



*Rev. Clarence D. Smolinski*

*Born August 4, 1926*

*Ordained to the Priesthood June 6, 1953*

*Deceased August 11, 2010*



Reverend Clarence Dominic Smolinski entered eternal life on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at Tendercare in Alpena at the age of 84. Father Smolinski was born August 4, 1926 to Stanislaus and Augustina (Klein) Smolinski.

He attended Alpena and Presque Isle County Public and St. Mary Elementary Schools and Posen High School for three years, then Northeastern High School in Detroit. He went on to St. Mary College in Orchard Lake, received a B. A. degree at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and finished his theological studies at St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan.

Father Smolinski was ordained on June 6, 1953 by Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki at St. Mary Cathedral in Saginaw, Michigan. He served as Assistant at St. Andrew Parish in Saginaw and St. Stanislaus Parish in Bay City. He became Administrator for St. Rita Parish in Saginaw and then Pastor for St. Cyril Parish in Bannister. After his arrival in the Diocese of Gaylord in 1968 he served as Pastor of St. Casimir Parish in Posen, Administrator of St. Dominic in Metz, and Pastor of St. Joseph in Manistee. In 1984 he continued his education at the North American College in Rome. After returning, he served as Pastor for St. Anne in Harrisville and St. Raphael in Mikado. Father Clarence retired to senior priest status on August 3, 1994 but continued to serve as Sacramental Minister for the Parishes of St. Dominic in Metz, St. Casimir in Posen, St. Ignatius in Rogers City, St. Paul in Onaway, and St. Monica in Afton until his recent illness. During his many years of priestly ministry he had also been a Vicar and Diocesan Consultor, Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella, Presbyteral Council member and Bishop's Liaison to Senior Priests. His cheerful disposition, love for the priesthood and faithful ministry will all be greatly missed.

Father Smolinski is survived by his sister-in-law, Marie Smolinski, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 13, 2010 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at the Karpus-Hunter Funeral Home, 516 W. Chisholm Street in Alpena. Visitation will also be held at St. Casimir Church, 10075 M-65 in Posen on Saturday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m.

Father Clarence will be buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena.