

Rev. Stephen J. Lasko, C.S.Sp.

Rev. Stephen J. Lasko, C.S.Sp. 84, of Bethel Park, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Monday, January 23, 2006.

Fr. Lasko was born May 8, 1921 in Noroton CT. He professed his vows at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the Priesthood March 13, 1947 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

He was first appointed to the missions of East Africa (1947-1962) where he worked in pastoral and educational ministry. He returned to the States and was assigned to Duquesne University as Vice-President for University Relations until 1968. He served his province as Vocation Director for one year and then was assigned to parish ministry as assistant at St. Ann's, Millvale; pastor of St. Theresa's Tiverton RI; St. Joseph's, Herndon, VA; and St. Anthony, Millvale (1969-1984). In 1982 he was temporarily assigned to Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Bensalem PA. He was Superior of the Congregation's retirement home in Sarasota FL (1984-1986) and then again assigned to parochial ministry as pastor of St. Madeline Sophie, Tiverton RI (1986-1988) and also St. Theresa, Little Compton RI (1988-1990) until his retirement to Sarasota in 1990. Fr. Lasko has been a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since 2004.

There will be viewing in the chapel at The Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25th where a Mass will take place Thursday, January 26th at 11:00 AM. Burial will take place in the family plot in Stamford CT.

Fr. Lasko was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Julia (Lancos) Lasko, his sisters, Mary Lasko and Betty Hlavac and brother, Paul. He is survived by his brothers, Joseph and John Lasko and his sisters, Julia McCaffrey, Eleanor Munson, Bertha Summerton and many nieces and nephews.

In memory of Fr. Lasko donations may be made to the Spiritans designated for retirement or for the education of future Holy Spirit Fathers.