



Fr Alphonse Figlewski

BIRTH 30 May 1882

Buffalo, Erie County, New York, USA

DEATH 5 Dec 1948 (aged 66)

Hamburg, Erie County, New York, USA

BURIAL Saint Stanislaus Cemetery

Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland, USA

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Fr. Alphonse Figlewski, OFM Conv., son of Ladislaus and Josephine (Szafranska) Figlewski, and brother of Friar Louis (+November 12, 1908), was born on May 30, 1882, in Buffalo, NY. Prompted by the grace of a religious vocation, Fr. Alphonse expressed his intention of entering the community of the Conventual Franciscans and was sent to Syracuse, NY, where in the Novitiate of the Immaculate Conception Province, he professed his simple vows on October 4, 1900. For his philosophical and theological training he was sent to Cracow, Poland. There he was ordained to the priesthood on July 9, 1905. Returning to the United States, Fr. Alphonse's ministry from the outset was in the parochial apostolate. He served as an associate at St. Stanislaus Kostka, Shamokin, PA, and St. Josaphat Basilica, Milwaukee, WI. In 1910 he was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus, Bishop-Martyr, Church, Chelsea, MA. He had to uplift the spirit of the parishioners after the loss of their church in the devastating Chelsea Fire of the previous year, and work to complete the new church and friary. Next, he was appointed pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Church, Bridgeport, CT and purchased property around the church for the building of a school. From 1924 until 1939 he assumed the pastorate of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Baltimore, MD and accomplished the following purchased land for the construction of the Sisters' Convent; added the third floor to the friary; and improved the other buildings. He was also a great promoter of vocations from the Parish, and he invested many of the young men with the Franciscan habit in the parish church.

The Provincial Chapter of 1939 appointed Fr. Alphonse as guardian of St. Joseph Cupertino, Ellicott City, MD. He was instrumental in the erection of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes and promoted the annual Pilgrimages which for many years brought crowds to visit around the Feast of St. Anthony. He also did much to enhance the chapel. In 1942 Fr. Alphonse was

assigned to St. Anthony's Home for the Aged, Hamburg, NY. He also served as an Apostolic Confessor in Loretto, Italy, for a term of three years. He met Sister Death as a Chaplain at St. Anthony's Home, Hamburg, on December 5, 1948, in the 67th year of his age, 49th of his profession and 44th of his priesthood. The Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated at Corpus Christi Church, Buffalo, NY, with Bishop John O'Hara of Buffalo and Bishop Gawlina, Military Bishop of Poland and England, in attendance. The mortal remains of Fr. Alphonse were temporarily interred in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Buffalo, NY. On November 2, 1954 the remains were transferred to St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Baltimore, MD (Friars' Mausoleum, Row 1, 4L).

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