



Fr. Stanley Sobiech, OFM Conv.

July 20, 1933 - December 10, 2024

Born in Kuczbork, Warsaw, Poland on July 20, 1933, he was the elder son of Tadeusz and Stefania (nee Szczepaniak) Sobiech. He had one younger brother and four sisters. Growing up in occupied Poland, Stanley worked the family farm, though considered himself to be more of a shepherd—herding cows, pigs, sheep, and lambs; this shepherd’s heart would eventually be directed to the service of the Church. Having dreamed of becoming a priest since he was a young child, Stanley entered the Novitiate of the Conventual Franciscans in Niepokalanow, Poland in 1955. Friar Stanley made his first profession of vows on September 16, 1956 and then completed his philosophical studies in Lodz before professing solemn vows on October 7, 1959. He then studied Theology in Warsaw and was ordained to the priesthood on July 8, 1962. For the first few years of his priesthood, Fr. Stanley taught religion in Poland. Then, in 1965, he was sent to the United States to engage in ministry with the new Polish immigrants. From 1965-1982, he served as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Boston. Initially “on loan” from the Conventual Franciscan Province in Warsaw, Fr. Stanley transfiliated to then St. Anthony of Padua Province in 1978. Fr. Stanley spent his life as a priest in parochial ministry: at Corpus Christi, Buffalo (1982-85); St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee MA (1985-94); Mater Dolorosa, Holyoke MA (1994-97 and 2006-19); Holy Trinity, St. Lawrence MA (1997-2004); and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Bedford MA (2004-06). In 2019, his health in decline, Fr. Stanley moved to St. Hyacinth

Friary in Chicopee, eventually transitioning to Our Lady of the Angels Care Center in Enfield, CT.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 16. 11:00 AM.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
1315 Enfield St.
Enfield, CT