Rev. Robert Cell (Celichowski) M.S.C.

The Rev. Robert Cell (Celichowski) M.S.C., retired priest of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, residing at the Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, Pa. died 12-11-04.

Fr. Cell was born Feb. 12th, 1924 in Oshkosh, Wi., son of the late John and Josephine Celichowski. Fr. Cell attended Sacred Heart Mission Seminary, Geneva, Ill. and earned his master of arts degree from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska in 1952.

He was ordained a priest March 1, 1947 in Shelby, Ohio and celebrated his first mass at St. Josaphat's Church in Oshkosh on March 7th, 1947. Fr. Cell was the first priest to be ordained from within the St. Josaphat Parish.

His assignments included teacher, Minor Seminary, Geneva Ill. (1947-58): teacher and rector at the Seminary (1954-58): professor, Sacred Heart Seminary, Shelby, Ohio (1958-70): communications director for M.S.C. Aurora, Ill. (1970-73): pastor, St. Mary, Elgin, Ill. (1973-82): and pastor, St. John the Baptist, Ottsville, P. (1983-88). Fr. Cell was preceded in death by sisters, Leona (Belford) Forseth, Florence (John) Weitenbeck, and Lorraine Mckee, brother Stanley Miles (Celichowski) and nephew William Forseth. He is survived by sister-in-law Hazel Miles of Colorado and brotherin-law Keith Mckee of Chicago, Ill. and many loving nephews and nieces.

Funeral Services will be at the Chapel at the Villa in Center Valley, Pa. with a viewing to take place on Monday evening the 13th, and a Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning the 13th with burial to take place in the cemetery at St. John the Baptist, in Ottsville, Pa.

There will be a memorial mass, on Saturday December 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Josaphat Church in Oshkosh.

