

REV. MSGR. EDWARD F. WOJTYCHA

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REV. MSGR. EDWARD F. WOJTYCHA STUART, FL Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Wojtycha, formerly of Bayonne, Jersey City and Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, died on Monday, June 8th, at his Florida residence. Beloved son of the late Frank and Marie (Zablocki) Wojtycha. Brother of the late Chester Wojtycha and Dr. Bernard J. Wattiker. Beloved uncle of Dr. Edward Wotycha, Anne Ciesla, Katherine Olivetti, Virginia Sheerin, William Wattiker, Paula Majors, Peter Wattiker and Barbara Stellway. Also survived by many grandnieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Born in Jersey City, New Jersey graduated St. Peter's Prep, Seton Hall University and continued studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, New Jersey; ordained, June 1938; said First Mass at Our Lady of Victories, Jersey City; served in three parishes during priestly career; first assignment was St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bayonne from 1938 until 1963, and served as administrator for seven years; appointed founding pastor and builder of Our lady of Mercy Church, Jersey City from 1963 to 1970; appointed pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Bayonne from 1970, until retirement in 1985. While at St. Andrew's he was elevated to

Rev. Monsignor granted by Pope John Paul II in 1983. He had the pleasure of seeing the burning of two mortgages: St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Mercy Churches. Witness to twenty young men from St. Vincent de Paul parish ordained to the priesthood. Upon retirement, he offered his services to Bishop Daily of Palm Beach Florida. He helped to serve at St. Joseph's Church, Stuart Florida. When in New Jersey, he helped the parish of the Most Precious Blood in Monmouth Beach. He served on the assessment and review boards of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, also served on the Formation and Personnel Boards. He served as Auxiliary Navel Chaplain at the Bayonne Navel Base. He was named Man of the Year from such groups as The State and National Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Disabled War Veterans, American Legion. Received the N.J. Governor's Award and is cited in the records of the United States Congress and New Jersey State Legislature. He Received the VFW National Youth Award. He was elected to the National Drum Corps Hall of Fame and was also placed in the New Jersey and Massachusetts Drum Corps Hall of Fame. He formed the famous St. Vincent's Drum and Bugle Corps who won ten national championships and twenty two state championships. The Drum Corps had the honor of marching in the Inaugurations of all Presidents from Truman to Kennedy. The Drum Corps is also written in the History of the U.S. Congress. He has two streets named after him: one on Bayonne, 'Msgr. Wojtycha Way' and one in Jersey City, 'Msgr. Wojtycha Drive'. Visitation at the G. Keenen O'Brien Funeral Home, 984 Avenue C, Bayonne, New Jersey on Sunday, June 14th, from 2:00 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul RC Church Bayonne, New Jersey on Monday, June 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow, at Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Joseph's Villa, Flourtown, PA for the Home, Villa and Hospital for the retired Sister of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill or to the Archdiocese of Newark for the Home for Retired

Priests. G. Keenen O'Brien Funeral Home, Inc. 984 Avenue C Bayonne, NJ 07002 (201) 339-0220

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June 17, 2009

Fr. Edward was a beloved family member who baptized me and my siblings. We had the honor of him officiating our marriage 24 years later. His kind and gentle soul will be greatly missed but know that he is truly with our lord in heaven for his many loving ways and his many random acts of kindness. If ever there was a true apostle of God he would be among them. We love you and will miss you until we see you again. Stephen and Karen Stowe Youngsville N.C.

karen stowe

June 16, 2009

it was certainly a beautiful Mass yesterday. St.Vincent's was filled to the max with those who knew and loved him for the person he was. As many said an era has come to an end.

anonymous anonymous

June 15, 2009

Many thanks for decades of support to our family. We'll miss you.

Doris Liebhart and family.

Doris Liebhart

June 15, 2009

I was honored to be an alter server, driver and visitor to both the Monsignor's homes in NJ and Fl. He had a profound impact on my life. He was a "Good" Man. I will miss him but I also know I have someone to pray to in Heaven who as he did in life will listen and guide me.

George Meringolo

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June 14, 2009

It was such an honor to know Monsignor Wojtycha and to have been blessed to share a meal with him. We now pray for him and hope he remembers us to the Father in Heaven.

Nicole and George Meringolo

June 14, 2009

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Thank you for all of the happy times that we shared at, Conquistador. We

will always remember, and you will always be in our prayers. Friends forever:

Allen (Pete) & Anne Rae Conkling (Stuart, FL

June 13, 2009

My fondest memories of Bayonne were the years I spent as the Drum Majorette in the St. Vincents Drum & Bugle Corps from 1942 to 1945. My dad J. Henry Vereneault worked hand in hand with Fr. Wojitcha in organizing and building the best Drum & Bugle Corps ever. When my dad passed away, Fr. Wojitcha and many of the young men who had become priests were on the altar. Our family will always remember that. My brother Joe Vereneault and I send our deepest sympathy to his family. There will never be another Fr. Wojitcha.

Mary Lou Vereneault-Pfizer

June 13, 2009

It was always a great joy to welcome Msgr. back to Stuart and St. Joseph Church for the winter months. The Big East was always a big thing as he rooted for Seaton Hall. His willingness to assist at anytime served our parish well and the Church. I am sure that there is a special room in our Father's house for him. He will be missed by me and many for his knowledge and sense of humor.

Sonny Gaudet

June 13, 2009

Whenever I visited my Mom, Rosanne Fusco, in Florida, we would make it a point to visit with Monsignor. We loved to go to his Masses, hear his homilies, spend time with him at social gatherings. I especially liked to talk with him about the NCAA basketball players who had hatched their national careers at St Anthony's in Jersey City. He was a great inspiration to us all and certainly enjoyed his reign as the priest of the Archdiocese of Newark who was alive for more years since ordination than any other priest in the diocese.

He will be sorely missed in Florida and New Jersey. May he rest in peace.

Ro Peach

June 13, 2009

it is the end of an era for St.Vincent's, St.Andrew's and OLM. the kindnesses you bestowed on our family will never be forgotten.

Ann "sis foley" turenne

ann turenne

June 13, 2009

My memories of Fr. Wojtycha are at OLM where he was the founding pastor. My father, Joseph, was the attorney for the parish and worked closely with Fr. Wojtycha in the early 60's. I was the first class of Communicants and the second graduating class in 1971. Fr. Wojtycha's energy and dedication is what motivated the fledgling parish and it continues to be the alma mater of hundreds of graduates. We all are grateful for his ministry and may he rest in peace

MaryLou Talafous

June 12, 2009

My father, Otis M. Trapp, passed in 1999. He always reminisced about Fr. Wojtycha and his days as a drummer in the St. Vincents Cadets. When Fr. Wojtycha came to St. Andrews my father would speak with him often about "the Good Old Days" at St. Vincents. One particular memory he shared often was how the altar boys would have to throw pebbles at his window to wake him up for early Mass! Fr. Wojtycha never denied that fact nor did he admit to it, they just laughed over it. My father truly loved the man, and I am sure they are both sharing those memories once again!!

Gail Kucharski

June 12, 2009

In memory of my brother, Frank W. Young, member of Saint Vincent's Drum and Bugle Corps from the beginning and his wife, Dolores and their children. Fr. Wojtycha was a fine man and great priest.

Laurence Young

June 12, 2009

"You made me what I am today" is what you always said when we (members of St. Vincent's cadets) would get together. We knew that just the opposite was true. We are what we are today because of you. We were so fortunate to have you in our lives. You will be missed but forever with us.

Fran & Bill Thomas

June 12, 2009

May he rest in peace,
The Pietruska family

maryann pietruska family

June 12, 2009

Fondly remembered by the Sharkey and Hart families from a once little girl who would search for the music where ever the drum beats and the horns played. Thanks for the memories. Mary Sharkey Gunsiorowski

Mary Gunsiorowski

June 12, 2009

I remember Father well as a kid at St. Vincent's as my father and uncle used to fix all of the priests' cars in Bayonne in those days. He was a great guy and even a better priest with a tremendous impact on so many lives. May this kind and great man rest in peace and my family will keep him in our prayers.

Sincerely,

John J. Doolan

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June 12, 2009

To the "Chief" - Msgr. Ed,

You were a great Pastor while at St. Andrew's, an inspiration to many and always good to my family. You've fostered many vocations and left quite a legacy. I am so happy to have known you and feel blessed for the experience. A million stories could be told... I hope a few will be documented here in your honor.

May the Angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs greet you at your arrival and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

Ad perpetuam memoriam to our Monsignor.

The Patten Family (Bayonne, Hightstown and Hamilton, NJ)

Gene & Cathy Patten

June 12, 2009

With deepest sympathy from the Smith Family (formly of bayonne)

donna smith

June 12, 2009

With deepest sympathy, the Parente Family.

Barbara Parente

June 12, 2009

Very welcoming to me; real nice man.

Fr Robert Pearson

June 12, 2009

Truly the image of what a priest should be. always ready to hear and help those in need. grateful to those who gave when he asked and remembered fondly those who did. a friend from St.Vincent's and Our LADy of Nercy a good friend to my family

lorraine hansen

June 12, 2009

You will be missed by so many Especially the members of St Vincents Cadets of which I was a proud member You showed us the right way to lead our lives along with countless other good things
We all know you have been blessed by God

eleanore deming-barker

June 12, 2009

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

WILLIAM DALY/DESANTIS FAMILY

June 12, 2009

With deepest sympathy from Fr. Richard Nardone, Seton Hall University.