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2019 is year of two milestones for Rev. Nycz

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Fr. Nycz, center, participating in this year's Corpus Christi procession on Buffalo's East Side.

Native of Sokolow Malopolski has made Buffalo his home. This year is a special year for Rev. Matt

Mieczyslaw Nycz, pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kenmore.

The native of Sokolow Malopolski, Poland is celebrating his 25th anniversary of priesthood and this October he will mark his 30th year in the U.S.

He recently wrote in his parish bulletin, "I feel especially blessed by God who found me worthy to be His priest and blessed with all the wonderful people of faith God has put in the path of my life and ministry."

Father Nycz initially studied at the seminary in Orchard Lake, MI, before being invited to come to Buffalo and study at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora. He was ordained by Bishop Edward D. Head at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, North Tonawanda, July 9, 1994.

He most recently served as pastor at Blessed Mary Angela Parish in Dunkirk and also was pastor at Most Precious Blood Parish, Angola, for five years prior to moving to Dunkirk. He had also served as parochial vicar at three parishes, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls; Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park; and Queen of Heaven, West Seneca. He was named an Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year in 2003 in the category Individual in Organizations. At that time this publication wrote that he must have an identical twin because he was an "omnipresent contributor to the Polish-American community."

We also wrote that he was not just a member but an active participant in the organizations to which he belonged.

Over the years those organizations included: Association of Priests for Polish Affairs, Buffalo Rzeszow Sister Cities, Msgr. Adamski Polish Saturday School, Polish Cultural Foundation, Polish Union of America, and Polish Arts Club of Buffalo.

For Sister Cities he has made trips to Poland to make check presentations to social institutions which help the less fortunate and has promoted and coordinated cultural and artistic exchanges and exhibits.

In the early days of the internet, he was also a force behind the creation of the website www.wny.polonia.com.

Looking ahead, to his parishioners, he wrote: "I am looking forward to serving the People of God in His Church for another 25 years and beyond, always seeking to do His will. Jesus, I trust in You! "