



Fr Adam Wargocki, S.J.
(1936-1971. In Zambia 1968-1971)

16 June 1971

Adam Wargocki was born on 16 January 1936 in Czernichowce-Zbaraza in the present day Ukraine. He entered the Society in Stara Wies in October 1953. He did his philosophy at Cracow and his theology at Warsaw where he was ordained in 1965. Soon afterwards he set out for Zambia arriving at the end of January 1968.

He worked briefly at Matero Parish in Lusaka and then at Mpima and Chikuni. He was then appointed superior at Mpanshya.

It was while he was heading for Katondwe on the new Feira road that his driver tried to slow down, as the road was still under construction at the Kaunga Bridge. However the car slid into the ditch and while Fr Wargocki was trying to jump clear, the vehicle overturned on top of him and he was killed instantly. Fr Sigsmund Nowicki escaped with minor injuries and gave the dying Father sacramental absolution. It was the 16 June 1971 and he had been in the country just three and a half years. In fact he had just completed his tertianship and finished a course in chiChewa and so was all set to go. He had only been superior of Mphanshya for 16 days! The ways of the Lord are not ours and we can only be grateful for a generous companion even if he was with us for such a short time.