



Br Stephen Lisewski, S.J.
(1930-2004. In Zambia 1969-1971)

6 December 2004

Stephen Lisewski was born in Torun in northern Poland on 23 January 1930. His father Bronislaus died during the Second World War and his mother, Veronica Zakrzewska passed away in 1949. Soon afterwards Stephen entered the Society and did his novitiate in Kalisz, taking his vows on 15 August 1952.

He first worked as a cook in Kalisz (1952-53) and then at our college in Warsaw until 1958 when he was sacristan at Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw.

He arrived in Zambia in early 1969. He worked in the office of Fr Vincent Cichecki, the Education Secretary for the diocese of Lusaka. However, suspected cancer of the stomach, obliged him to return to Poland in September 1971.

On recovering, he took up his old job of sacristan in Warsaw. In the period of military rule he set up representations of the tomb of Jesus during the Holy Week celebrations. People from all over the city came to see them. He had a strong influence on the group of altar servers, and a number of them went on to be priests.

He actively helped in the renovation of the Church in Swietojanska. He was in charge of the house and chapel of perpetual adoration.

In 1986 he suffered a stroke and in 1990 had one kidney removed. In spite of all of this he was still able to keep working for some time.

In 1993 he was transferred to the retirement home Jastrzebia Gora and finally in 1998 he was transferred to the Warsaw infirmary where he died on 6 December 2004.