



Rev. John J. Mirecki

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As the second St. Hedwig Polish American to be ordained into the Office of Holy Priesthood, Rev. John J. Mirecki, son of Mrs. Bertha Mirecki of 18 Central Avenue, Garden City Park, Long Island, and the late John Mirecki. Father Mirecki is a product of the St. Hedwig School and he will be assigned to a Long Island parish. Archbishop Thomas Molloy officiated at the ordination ceremonies Saturday, June 4 when he officiated at the solemn ceremonies in the St. James Pro-Cathedral, Jay Street and Cathedral Place, Brooklyn. Father John was one of 35 young men in the Brooklyn Diocese to be raised to the priesthood. He was the only Polish American to be ordained.

Father Mirecki studied at the Garden City Park School and then St. Hedwig School. Father Francis Wilamowski noticed Father John when he first began to serve at Mass and encouraged him to continue in his chosen vocation.

Father John studied in Sewanhaka High School in 1942-1945 and decided that he would like to immediately start studies for the priesthood. With Father Wilamowski's encouragement and sponsorship, Father John went in 1945 to Orchard Lake, Michigan, to St. Mary's College and Seminary, the outstanding Polish seminary in North America. After completing studies at Orchard Lake, Father John was sent to the Diocesan Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Huntington, Long Island, which he completed this month. Rev. Mirecki was ordained a sub-deacon, May 30, 1954, and as deacon, June 1, 1954 in Huntington.