



Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Proclamation

*issued by the
Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion*

A proclamation in celebration and honor of the 70th anniversary of St. Mary's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

Whereas, St. Mary's in the Hills Episcopal Church began as a mission of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac on June 19, 1952 in the building that was originally the Nina Scripps School, built in 1924 and used for workers' children on the Scripp's Farm; and

Whereas, the church grew rapidly and became a parish in 1956; and

Whereas, an undercroft was built for the growing church, with a new worship area built in 1970, and the Fellowship Hall built in 2007, St. Mary's in the Hills continues to be a growing community in Orion Township; and

Whereas, for over a dozen years, St. Mary's held a "County Fair" that was attended by the entire community, and in 1977, Reverend John Albrecht gave the shortest, one-word sermon: *Love*; and

Whereas, St. Mary's in the Hills parish is home to Boy Scout Troop 128, with St. Mary's outdoor chapel and Stations of the Cross built as Eagle Scout projects; and

Whereas, through St. Mary's outreach ministries, including Crossroads in Detroit, CROP walk, Fifth Monday Meals in Lake Orion, and Love INC clothes closet, the Orion community has richly benefited from St. Mary's 70 year's presence in the community.

Now, Therefore, on behalf of all who have been touched by the ministry of St. Mary's in the Hills Episcopal Church, we join in celebration of the 70th anniversary of St. Mary's in the Hills and wish continued success, grace, and blessing upon this place of worship and service for the next 70 years.

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

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