

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish, Saint Hedwig Parish, and Neighbors:

Re: Disinterment and Reinternment

I wish to inform you of the intention of Sacred Heart Parish, along with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, to disinter the bodies of two former Pastors of Saint Hedwig Parish, Chester.

Reverend Jacob Ploszaj, who died November 7, 1932, known as "The Builder of the Parish," and buried by the Grotto of Our Lady, November 11, 1932; and Reverend Gabriel Kraus, who died April 4, 1938, was also buried at the Grotto of Our Lady at 4th and Hayes Streets, Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

We will reinter their remains at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, located at 1701 Market Street, Linwood, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 19061.

In our Catholic faith, the care of the human remains of any individual is a Corporal Work of Mercy, and consequently, is carried out as a sacred duty, and in a dignified and respectful manner. Accordingly, we will be guided by our faith to ensure the proper removal, transportation, and reinterment of these two priests who served the people of Saint Hedwig Church faithfully.

If anyone has knowledge and the contact information of the family members of these two priests, please have them contact me as soon as possible

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