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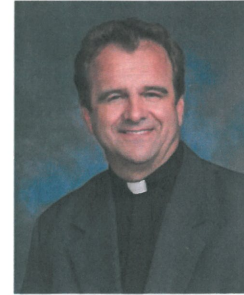
MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastoral Center Staff, Bethany Center
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FROM: Joan G. Morgan, Chancellor 

RE: Rev. Msgr. Janusz Burzawa
June 20, 1960 – June 24, 2017

DATE: June 28, 2017



We were saddened to learn of the sudden, untimely death of **Monsignor Janusz Burzawa, 57**, a priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, early Saturday, June 24, 2017, as the result of a heart attack. Monsignor Burzawa served as Administrator of the Mercy of God Polish Mission, St. Petersburg for the past 19 years and resided in the nearby rectory of St. Paul Parish.

Monsignor Burzawa was born in Miechowice Wielkie, Poland, to Jan and Rozalia (Labuz) Burzawa and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Tarnow on May 25, 1986. In 1998, at the invitation of Bishop Robert Lynch, he came to the U.S., where he began his ministry to the Polish-speaking Catholics of our diocese. During his time as Administrator of the Mercy of God Polish Mission, Monsignor Burzawa was truly a pastor to his flock, maintaining a vibrant community. In 2002, he was incardinated into the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In 2005, he received the honorary title of "Canon Monsignor" by Bishop Wladyslaw Blin, of the Diocese of Vitebsk, Belarus, for his staunch support in the building of the diocese's Cathedral church, after the fall of Communism. With the consent of Bishop Lynch, Monsignor Burzawa resumed his doctoral studies, which he had previously begun prior to his move to the United States. On June 19, 2009, after successfully defending his doctoral thesis, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Pastoral Theology from the Catholic University of Lublin. In 2011, his book, *20 Years of Mercy of God Polish Mission* was published.

Monsignor Burzawa was preceded in death by his father, Jan Burzawa. He is survived by his loving mother, Rozalia; four sisters: Vicki Pyjek, Janina Geber, Barbara (Andrzej) Janus and Alina (Jerzy) Panek; six nieces: Kathy (Ivan) Mulac, Monica Geber, Elizabeth Geber, Karolina Pyjek, Eva (Tomek) Kociol and Anna Panek; four nephews: Ted Janus, Adam Geber, Patryk Pyjek and Darek Janus, along with four grand-nephews: Daniel, Michael, Jackson and Avery.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

All services will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1800 12th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

Reception of Body: Thursday, July 6, 2017, 4:30 p.m.
Visitation: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m.
Funeral Mass: Friday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

Burial will take place in Wietrzychowice, Poland at a later date.

Please keep Monsignor Burzawa's loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!