

Fr. Stanislaus Marian ZABOROWSKI 88 USA POL

* April 22, 1897 Pittsburgh + Jan. 15, 1986 Bethel Park, PA.

He grew up on Polish Hill in Pittsburgh and attended DU Prep School and College, 1911-19. His profession took place Aug. 15, 1920 at Ferndale, where he also did his theology and was ordained March 8, 1924.

His first assignment took him back to DU, where he earned his M.A. and taught at the Prep School till 1928. After one year at Our Mother of Consolation, Mount Carmel, PA, he went to Poland to teach there at the Spiritan junior seminary of Bydgoszcz.

During the Nazi occupation of Poland he was taken prisoner in 1939 and interned for two years. Provincial Superior Fr. George Collins made strenuous efforts to obtain his repatriation, but it was only in 1944 that the Red Cross could arrange an exchange and deliver the American internees to the USA on the Swedish MV Gripsholm.

After a year of relative rest at Immaculate Heart, Pittsburgh, Father went to Cornwells and in 1948 to Ferndale as assistant bursar. Five years later, he returned as an assistant to his home parish in Pittsburgh and in 1955 to Our Lady of Consolation, Mount Carmel, PA.

His health, which had never been very good after his return from Poland, began to deteriorate, and in 1956 he went into semi-retirement in Ferndale. When Ferndale closed in 1979, he briefly retired to his home parish and then in 1982 he moved to Bethel Park, PA. Having celebrated the diamond jubilee of his ordination in 1982, he died there three years later of cardiac failure. Interment took place in the priests' plot of St. Stanislaus cemetery.

He left behind three manuscripts, dating from 1940, 1944 and 1946

totaling some 150 pages, which describe in harrowing detail not just his own experiences but also the suffering he witnessed of the Polish people and the destruction of the Spiritan houses in his ancestral country.

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