

Fr. Julian C. WROBEL 80 POLAND F USA

* September 29, 1917 Podkonce, Poland

May 19, 1998 Natchitoches LA

He did his secondary studies at Poznan and Bydgoszcz, 1930-37, before going to France for his novitiate at Orly and his senior seminary studies at Mortain and Chevilly. Professed on September 8, 1938, he was ordained on June 29, 1943 at Chevilly.

In 1944 he began doing ministry among Polish refugees around Paris. Polish communists were active among the refugees trying to persuade them to join the Parity, but were met with his resolute opposition to their efforts. He was threatened with revenge after he would return to his homeland and his name was passed on to the Russian Secret Police. So, instead of returning to Poland, he secured a visitor's visa to the U.S.A. Together with the Frs. Anthony Kliche and Anthony Fromholz he came to the States in 1945.

There he was received in the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Pittsburgh before being assigned to Holy Ghost parish in Chippewa Falls WI, in 1946. In order to obtain a permanent residential visa for the U.S.A., he had to go to Canada and apply for it. He then returned to Chippewa Falls. In 1950 he was reassigned, this time to St. Augustine's in Isle Brevelle LA, as an assistant.

Thereafter we find him listed as pastor of St. Monica's in Tulsa OK, from 1958 till 1967, the year in which this parish was returned to the diocese. He then became pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Morrilton AR for two years until in 1969 he was named provincial treasurer for the U.S.A. West Province. He must have been a very good treasurer, for he retained this position for seven years. In 1976 he was assigned to St. Joseph's parish in Conway AR, as assistant until in 1984 he became pastor of our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament parish in Shreveport LA. In 1987 he assumed the same position at St. Anthony's, Natchitoches LA. He celebrated there the golden jubilee of his priesthood in 1993. Retired in 1997, he died there. Burial took place at St. Denis Cemetery in the same location.

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