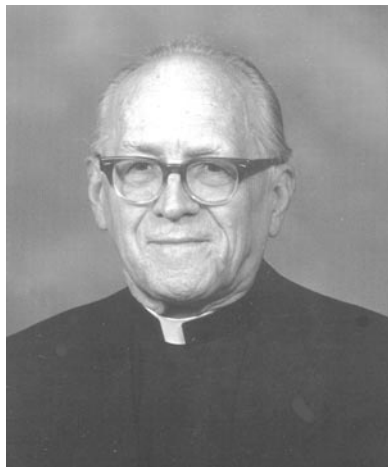


Thank You Rev. Louis S. Garbacik



On Sunday, June 25, 2006, at 12 noon in St. Stanislaus Church in Hazleton, PA, a farewell Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Rev. Louis S. Garbacik, on his retirement as pastor. Concelebrants were Reverends Charles and Stephen Krawontka. Fr. Garbacik has served St. Stanislaus Parish as pastor since October 25, 1986.

Following the Mass, a farewell dinner was held at Genetti Best Western Lodge in Hazleton.

Fr. Garbacik is known as an individual who has lived out his calling from God with humility, sincerity and deep devotion. He has a great affection and love for his Polish culture and heritage and was always supportive and available to the Polish American Congress (PAC) Eastern PA District, PAC of N.E. PA, Polish American Cultural Center & Museum, Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and many others. He will remain as a resident at St. Stanislaus Church.

Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, along with the parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish, members of various organizations and the entire Polonia thank Fr. Garbacik for all his tireless work and service to the church and Polonia - wishing him much health, happiness and Sto Lat!

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Congratulations Fr. Carl A. Urban



Congratulations are extended to Fr. Carl Urban on his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood. Fr. Urban celebrated his 40th Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of St. Adalbert, Schenectady, NY, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Center on Sunday, June 11, 2006.

Fr. Urban, a native of Schenectady, has ministered as an assistant at Resurrection Church, Germantown, NY, St. Casimir's Church, Albany, NY, St. Patrick's Church, Ravena, NY, and Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY. He taught at Vincentian Institute and at Cardinal McCloskey High School, both in Albany, NY. Fr. Urban also served as chaplain at St. Joseph Provincialate, Castleton, NY. In 1974, Fr. Urban was appointed pastor of the Church of St. Adalbert in Schenectady, where he still serves.

Fr. Urban has served on many committees and is a member of many organizations. He has a great love and affection for his Polish culture and heritage, and is supportive of all Polish organizations and events.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and Polonia extend congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Carl Urban on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood. Sto Lat!

Congratulations to Fr. Lucius Tyrasinski on 50 Years in the Priesthood



The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and the New York State Divisions join with Polonia to wish Reverend Lucius Tyrasinski all the best and thank him for his 50 years of service to the church, the Pauline Fathers, and Polonia.

Fr. Lucius Tyrasinski marked his 50th Anniversary in the priesthood with a Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2006, at 12 noon, held at St. Stanislaus Church in New York City.

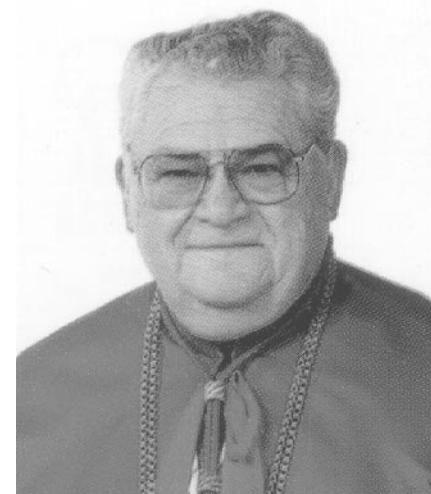
On Sunday, August 6, 2006, Polonia gathered along with the Pauline Fathers and Brothers at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestoshowa in Doylestown, PA, to celebrate Fr. Tyrasinski's 50th Anniversary with a MASS of Thanksgiving at 12:30 P.M. followed by a luncheon reception.

Fr. Tyrasinski is presently the Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Manhattan. Many will remember Fr. Tyrasinski for his extensive work at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, where he served in several different positions over a 40 year period.

The entire Polonia wishes Fr. Tyrasinski Sto Lat!

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Marjanczyk

Born in Elizabeth, NJ, on April 17, 1921, Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Marjanczyk grew up in St. Adalbert's Polish Parish, attended Jefferson High School, then graduated from Seton Hall University (B.A.) in 1941. He later attended Immaculate Conception Seminary (M.Div.), Darlington, NJ, and was ordained a priest by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh on May 5, 1945.



"Father Joe" spent his first 27 years as a priest as Parochial Vicar and also as Administrator at St. Valentine Church, where he directed building projects, established the Altar Rosary Society, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and a Parish Advisory Council, and served as Polish Chaplain and Bloomfield Knights of Columbus Chaplain. During this time he was also Adjunct Professor of Polish in the Master School of Foreign Languages at Seton Hall University for 12 years. In 1972 Fr. Marjanczyk became Pastor of his home parish of St. Adalbert's.

Always very supportive of Polish causes, Fr. Marjanczyk was involved in numerous organizations, including the Polish Cultural Foundation of NJ (Board of Trustees), NJ Chapter of the Pope John Paul II Foundation (Founding President), the Polish Army Veterans (National Chaplain), and the Polish American Immigration and Relief Committee of Greater New York (President).

On the national level, Msgr. Marjanczyk chaired the 25th anniversary celebrations and remodeling of the Polish Chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, in 1986. Since 1989 he has served in the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees. He also advises the Polish Heritage Room Committee of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC.

Msgr. Marjanczyk's decades of commitment to Church and community have been recognized by numerous prestigious awards including the Officer's Cross of Polonia Restituta by the Polish Government in Exile in London (1988), the Officers' Gold Cross, Republic of Poland, Order of Merit by President Lech Walesa (1991), Grand Marshal of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade in New York City (1993), and the "Pride of Polonia" Award at the annual National Polish Apostolate Day held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA (1997).

P.A.P.A. Convention Held in Newark, NJ

The National Polish American Priests Association (P.A.P.A.) convention was held from April 24-28 in Newark, NJ. More than 100 delegates, including guests from Rome, Italy, and Lublin, Poland, attended the convention.

Various reports were given and speakers from America and Europe noted the contributions of Pope John Paul II.

On Thursday, April 27, a Mass for the beatification of Pope John Paul II was celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral Basilica, Newark. Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly, President of the Pope John Paul II Foundation in Rome, was the main celebrant and homilist in Polish. Bishop Thomas Paprocki from Chicago delivered a homily in English.

In the evening, the convention banquet was held at the Cracovia Banquet Hall, Wallington, NJ. During the program the National Father Leopold Moczygemba Award, which is given to an individual or institution that continues in the Spirit of evangelization of a great priest, was presented by P.A.P.A. founder, Bishop John Yanta of Texas, to Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Marjanczyk, M.Div., P.A.

The following day, April 28th, the annual convention was concluded with a Mass. Compliments to Fr. Miroslaw Krol, convention chairman, for organizing an excellent convention. The 2007 convention is planned for Cleveland, OH.

Polish Museum of America Art Contest

The Polish Museum of America in Chicago is sponsoring its 8th Annual Polish American Heritage Month Art Contest. This year's theme is "Polish Folk Art in the form of woodcrafts, paper cuttings, beading and embroidery." For more information, call 773-384-3352, or visit www.prcua.org - click on News and Events - First Lady's Page for an entry form.