



Rev. Raymond R. Drada

March 8, 2017

Age 58, passed away in Troy, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 13, 2017 at All Saints Cathedral of the Polish National Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois. Luncheon will follow at The White Eagle in Niles, Illinois. Private burial will follow at Chapel Hill South in Worth, Illinois.

Father Ray was born in Paterson, New Jersey to Dorothy and Raymond R. Drada Sr. on December 2, 1958. He attended Savonarola Theological Seminary in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 13, 1981. He married Penelope (Pennie) Drada on June 30, 1984 at St. John's PNCC in Chicago. He was pastor of parishes in Wallingford, CT, Adelphi, MD, Philadelphia, PA, Perth Amboy, NJ, Chicago, IL and finally Sterling Heights, MI.

Father Ray is survived by his loving wife Pennie, children Andrew (Jenelle), and Elizabeth (Scott) Knake, sister Diane Drada, grandchildren JJ (Jeremiah Raymond) and Savannah, and foster grandchildren.

Donations can be made in Father Ray's memory to the Clergy Pension Fund of the PNCC, c/o 920 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2358.

Previous Events

Prayer Service

MAR 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Raymond R. Drada*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Rev. Raymond R. Drada*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Trish Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rev. Raymond R. Drada*



Trish Thomas - March 13, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *Jamila Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Raymond R. Drada*



Jamila Taylor - March 12, 2017 at 06:37 PM



Ms. Taylor from BES

Jamila Taylor - March 12, 2017 at 06:38 PM

CD

“*Pennie, Andrew and Elizabeth (and the entire family),
Be comforted that Fr. Ray is no longer suffering with his cancer. He
put up the good fight for a very long time. Remember the good days
and keep those close. He will be missed by all who knew or worked
with him within the PNCC. May he rest in peace.*

*Christina M. Danielkiewicz
Tinley Park, Illinois*

Christina Danielkiewicz - March 11, 2017 at 05:10 PM

DP

“*Deb Pristupa lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Raymond R. Drada*



Deb Pristupa - March 11, 2017 at 02:53 PM

DP

*Sending thoughts and prayers from Benefield ES. So sorry for your
loss.*

Deb Pristupa - March 11, 2017 at 02:53 PM

JT

Ms. Taylor-Sending prayers and angels around your family at this time

Jamila Taylor - March 12, 2017 at 06:30 PM

TT

*May the peace of God comfort you and your family during this difficult
time.*

Trish Thomas - March 13, 2017 at 11:26 AM

YP

“ Your friends at Energy Products purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.



Your friends at Energy Products - March 09, 2017 at 02:20 PM

CH

“ Love and prayers from the Annunciation Parish in San Antonio, Texas. Fr, Charles

Charles Henderson - March 09, 2017 at 12:55 PM

FZ

“ I owe my priesthood to Fr. Ray who saw in me the vocation to which God had called me. I left 4 times the seminary and 4 times he picked me up at the bus station and brought me back to continue my studies and be ordained now for 30 years. Ever since we meet at the seminary God had given me a Good, True and Best Friend. We shared 34 years of this gift and I am very thankful and grateful to God for each and everyday. I will never forget him as long as I shall live. I keep him in my heart and I know we shall meet again in heaven. I'll MISS you so much my friend. May God grant you peace and rest in His Kingdom. With love Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul Zomerfeld - March 09, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.



March 09, 2017 at 09:41 AM

LF

“ Love, The Parker, Waldron and Higgin's Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.



Love, The Parker, Waldron and Higgin's Families - March 09, 2017 at 09:35 AM

 Mary Andersen

“ So very sorry for your loss...May Fr. Ray rest in peace..Amen

Mary Andersen - March 09, 2017 at 07:02 AM

FM

We are praying for his soul and for consolation for his dear Family. We are with You!

fr. krzysztof mendelewski - March 09, 2017 at 08:27 AM

FW

*Our condolences and prayers for the family of Fr. Raymond and our prayers for Fr. Ray's eternal peace.
Fr. Ray pray for us and our Church.
Fr. Adam Wsul and parishioners of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish
PNCC, Chicago, IL*

Fr. Adam Wsul - March 09, 2017 at 10:02 AM

CM

“ Cousins Diana & Randy, Sharon & Ken, Jean & Mike purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.



Cousins Diana & Randy, Sharon & Ken, Jean & Mike - March 08, 2017 at 11:44 PM

WM

“ *My sympathy, Pennie--memories from Wallingford, among others. Be at peace, as I'm sure he is.*
Wanda (Dymkowski) Mercier

Wanda Mercier - March 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM

GZ

“ *Gary and Susan Zainer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.*



Gary and Susan Zainer - March 08, 2017 at 08:43 PM

MA

“ *Dear Pennie and family, accept our heartfelt sympathies for the loss of Fr Ray. He was a wonderful man and I always enjoyed my chats with him. Be assured that he is at peace now with his Lord and we pray that God enfolds you and your family, bringing peace, comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold forever in your heart.*



Love,
Fr Bruce & Marian Sleczkowski

Marian - March 08, 2017 at 08:11 PM

MO

“ *Mr. & Mrs. J.H. OLAFSON purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.*



Mr. & Mrs. J.H. OLAFSON - March 08, 2017 at 07:33 PM

TF

“ *The Earl, Oratowski, Oliver & Thomas Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Raymond R. Drada.*



The Earl, Oratowski, Oliver & Thomas Families - March 08, 2017 at 07:19 PM