



Reverend Thomas M. Dominiak

Reverend Thomas Michael Dominiak entered eternal life on April 18, 2013 at the age of 77. He was born July 19, 1935 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Joseph E. and Veronica (Urbanowicz) Dominiak. He attended S.S. Peter and Paul Elementary School in Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School. He received his seminary education at St. Joseph Seminary in Grand Rapids, Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and St. John's Seminary in Plymouth. He received a B.A. in Philosophy from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He was ordained on June 3, 1961 by the Most Reverend Allen J. Babcock at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids.

After his ordination, Father Tom served as Assistant at St. Isidore, St. Jude and Holy Name Parishes in Grand Rapids. He was also a Board Member of the Clergy Retirement Fund for the Diocese of Grand Rapids from 1966 – 1968. During that same time he was a Brigade Chaplain for the Michigan Army National Guard based in Wyoming, Michigan. Father Dominiak came to northern Michigan and on June 18, 1968 was appointed as Pastor for the Catholic Shrine in Indian River as well as the mission of St. Monica in Afton. In 1971 Father Tom became a member of the Diocese of Grand Rapids Fund Allocations Committee, an elected member of the Steering Committee when the Diocese of Gaylord was being formed, and chair of the Committee for Division of Diocesan Assets. In subsequent years he also served as a member of the Diocese of Gaylord Finance Committee, Director of the Human Development Campaign, Vicar, Executive Secretary for the Catholic Services Appeal, Diocesan Director for Catholic Relief Services, Secretary of the Presbyteral Council, member of the Priests' Retirement Fund Board, and Knights of Columbus Chaplain. From September - December, 1979 he attended the North American College Institute for Continuing Theological Education, Graduate Department in Rome. On August 10, 1983 he became the Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Alpena. On June 30, 1993 he was appointed as Pastor for St. Michael Parish in Suttons Bay and St. Gertrude Parish in Northport. On October 23, 1996 Father Dominiak became the temporary Administrator for St. Ignatius Parish in Rogers City. On July 30, 1997 he was appointed as Pastor for St. Paul Parish in Onaway and returned to St. Monica Parish in Afton, this time as Pastor. On July 19, 2006 Father Tom retired to Senior Priest status and lived in his own home in Indian River until 2012.

Father Tom was predeceased by his parents and siblings Richard, Grace Panyrek and Joseph. He is survived by one brother, Kenneth E. (Barbara) Dominiak of Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, 606 N. Ohio Avenue in Gaylord. Visitation will also be held at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. until Bishop Bernard Hebda celebrates the Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. Burial will take place on Friday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery in Grand Rapids with Bishop Robert Rose presiding.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him;
may he and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*