

Rev. Polakowski To Be Ordained

POWERS-SPALDING — Ordination of the Rev. Mr. Anthony J. Polakowski will take place in St. Peter's Cathedral at Marquette Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 a. m.

His First Solemn High Mass will be in his home parish, St. Francis Xavier at Spalding, at 11 a. m. Sunday, June 4. Father Polakowski, his family and guests will be served a dinner following the Mass.

A public reception in honor of the newly ordained, sponsored by the members of the parish, will be held from 3 to 5 p. m. in the parish hall. Father Polakowski will give his first priestly blessing during the reception. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 will close the reception activities.

Father Polakowski is the son of Mrs. Teodora Polakowski and the late Jan Polakowski of Powers-Spalding. Other members of the family are Father Joseph Polakowski, pastor at St. Mary's Church, Sault Ste. Marie; Stanley and Marion, Chicago, Mary, Clara and Bogoslaw who live with their mother on a farm south of Powers.

He was born Feb. 2, 1937, in Lubomin, Poland. At the beginning of the Second World War, the family began experiencing



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years of hardship and exile. They, like many others, had to leave their homes in box cars for days of thirst and hunger as well as long and exhausting marches under the scorching sun, days in labor camps, sleepless nights in wet ditches and constant bombardment.

Finally in 1945 the hour of liberation came. Anthony Polakowski's boyhood, not like that of our normal American boys, was filled with "crushing disappointments". He attended a Polish school in a refugee camp in Hohenfels, Germany. The family then decided to emigrate to America. Papers were filed but there still followed years of waiting. It was not until July 17, 1950, that the family arrived in LaBranche. Later they moved to Powers-Spalding. The Rev. Polakowski began his studies at St. Bonaventure's Minor Seminary and High School. He graduated from St. Bonaventure's in 1953. His first year of college was spent at Orchard Lake Seminary and from there he went to St. Nazians, Wis. He was later transferred to St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul. His final seminary study was at St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, Mich., where he was prepared for and received the various Orders of Priesthood.

On Saturday June 3, he will have realized all his hopes and dreams and will have attained what he worked so hard to get. Family and friends will be glad to rejoice and give thanks with him on the occasion. Assisting at his First Solemn High Mass will be Father Joseph Polakowski, deacon; The Rev. Mr. Leno Zadra, sub-deacon; Father Walter Franczek, pastor of the local church, arch priest, The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Pellissier of Iron Mountain will give the sermon. St. Cecilia choir under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Fleetwood will sing music especially prepared for the occasion.