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Part of Highland to be renamed “Father Nicholas L. Vieron Street”

Memphis - On Saturday, February 6th at 11:00am, the public is welcome to attend the renaming ceremony in memory of Father Nicholas L. Vieron. Highland Street in front of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (573 N. Highland) near Sam Cooper Blvd in Memphis will be renamed “**Father Nicholas L. Vieron Street.**” Father Vieron died in September 2020 two months before his 95th birthday. In his 65 years in Memphis, he marched and fought for civil and human rights with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, helping end the Memphis sanitation strike back in 1968. He also appeared on TV every week for years speaking about religion and faith on the show, "What's your Faith?" Father V, as he was known by most, taught his adult Greek class for 50 years beginning every year on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. He also spent decades giving the invocation at the Memphis Touchdown Club.

"Father Vieron served the Annunciation in one capacity or another for 65 years, and served as a priest for over 70. His impact on this Parish was felt by generations, and will continue for generations more", states Parish Priest Rev. Father Simon Thomas.

He was the beloved priest of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Community during that time which makes it fitting to rename the street outside the church, "Father Nicholas L Vieron Street."

Speakers will include:

1. Civil Rights Activist and former. County Commissioner Walter Bailey
2. Journalist David Waters
3. Memphis City Councilman Ford Canale
4. Father Simon Thomas
5. Words from Rabbi Micah Greenstein

Guest are asked to stay in their cars as they are listening to the speakers, then wear masks and social distance when the street name is revealed

Join us as we unveil the road signs of the newly named street and remember and reflect on the life and legacy of Father Nicholas L Vieron.