

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-074 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF AUXILIARY BISHOP  
AGUSTIN ROMAN**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:             STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Last week our community lost a remarkable man; a man who ABC News once described as a person "of compassion, gentility and commitment...a man with a strong personality and humble spirit." The passing of Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román marks more than four decades of exemplary public service and spiritual guidance to the community. Expelled from Cuba in 1961, Bishop Román began his journey by sailing with 132 other Cuban priests aboard the Covadonga. He started his service to South Florida in 1966 through the Archdiocese of Miami. Over the years, he has served in various capacities including: hospital chaplain, director of the Spanish-speaking Cursillo Movement, spiritual director of the Charismatic Movement, and as Episcopal Vicar for the Spanish-speaking people of the Archdiocese.

A man of many languages including Latin, English, French and Spanish, Bishop Román earned advanced degrees in theology and human resources. He was active on the U.S. Bishop's Committee for Hispanic Affairs and the Committee on Migration and Tourism. Bishop Román was instrumental in procuring funds for the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity. He worked tirelessly for seven years to raise enough money to construct the shrine, which to this day still serves as a beacon of hope for so many in our community.

Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román's life is a testament to perseverance and faith. He is to be remembered for his dedication to those he served over the years and the meaningful impact he had on their lives. Today, at a time when our children are in need of role models of kindness and compassion, of moral strength and service, it is fitting that we honor Bishop Román – a man who embodied all of these qualities.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the Agenda given the fact that Bishop Agustin Roman passed away last week on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-074 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the life and service of Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.

**Good Cause  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-074  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF AUXILIARY BISHOP AGUSTIN ROMAN**

**WHEREAS**, the passing of Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román marks more than four decades of exemplary public service and spiritual guidance to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Román started his service to South Florida in 1966 through the Archdiocese of Miami, and over the years served in various capacities including: hospital chaplain, director of the Spanish-speaking Cursillo Movement, spiritual director of the Charismatic Movement, and as Episcopal Vicar for the Spanish-speaking people of the Archdiocese; and

**WHEREAS**, as a man of many languages including Latin, English, French and Spanish, Bishop Román earned advanced degrees in theology and human resources, and was active on the U.S. Bishop's Committee for Hispanic Affairs and the Committee on Migration and Tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Román was instrumental in procuring funds for the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, which to this day serves as a beacon of hope in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román's life is a testament to perseverance and faith. He is to be remembered for his dedication to those he served over the years and the meaningful impact he had on their lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 12-074 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the life and service of Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this eighteenth day of April, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary