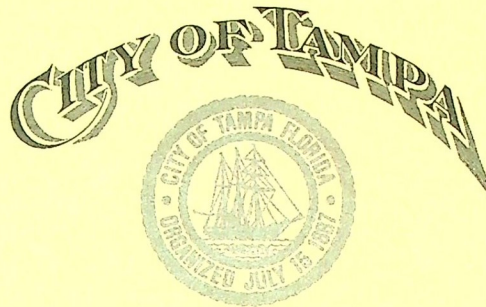


Proclamation

DICK A. GRECO
MAYOR



EXECUTIVE OFFICES

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes 1997 as the start of the year-long centennial celebration by the arrival of the Salesians in the United States of America - first in California, then in New York, and not long after, their arrival in Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the Salesian Family of Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Cooperators are celebrating this centennial with special events in all Salesian communities in our country during this special year; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tampa and the surrounding west coast of Florida welcomed the Salesians early this century with their leadership in our parochial schools, missions and churches and, particularly, in founding Mary Help of Christians School almost 80 years ago and, where a special anniversary is being held celebrating the entire Salesian family; and

WHEREAS, that Salesian Family has given this community leaders and professionals in all walks of life that have enhanced the quality of our American dream during this 20th Century; and

WHEREAS, the Very Reverend Juan Edmundo Vecchi, S.D.B., the recently elected 8th successor of St. John Bosco as rector Major of the Salesian Society, is gracing the City of Tampa and this Diocese with his presence at this celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dick A Greco, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 9, 1997, as

"SALESIANS' DAY IN TAMPA - 100 YEARS YOUNG"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and request all residents of this City, County, and State of Florida to join us in welcoming the Rector Major, the Very Reverend Juan Edmundo Vecchi, S.D.B., and applauding and wishing continued success to all of the Sisters, Priests, alumni, faculty and staff and the entire Salesian community for their exemplary and honorable contributions to youth and our society.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of February, 1997.




Mayor