November, 1987, and

Whereas Pope John Paul II High School here in Slidell is one of only two high schools in the United States named for Pope John Paul II, and

Whereas Slidell is very pluralistic in its mixture of Catholic and Protestant religious denominations, and

Whereas our people of all religions value what we hold in common as children of God and as fellow Christians, and

Whereas Pope John Paul II has demonstrated his support for ecumenism and his love for all people no matter where they live or how humble they are, and

Whereas the members of this Council believe that it may still be physically possible for the Pope to visit Slidell in connection with his visit to New Orleans,

Now Therefore be it Resolved by the Slidell City Council in legal session convened that this Council hereby joins Mayor Caruso in inviting Pope John Paul II to visit our City at some time between September 11, 1987 and September 13, 1987.

Be it further Resolved that this Council appeals to Archbishop Phillip Hannan to support our invitation by asking Pope John Paul II to visit us here in Slidell.

Be it finally Resolved that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Vatican and to all appropriate officials of the Roman Catholic Church.

ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 1987.

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