



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, with the beginning efforts of a small group of ladies, Gail Johnson, Mary Jane Northington, Cecelia Yarbrough and the late Margaret Poe Rawlinson, who formed the first Catholic organization in Autauga County, known as the St. Andrew's Altar Society, Band #3, and subsequent efforts of Monsignor Malcolm Rafferty, assisted by the late Edwin Duprel and Murray Kemp, a mission to form a parish in Autauga County began; and*

*WHEREAS, St. Joseph Catholic Church was completed on October 12, 1962 and dedicated by Archbishop Thomas J. Toolen on January 3, 1963; and*

*WHEREAS, Father Patrick O'Connor became the Church's first resident Pastor in October, 1965; and*

*WHEREAS, St. Joseph Catholic Church serves the Prattville Community by conducting religious worship services through various forms of ministry to promote and encourage citizens of this community to embrace the Word of the Gospel; and*

*WHEREAS, by January 1979 the church had been blessed by God and grown in numbers, a second sanctuary was begun. It was completed, and dedicated by Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb on December 7, 1980; and*

*WHEREAS, under the spiritual leadership of its 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor, Father Jan Zagorski, St. Joseph's is continuing to press toward the mark of the high calling of Jesus Christ through faith, hope, and love.*

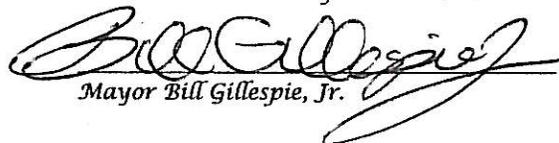
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama do hereby PROCLAIM October 12, 2012, as*

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Day

*in Prattville and congratulate them on their 50 year anniversary.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2012.

  
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.