

Fr. Tucci, 88, was a ‘very saintly man’

DETROIT – Fr. Italo Tucci “was a very saintly man,” said his friend and ordination classmate from 1948, Fr. Fabian Slominski.

Fr. Tucci died Nov. 21. He was 88.

“He had a great love for the Church and, of course, he had many friends among the Italian (community),” Fr. Slominski added. “He was very well known in the Italian community and he did a lot of work with them.”

Born in 1916 in Italy, he attended Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and Mount St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 22, 1948.

He celebrated his first Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church, Detroit.

Fr. Tucci served as associate pastor at the Detroit parishes of Patronage of St. Joseph, Santa Maria, St. Ignatius, St. Catherine, Nativity, and Assumption Grotto. He was pastor of St. Anne, Monroe, and St. Germaine, St. Clair Shores.

He again served as associate pastor at Assumption Grotto in Detroit in 1979. He achieved senior priest status in August 1984.

Fr. Tucci served as temporary parochial administrator at Assumption Grotto Parish from September 1991 until November 1991.

He is survived by a brother, Leon; sisters-in-law, Rose and Vera; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was to be celebrated Nov. 26 at Assumption Grotto. Burial was to be in Assumption Grotto Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Vera Tucci, 15505 Mary Court, Clinton Township 48038.

— *By Michelle Samartino*