



## Rev. Richard A. Ugolik

January 25, 1928 - July 16, 2009

Rev. Richard A. Ugolik was born January 25, 1928, in New Britain, Connecticut. At the age of five, the family moved and settled in Detroit. Father attended St. Andrew's School in Detroit until the 8th grade. While attending high school at Orchard Lake, the family left Detroit and settled permanently in Grand Rapids.

Father Ugolik attended Orchard Lake High until graduation in 1946, then entered college there until 1950. Afterward, he continued his education at St. John's Seminary until 1954.

Father Ugolik was ordained into the priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Detroit on Saturday, June 5, 1954, by his Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney. The Ordination Ceremony was celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. The Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated June 6, 1954, at Sacred Heart Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Father's first assignment was at St. Stanislaus Parish where he served for five years. His second assignment was at Our Lady Queen of Apostles for another five years. Father Ugolik's third assignment was at St. Christopher's Parish from June of 1964 to March of 1966. Father Ugolik then went to St. Bartholomew's Parish where he served as an assistant until August 20, 1972, when he became Pastor of St. Bartholomew's. Father Rich retired from his

active role as pastor of St. Bartholomew's in 1995 and moved to Washington Township where he became active with St. Kieran's Parish in Shelby Township. Father Ugolik is the beloved son of the late Alex and Lottie Ugolik. Dear brother of the late Robert. Greatly beloved cousin and best friend of Gail Carvlin. Dear nephew of Walter Rosegnal and daughter Joan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Kieran Church  
53600 Mound Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Service

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ No way!

*Earlier today I got a phone call from 9722840600 Or 972-284-0600 and was convinced the the person calling was a scam.*

*I'm so sick and tired of promotional calls - I decided to complain to the the company and complain.*

*I really screwed up... Gulf Coast Western -an Oil Company- called me back was returning a call from last months interview - telling me I got the job*

*Wow, I really feel dumb. But I think I've lost my chance...!!!##imported-begin##GemimifoliNew##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2010 at 12:01 PM



“ Todd Cowle Municipal Bond Credit Report synthesizes, analyzes and presents aggregate credit information and trends in the municipal bond market. The report includes municipal bond rating information from the three major rating agencies – Moody’s Investor Services, Standard and Poor’s and Fitch Ratings.##imported-begin##BarkciffRania##imported-end##

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March 15, 2010 at 11:05 AM



“ Gail,  
*I just found nout about Richard, you have my sympathy and prayers God Bless You in this time of grief##imported-begin##Richard Dybowski D.C.##imported-end##*

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September 07, 2009 at 11:37 AM



“ Dear Gail --

*Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of Fr. Rich. I served with him at St. Bart's for 15 years, and I have to admit, he taught me everything I know. I admired his style of ministry and the people at St. Bart's loved him. He was one of the "old time Polish Pastors"...not to many of those left. He was very kind to me and to the brothers and extended many kindnesses. I remember Mary Ann, and all the good times we had at the parish. I had the opportunity to chat with him about a month ago in the nursing home. Please accept our prayers and know that you are in our thoughts. Dobrze Jezus....May God grant him eternal peace and rest.##imported-begin##Brother Ambrose Ross, BHS (Brother Tom)##imported-end##*

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July 27, 2009 at 06:14 PM



“ *Father Richard will always occupy a place in my heart. He baptized my 2 daughters & was a personal mentor.*

*He brought me to the Lord Jesus Christ  
& for this I am eternally grateful.*

*I saw him the evening of "Fathers Day",  
June 21st at The Sanctuary on Avon Road. Rest in Peace Father  
..... We love you.*

*Glenn Lee & Kathy Cota##imported-begin##Glenn Lee##imported-end##*

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July 24, 2009 at 11:28 PM



“ Dick, as we knew him, was always very frinedly and interested in the activities of his fellow priests and friends. He enjoyed the "Flats", as I do, and often asked me about my love for sailing and the waters of St.Clair which he also loved very much. Just as Jesus and his apostles loves to set sail on the water, so may Fr. Richard find his peace with our Lord in the ethereal waters of Heaven.

Fr. Jim###imported-begin##Fr. Jim Wysocki###imported-end##

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July 23, 2009 at 09:46 PM



“ I never met Fr. Ugolik, but he was a classmate of my late husband at St. John's; they were ordained on the same day, and Bill spoke of him often. I have a photo on my wall of the beautiful young men of the Class of 1954. May the angels and his many heavenly classmates greet Fr. Ugolik in God's heaven.

Javan Kienzle###imported-begin##Mrs. William X. Kienzle###imported-end##

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July 23, 2009 at 01:08 PM



“ Father Rich,you will be dearly missed by all the thousands of people you have blessed and touched with your kindness throughout your blessed life, but none more than my wonderfull sister Gail. The two of you made quite a team over the past 16 years, the Ying & Yang of Copper Creek.Thank you for taking such good care of Gail when she needed it the most.Love always, until we all meet again.

Your loving cousin/brother Bill###imported-begin##William Adamowicz###imported-end##

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July 22, 2009 at 04:10 PM



“ You loss is Heaven's gain. I was saddened to hear about Father Ugolik. I received my First Communion from him. When I was home from college, I would always attend Mass and it was really comforting to see him there. I have so many fond memories of him. I can remember when I became an altar girl and I was always nervous that I wouldn't open the Readings pull the right ribbons when he was ready to do the Readings. He told me not to worry and that it would come to me in no time...and it did. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Desha Hill##imported-end##

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July 22, 2009 at 12:32 PM



“ Rev. Richard Ugolik went St. Andrew Grade School with me, Rita Jatkowski Grossi. We were classmates. After elementary school, the family moved to Grand Rapids. My sympathies to the family. Donation to St Judes will be made.##imported-begin##Rita Jatkowski Grossi##imported-end##

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July 21, 2009 at 09:11 PM



“ FR Ugolik was the only pastor I remember having at ST Bart's!! My condolences to his family on your loss. Mary Lou Noble##imported-begin##Mary Lou (Niedbala) Noble##imported-end##

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July 21, 2009 at 12:24 AM



“ we have a new angel watching over all of us.##imported-begin##patty bacholzky##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ A beautiful soul is never forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to Gail, family and friends of Father Richard.##imported-begin##Karen and Francis Maineri##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 03:43 PM



“ Father Ugolik was a good friend to our family. We knew him at our O.L.Q. of Apostles parish and when we moved to the St. Bartholomew Church neighborhood. He treated everyone with the greatest respect, kindness and friendship. His presence was immediately felt because of his gracious and impassioned personality. Above all, he was most faithful to his priestly ministry and to those seeking spiritual comfort and forgiveness. We said a prayer for Father and will always remember him.##imported-begin##Dorothy and Rita Knybel and Family##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 03:25 PM



“ Back in the mid 70's I ran into Fr. Ugolik at my friend's bar. He was waiting for my friend's father to finish some paperwork. When I walked in he asked me if I'm still going to Mass, and confession. At the time I told him I have not been to either in about six months. He told me that I'm going to have my confession right there at the end of the bar. He put his hand up between us, and I told him every disgusting thing I did. He blessed me after I finished confessing, and for my penance I had to buy him two Royal and waters. I have not missed Mass unless quite ill since that experience. God bless you Father Ugolik. You blessed my life. Love, Andrew##imported-begin##Andrew Hojnacki##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 01:45 PM



“ Rest in Peace Father Richard.##imported-begin##Melissa & Rob Watson##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 01:38 PM



“ We will miss you. You were such a great person who loved Jesus very much. You had a great outlook on life and we enjoyed your sermons at St. Kieran Parish. We will remember you always. God Bless.##imported-begin##Peggy & Bill Post##imported-end##

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July 20, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ Father Richard you will be truly missed. You touched so many lives. Having you baptize Sydney in our home has to be the most special event that I have been a part of. Thank you so much for sharing your life with ours and so many others.##imported-begin##Mark and Dawn Dziurman##imported-end##

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July 19, 2009 at 04:04 PM



“ I served as a altarboy when Father Ugolik was at Our Lady Queen of Apostles. As young boys we looked up to him and respected him. He was a strong man that inspired a bit of confidence in all of us. How I remember wanting to be just like him. On Saturdays when the weather allowed we would wash and polish his black thunderbird then admire it as he drove under the arch between the church and the rectory. If you had a choice between serving Father Szoks' Mass and Father Ugoliks' Mass there was no question. Father Ugolik could get you out of church in 20 minutes, sermon included. He was the spokesman for the "Harold Gang" when Father Szok called us young hoodlums and troublemakers. We prayed with him and joked with him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen .

Daniel Jendza###imported-begin###Daniel Jendza###imported-end###

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July 19, 2009 at 08:14 AM



“ Lots of good memories all the way back from days at St. John's.###imported-begin###Frank Thompson###imported-end###

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July 18, 2009 at 11:40 PM



“ Father Ugolik will be remembered by me for his sense of humor. I always loved his homilies at St. Kieran where he added his personal experiences. He was a kind and compassionate person who will be missed but we know he has gone home and is in the arms of our Lord.###imported-begin###Phyllis Barker###imported-end###

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July 18, 2009 at 06:46 PM