



*Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.
(Rev. 14:13)*

March 22, 2005

Dear Father:

The Lansing Diocese has notified us of the death of our brother and fellow priest, Father Mitchell J. Bednarski. He entered eternal life on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at the age of 89.

Ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit in June of 1944, Father Bednarski served as associate pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Detroit; St. Andrew Parish, Detroit; St. Louis the King Parish, Detroit; and St. Mel Parish, Dearborn Heights.

In June of 1960, Father Bednarski was appointed the founding pastor of St. Ursula Parish, Ypsilanti, in Washtenaw County. In 1971, Washtenaw County became part of the Lansing Diocese.

In 1976, Father Bednarski was appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish, Durand, where he served until his retirement in July of 1983. He returned to Detroit for retirement and offered ministerial assistance at St. Anthony Parish, Bellville, and St. Hugh Parish, Southgate.

Father Bednarski will be waked at Wasik Funeral Home, 11470 East 13 Mile Road, Warren (586-751-3131) on Monday, March 28. Visitation will take place from 1 to 9 p.m. On Tuesday, March 29, his body will be transferred to Transfiguration Catholic Church, 1301 South Harris Road, Ypsilanti Township, where visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m.

Visitation will continue on Wednesday morning, March 30, at Transfiguration Church, beginning at 10 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Father Bednarski is survived by his brothers, Roman and Valentine; a sister, Celia Jaszcz; and many nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to his nephew, Mr. Thomas Bednarski, 50733 Harbour View S., New Baltimore, MI 48047.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit