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Recognizing First St. Joseph the Worker Day in Wisconsin Bishops, workers to speak at Capitol May 1st

Madison – Diocese of Madison Bishop Donald J. Hying and Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will join workers representing farming, law enforcement, teaching, and the legal profession Thursday on the West Steps of the State Capitol at 2:30 PM.

The celebration recognizes the dignity of working men and women in Wisconsin on the first annual St. Joseph the Worker Day. Senate Joint Resolution 16 was adopted by the Senate and concurred in by the Assembly on April 22nd. Pending bad weather, the event will be moved to the Assembly Parlor, where a reception will be held afterward.

Representative Wichgers released the following statement:

Everyone agrees that a strong workforce is essential for our future. We also agree that good role models are important. It would be difficult to think of a better role model for workers than the foster-father of Jesus Christ.

Wisconsin's hard-working men and women love and protect their families and communities. Saint Joseph did the same. He is a strong, though silent example in Scripture for people who put duty above their natural inclinations and labor to improve themselves and their families.

I appreciate the bi-partisan support for this resolution including the Senate co-author, Senator Cory Tomczyk (R-Mosinee), co-sponsors Senators André Jacque (R-New Franken) and Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green), and Representatives Elijah Behnke (R-Town of Chase), Bob Donovan (R-Greenfield), Russell Goodwin (D-Milwaukee), Rick Gundrum (R-Slinger), and Dave Murphy (R-Greenville). Wisconsin now joins the state of Louisiana in recognizing May 1st of each calendar year as St. Joseph the Worker Day.

No matter your religious affiliation, the foster-father of Jesus is known through Scripture to be a "righteous man." We look forward to celebrating this day tomorrow.

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The 84th Assembly District includes Big Bend, Mukwonago, Muskego, Norway, Vernon, and Waterford.