

Fr. Stanley Joseph TRAHAN 69 USA TZA

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After graduating from St. Joseph's parochial school, Bay City, in 1934, he entered Cornwells for six years of studies. He pronounced his vows in Ridgefield Aug. 30, 1941 and then went to Ferndale for six more years of study. It was there also that he was ordained June 4, 1946.

The following year he received his first assignment, to Tanzania's Kilimanjaro mission. He worked there hard in Kibosho, Naruma and Moshi, building three schools and one church, while also holding the position of mission procurator.

Illness forced him to return to the States in 1956. After spending a few years in the mission procurator's office of Washington, DC, he went to Holy Ghost parish, New Orleans, LA, in 1961 as an assistant. Illness sent him back North and he was a patient in several hospitals.

He resumed ministry in 1974 at St. Joseph's, Bay City, especially as chaplain to the local hospitals and earning much praise for his work. Six years later, he became pastor of St. Christopher's, Tiverton, RI, where he served till his death. Here also he received the greatest praise from his parishioners for his ever-willing service.

He died of heart failure at a nearby hospital. Burial was in the family plot of St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bay City, MI.

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