

CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

REV. JOSEPH MICHAEL KELCHAK (1926-2018)

Born: March 1, 1926; Gary, Indiana

Ordained: May 27, 1950; St. Thomas Church, Kenosha, WI; Bishop Albert G. Meyer

Assignments and Appointments in the Diocese of Superior, WI:

June 1950: Temporary Assistant Pastor: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Merrill
August 1950: Temporary Assistant Pastor: St. Francis de Sales Parish, Spooner
October 1950: Assistant Pastor: Immaculate Conception Parish, New Richmond,
Chaplain: Holy Family Hospital, New Richmond
November 1951: Assistant Pastor: Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior, WI
1951: Appointed to the Liturgical Commission
July 1954: Regional Director for the Apostolate of Vocations
August 1955: Chaplain: Cathedral High School, Superior
Chaplain: Motherhouse of Sisters of St. Joseph, Superior
November 1955: Hayward Deanery Director for Vocations and Family Life Program
December 1955: Pastor: St. John the Baptist Parish, Webster
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Crescent Lake
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Danbury
June 1961: Chairman, Diocesan Liturgical Commission
October 1965: Chairman, Diocesan Indian Commission
April 1966: Pastor: St. Joseph Parish, Rhinelander
April 1966: Dean/Vicar Forane, East Deanery
September 1967: Assistant Vocation Director
June 1969: Pastor: St. Patrick Parish, Centuria
Our Lady of the Pines Parish, Balsam Lake
January 1977: Elected to Priests' Senate
January 1979: Pastor: St. Joseph Parish, Barron
St. Peter Parish, Cameron
January 1979: Re-Elected to Priests' Senate
1985- 1998: Clergy Continuing Education Committee
1989: Christian Formation Advisory Board

1990: Relocated to Indiana and helped out throughout the Diocese of Gary
June 1990: Sabbatical – Graduate School of Theology (Notre Dame, IN)
September 1990: Voluntary leave of absence for further study

March 1991 Following his 65th birthday, retired from active priestly ministry from the Diocese of Superior, WI

1991 Christmas Letter: missed being a pastor. Sept. – Dec. covered for a priest who went on sabbatical. Priest returned and asked Fr. Kelchak to stay on as a Senior Priest.

December 1991: Senior Priest in the Diocese of Gary, IN

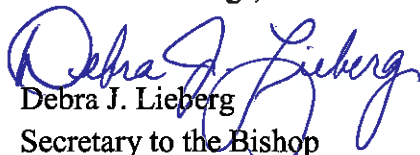
November 9, 2018: Died at his home in Hammond, IN.

Please keep FR. JOSEPH KELCHAK and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto REV. JOSEPH KELCHAK, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Members of the Purgatorial Society are asked to please offer the customary three Masses for the repose of the soul of REV. JOSEPH KELCHAK.

Peace & blessings,



Debra J. Lieberg

Secretary to the Bishop

Chancellor

Diocese of Superior, WI

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