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St. Anthony's HS Principal Br. Gary Cregan Opens Suffolk Legislature Meeting



Legislator D'Amaro invited Brother Gary Cregan (right), principal of St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, and St. Anthony's student Kelly Fitzpatrick (center) to open the Legislature's General Session meeting with a non-denominational prayer

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... September 16, 2014) – At the invitation of Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station), St. Anthony's High School Principal Brother Gary Cregan recently opened the Legislature's General Meeting with

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a non-denominational invocation encouraging wisdom, understanding, council, fortitude, knowledge and leadership. Joining Brother Gary in leading the prayer was St. Anthony's senior Kelly Fitzpatrick of Port Jefferson.

Legislator D'Amaro invited the principal of the South Huntington high school to represent the 17th District before the entire Legislature and other guests in attendance at the William H. Rogers Legislative Building in Hauppauge on September 9th. Brother Gary attended parochial schools in Queens, graduated from St. John's University with a B.A. in Social Studies and Secondary Education and taught for four years at Saint Francis Preparatory in Fresh Meadows before entering the Franciscan Brothers and being professed in August 1982. His first assignment was to St. Anthony's High School in Smithtown where he shared in the excitement of the school's eventual expansion to South Huntington. During that time, he earned an M.A. in European History from NYU and continued to teach at St. Anthony's until responding to a community request in 1994 to become Vice Principal of Cardinal Gibbons High School in North Carolina. He proudly returned to St. Anthony's High School as Principal in 2003.

Brother Gary holds an Advanced Certificate in School Administration from the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. He also received an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Saint Francis College in April 2008.

"Brother Gary Cregan is an outstanding role model for not only the students at St. Anthony's High School but also the entire community," said Legislator D'Amaro. "I thank him and senior Kelly Fitzpatrick for opening our legislative meeting with their thoughtful invocation."

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Education & Information Technology and Human Services committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.