

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302529

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 27 2007

WHEREAS, this year marks a significant milestone in the history of one of San Diego's most extraordinary schools, the Academy of Our Lady of Peace [OLP]; and

WHEREAS, OLP was established on May 10, 1882 as San Diego's first school; and

WHEREAS, OLP has grown into a renowned and respected college preparatory liberal arts institution that challenges and inspires students to become responsible women leaders responsive to the needs of society; and

WHEREAS, OLP is a Catholic private secondary school administered by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet; and

WHEREAS, OLP's mission statement is to assist and enable parents to fulfill their role as the primary educators, and to inspire its students to grow as committed Christians who are building Christ's kingdom of justice, love, and peace; and

WHEREAS, OLP is currently the region's only Catholic secondary school for young women; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation was founded in Le Puy, France, in 1650 and was re-founded as a United States Congregation in Carondelet, Missouri, in 1836; and

WHEREAS, in 1836, at the invitation of the Bishop of St. Louis, six Sisters of St. Joseph left France to settle in Carondelet, Missouri. In 1870, they were invited to establish a school in the Arizona territory. Seven Sisters left Missouri for Tucson in April 1870, traveling first to San Francisco by train, then down to San Diego by steamer, and overland to Tucson; and

WHEREAS, while in San Diego, the Sisters met Father Ubach, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Old Town, who began his many appeals for the Sisters to start a school in his territory; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1882, the Sisters began their day school in one house with 28 girls and two boys, and on June 13, the first Mass was said in the Convent Chapel which was dedicated to Our Lady of Peace; and

WHEREAS, within the next 10 years the school expanded dramatically and St. Joseph's Boys' School was built; and

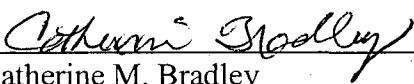
WHEREAS, in the mid-1920s, OLP acquired the former Vandruff Estate at Copely and Oregon Streets in University Heights, where the school remains today; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, OLP has been named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence from the United States Department of Education and recognized for its Character Education programs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby congratulate the Academy of Our Lady of Peace for its passionate commitment to the education and guidance of the young women of San Diego over the past 125 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 10, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF PEACE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Catherine M. Bradley
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of APR 17 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By *Maria Dymally*
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4.27.07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor