

UNVEILING OF MARY ANN CAHILL CORNER

December 18, 1998

Monsignor Daniel E. Fagan

I am very happy today to be a representative of our community, and particularly of Holy Name of Mary Parish, as this intersection is dedicated to the honor of Mary Ann Cahill for her twenty-five years of service as a crossing guard.

In the past few years I have come to know and respect Mary Ann and her husband, Ed, through our association in Holy Name of Mary Parish. Her faithfulness, her pleasant disposition, and her willingness of service have impressed me greatly. I feel privileged to have met and to have come to know her and her husband in my lifetime.

I am privileged, among others, to thank her in a public way today for her years of service on this corner. We thank her for her love and care for children who safety became her prime concern. No doubt she has seen many changes in our community, including the growing up and maturing of the children she so lovingly guarded as they crossed this intersection.

May I suggest two symbols that are important to me today and that speak of Mary Ann. The first is the light that guides the traffic through this and many other intersections. The second is intersection itself, a meeting of ways. These, to me, suggest that Mary Ann has been a true light for many young people of our community, guiding them and making them feel safe and cared for; and her life on this corner has intersected the lives of many people whom she has met and who are better for having her life and others cross paths with each other. Mary Ann, on behalf of our community, I thank you and am privileged to have this honor being bestowed on you today. God bless you!