



**Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.
*(Revelation 14:13)***

February 25, 2008

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Thaddeus (Ted) Blaszczyk, entered eternal life on Thursday, February 21, at the age of 80 in Tamarac, Florida.

Father Blaszczyk was born on March 3, 1927 in Hamtramck and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 6, 1953. His many assignments included serving as associate pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wyandotte; SS. Peter and Paul, Detroit; St. Stanislaus, Detroit; and Sacred Heart, Dearborn; chaplain at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit; vicar of the Old North Central Vicariate; chairman of the Presbyteral Council; and pastor at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Hamtramck, and St. Alan, Troy.

Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home is handling the arrangements (313-365-9600). Father Blaszczyk will be waked at St. Alan Parish, 2345 Coolidge Highway, Troy, with visitation on Monday, February 25, from 4 until 9 p.m., with a Rosary at 4:30 p.m., and a Scripture Service at 7 p.m.

Visitation will resume on Tuesday, February 26, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, 11300 Conant, Hamtramck, from 4 until 9 p.m., with a Mass at 6:30 p.m. Father's Blaszczyk's body will lie in state at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish on Wednesday, February 27, from 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Father Blaszczyk is survived by a sister, Lillian (Harold) Stuart; a sister-in-law, Mary; several nieces and nephews; and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Condolences may be sent to his nephew, Dennis Czarnecki, 3782 Darlington Road N., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Blaszczyk. Keep him in your prayers and include him in the Masses celebrated in accord with our revised Mass Pact.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

**Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit**