

WASHINGTON - Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) today announced that the Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, invited Father Val J. Peter, Executive Director of Girls and Boys Town , to serve as Guest Chaplain. As Guest Chaplain, Father Peter offered the opening prayer in the House of Representatives, convening at 10:00 a.m. EST.

"This morning I was honored to recognize Father Val Peter after his prayer opening today's session of the House," Terry said. "Father Peter has earned the gratitude of thousands of children and families across . He told me that another 99 children recently graduated from Girls and Boys Town , and over 30 of them plan to enter military service. This is just one example of the excellent work he has done to transform young lives."

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Father Peter's appearance was a special honor facilitated by Speaker Hastert.

Father Peter will receive a certificate from the Office of the Chaplain in addition to having his opening prayer memorialized in the Congressional Record. The opening prayer was broadcast live on C-SPAN. Terry attended the opening prayer and made a floor statement recognizing Father Peter's ministry and service.

After 20 years as Executive Director of Girls and Boys Town , Father Peter will be retiring next month.

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