

REV. JOHN M. JENDZURA, C.S.Sp.

Rev. John M. Jendzura, C.S.Sp. of Bethel Park died peacefully on April 13, 2002.

Father Jendzura was born December 23, 1917 in Philadelphia PA and entered the Congregation of the Holy Ghost in 1938. On August 15, 1941 he made his vows at Ridgefield, CT and was ordained to the priesthood June 3, 1946.

He was first appointed to Our Mother of Consolation, Mt. Carmel in 1948. In 1961 he became assistant at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Polish Hill and then was appointed its pastor in 1966 where he served in that capacity until his retirement in 1993.

Father was the founding member of the Polish Hill Civic Association, he established John Paul Plaza, a housing for the elderly of low and moderate income, was a former Board Member of Duquesne University, and served as Chaplain for the Veterans. Active in many organizations in Pittsburgh, many recognitions and honors have been bestowed on him for his leadership and community service among Polish-Americans and to the City of Pittsburgh.

Father Jendzura was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Thecla Jendzura and his sister, Mrs. John (Mary) Lempa. He is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Robert (Sophie) Maiaroto, Stella Rydzewski, his brother, Rev. Joseph Jendzura O.S.F.S. and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will take place at the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Provincialate in Bethel Park on Sunday, April 14 from 2-4 and 7-9 PM and Monday 2-4 PM. The body will then be taken to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Polish Hill for visitation that evening. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday, April 16. Burial will take place in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

In memory of Fr. Jendzura donations may be made to the Spiritans, designated for retirement or for the education of future Holy Ghost Fathers, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA 15102.