



Rev. Walter J. Tomecki

ord. May 22, 1948

Golden Jubilee (1905-1955)

Rev. Gervase W. Kubec, Floral Park, NY, p. 34

Chairman of the Golden Jubilee honoring the St. Hedwig's Church pastor, Rev. Gervase W. Kubec, is Rev. Walter Joseph Tomecki, one of the most alert and energetic priests on Long Island. Rev. Tomecki was born in Queens Village on December 8, 1923 of Walter Tomecki, now deceased, and Katherine Juwa, who were both born in Poland. Rev. Tomecki is an assistant in St. Hedwig Parish.

After graduating from St. Joachim and Ann Parochial School in Queens Village in 1938, Father Walter attended St. John's Prep, which graduated him in 1942. He studied in St. John's University, majoring in English, and received the B.A. degree in 1944. He decided to enter studies for the priesthood in 1944, and enrolled in the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan, which he completed in 1948 after four years study of dogma, theology, ceremony of the Mass etc.

Rev. Tomecki was ordained by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas E. Molloy in the St. James Pro-Cathedral in Brooklyn on May 22, 1948 and sang his first Mass in St. Joachim and Ann Church on May 23, 1948. His first assignment was to the Holy Cross Church in Maspeth, 1948-50. The second assignment was to St. Josephat's Church in Bayside, where he served as the parish administrator after the death of Rev. Joseph Paprocki in 1950-52.

After Rev. Stefan Biedrzycki, pastor of St. Isidore's Church in Riverhead, died in 1952, Father Tomecki served as the administrator of the parish, 1952-53. He served for ten months as assistant in St. Ladislaus Church in Hempstead in 1953 when he was assigned as an assistant in the St. Hedwig Church on December 9, 1953, the same day that Father Kubec came to Floral Park.

As a very active organizer, Rev. Tomecki serves as moderator to the Girl Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine, Roses of Mary Society and to the Society of the Sacred Heart.