

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the City of Seattle is fortunate to be the home of individuals and organizations dedicated to the well being of our community and the greater good; and*

WHEREAS, *Father John Foster, a Korean War veteran, beloved instructor and man of faith, has modeled his life after – and authentically demonstrates – St. Ignatius' call for greater mobility and "finding God in all places"; and*

WHEREAS, *as a history of fine arts instructor at Seattle Preparatory, Father John Foster inspired and educated young men and women; many of whom have followed in his footsteps by contributing to society – some, on the other hand, ignored his teachings and entered into politics; and*

WHEREAS, *Father John Foster has enriched Seattle University's students and campus as a pedagogical master of composition, literature and film studies within the school's English Department for 20 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Father John Foster continues to be one of the most active and creative Jesuits on the Seattle University campus, living at Campion Hall and serving as moderator for KSUB, the school radio station, and Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society; and*

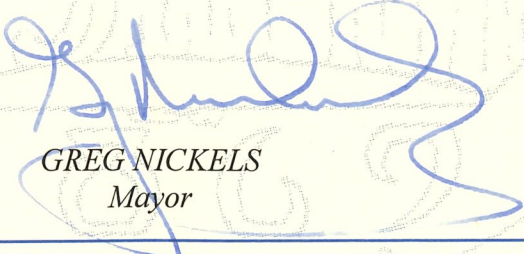
WHEREAS, *Father John Foster, an accomplished musical performer, shares his melodic talents for all to enjoy by leading community hymns at Arrupe House and accompanying classical sopranos throughout Seattle; and*

WHEREAS, *Father John Foster, who has dedicated a half century to service, education and faith, celebrates 50 years in the Society of Jesus today;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2007 to be

FATHER JOHN FOSTER DAY

in Seattle, and I praise him for exemplifying what it means to be a Renaissance man.



GREG NICKELS
Mayor