

The Rev. Monsignor Ignatius C. Wadas



CRESSON — WADAS – The Rev. Monsignor Ignatius C., 89, went to be with the Lord Sept. 21, 2012, at the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at John Paul II Nursing Home, Cresson. Born Dec. 6, 1922, in Wanamie, he was the ninth of 10 children of Ignatius and Magdalena (Jaszcz) Wadas. Preceded in death by brothers, Stanley, Peter, Bernard and Frank, and sisters, Mary, Lottie, Helen and Celia. Survived by sister; Antoinette Taczkowski, Glen Lyon; sister-in-law; Dolores Wadas,



Nanticoke; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Also survived by his longtime faithful housekeeper and caregiver, Nina Lizik. U.S. Army veteran, World War II, having served in the European Theater of Operations. After the service came college and seminary training at Mount St. Mary in Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on May 16, 1953, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona by the Most Rev. Richard T. Guilfoyle, DD. Father's first solemn Mass was celebrated in his parish church on May 17, 1953, at St. Mary of Czestochowa Church in Nanticoke. Monsignor Wadas served in the following parishes: Our Lady of Victory Church in State College, St. Patrick's Church in Johnstown, Saint Joseph's Church in Renovo, Most Precious Blood Church in Emeigh, and Holy Incarnation Mission in Marsteller. He served as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church from June 1955 to June 1959, where he assisted the pastor, Father Ignatius M. Pilz, the founding pastor from 1916. Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church from January 1966 to June 1997. In July 1990, Monsignor Wadas also was assigned as a "clustered" pastor of neighboring parish in Central City of St. John the Baptist Church. He constructed the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in January 1968, and also constructed the Sacred Heart Activities Center in September 1983. For over 35 years Monsignor Wadas worked to establish many ministries, services and programs to help the people of the church and the local community. He also worked to stabilize parish finances and make the church facilities self-sustaining as well as established financial burses for the good of the church and her people: The Father Pilz Memorial Seminarian Burse, Our Lady's Burse and the Dydo Family Burse. Monsignor Wadas diligently worked to maintain the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery (founded by his longtime personal friend, Father Pilz in 1916) and the St. John the Baptist Cemetery. Monsignor Wadas worked to accurately record all of the burial sights on the Sacred Heart Cemetery map, established by Father Pilz. Fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, who will serve as Honor Guard during visitation. Parish family will receive all those family and friends wishing to pay their respects to Monsignor Wadas from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church

(formally The Sacred Heart of Jesus Church), 738 Sunshine Ave., Central City. Vigil service will be held Tuesday evening. Funeral Mass will be con-celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, the Most Rev. Mark Bartchak, Bishop of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, principal celebrant. Con-celebrating will be Father Raymond Wadas, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Takoma Park, Md., nephew to Monsignor Ignatius C. Wadas. Committal in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. Luncheon will be served following graveside ceremony at the Sacred Heart Activities Center by the Society of Angels and the Activities Center Ministries. Special thank you to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at John Paul II Nursing Home, Cresson, for their more than two years of loving service and to Windber Hospice for their outstanding compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at John Paul II Nursing Home, Cresson. Arrangements by William Kisiel Funeral Home, Windber.