

Fr. Frederic Carl LACHOWSKY* 75 USA

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+ Jan 19, 1989 Conway, AR

He descended from the sturdy pioneers who migrated around 1879 to Fr. Joseph Strub's "Duchy of Arkansas," and was a younger half-brother of Fr. Anthony Lachowsky. After attending local schools, he went to Cornwells for two years of college in 1931. He made his religious profession at Ridgefield July 16, 1933, and did his senior studies at Ferndale for six years. It was there also that he became a priest Sept. 15, 1938.

His first assignment took him to Our Mother of Consolation parish in Mount Carmel, PA, where he served for seven years. In 1946 he went to Holy Ghost, Marksville, LA, as its pastor. Six years later he assumed the same function at St. James, Alexandria, LA. This assignment lasted till 1959 when he was appointed provincial treasurer with residence at Dorseyville in Pittsburgh.

He excelled in pastoral work and was relieved when in 1961 he could return to Mount Carmel's Our Lady of Consolation. He served as a beloved pastor there till his retirement at the end of December 1988 for a total of twenty-years. By then he had been ailing for several years with heart trouble, but could carry on with the capable assistance of Fr. Stanislaus Grondziowski.

In September 1988 he had celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest. Going on leave with his family in January 1989, he suffered a fatal heart attack and died in the local hospital. Interment took place at the St. Joseph's Catholic cemetery.

Throughout his life, he was in the words of one who knew him well, "a perfect gentleman, religious and humble priest."

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* Until the 1960's he spelled his name as Lachowsky; thereafter as Lachowski.