

**PROCLAMATION  
SACRED HEART CHURCH 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS,** in 1912 there were 1,300 people residing in the Village of Lombard and on July 13, 1912 54 families banded together to form Sacred Heart Church; and

**WHEREAS,** the first mass was held at the Lincoln School house which was located on Lake Street later to be known as St. Charles Road and the first school was held in a local resident's barn; and

**WHEREAS,** In August of 1912, ground was broken for the church and the first mass in the new church was held on Palm Sunday in 1913; and

**WHEREAS,** over the years, Sacred Heart Church continued to grow and in 1914 the rectory was built and in 1925 the convent was built; and

**WHEREAS,** as the number of parishioners grew, the original church became too small and in 1958

**WHEREAS,** the Congregation plays a leadership role in Lombard Interfaith activity and supporting the hungry and the homeless; and

**WHEREAS,** in honor of the Congregation Etz Chaim's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April, several activities are being planned to be held on April 16, 17 and 18;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim April 16-18, 2010 as **CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAYS** in the Village of Lombard and wish the Congregation and all of its members congratulations on this milestone and all the best in the years ahead.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

