

**WHEREAS,** St. Pope John Paul II initiated World Youth Day, an international meeting of youth from different countries and cultures from all over the world, in 1985;

WHEREAS, Pope Francis announced July 26 to July 31, 2016 and Krakow, Poland, the home of St. Pope John Paul II, as the dates and location for the 2016 World Youth Day at the Madrid, Spain World Youth Day in 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Frank Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport organized and sent a group of more than 200 young people from the Diocese to Krakow Poland for the festival; and

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Hrebenko and Fr. Damian of Stamford's Holy Name of Jesus Parish organized and sent 35 young people from Stamford's own Polish Parish to Krakow, Poland; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Frank Caggiano of the Bridgeport Diocese was chosen to be one of only thirteen U.S. bishops selected as catechists at the festival; and

**WHEREAS,** the theme of this year's festival is "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy"; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates the attendees for making the pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland and welcomes all these young adults safely home.

Approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives This 1st<sup>h</sup> day of August, 2016

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk