

# PRAYER FOR BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION

## JOIN THE FATHER JOSEPH WALIJEWSKI LEGACY GUILD

## WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE CAUSE OF FATHER JOE

**H**oly and Good God, your servant and priest, Father Joseph Walijewski, through priestly zeal and heroic holiness, defended innocence against the sadness of evil, especially to broken families and helpless children.

Imagining the Compassionate Christ, he led others to the font of sacramental life and the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their True and Only Savior.

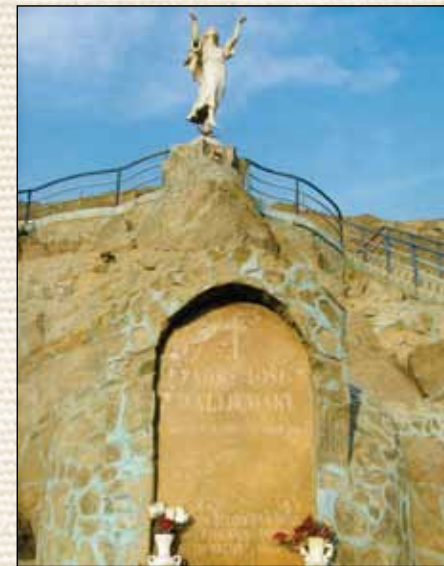
Heavenly Father, we humbly pray You to raise up Your servant, Father Joseph Walijewski, whose joyful priestly heart was resolute in the Heart of Christ Jesus, to the courts of heaven; and, through Your Holy Spirit, who guides and leads the Church, give him to us as a saint and hero of this generation.

Through his example may there be a new urgency of souls for Christ. Through his intercession, I humbly ask (make your intention here) through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Bishop William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv.  
Diocese of La Crosse, Wis.*

*If you have received an answer to your petition through Fr. Joe's intercession, please let the Guild know by using the contact information.*



Your prayers and private devotion to Fr. Joe are critical. Please report any favors granted through the intercession of Fr. Joe using the contact information below:



### Father Joe's Guild

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La Crosse, WI 54602-4004  
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608-788-7700

**SIGN UP TODAY!** By completing the attached form, you can stay up-to-date with the latest on Fr. Joe's cause, receive invitations to special events, and learn more about his legacy in the diocese.

Please also consider a financial gift to help further the Cause and Legacy of Fr. Joe.



DIocese of LA CROSSE

## Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Enrollment

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# The Life of *Father Joe Walijewski*

## Priestly Zeal and Heroic Virtue

Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski - Father Joe, Padre Jose, or Joe the Pole, as Richard Cardinal Cushing dubbed him in the '60s - is a hero of faith for our generation. Ordained in 1950 in La Crosse, Father Joe served as a parish priest in the Polish-speaking parishes around Stevens Point. As a missionary for the Diocese of La Crosse, he fed the poor, sheltered the homeless, and ministered to the faithful, who were among the most impoverished people of South America.

He passed into God's hands days after Palm Sunday in 2006. His earthly remains rest on a hillside overlooking Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, the orphanage outside of Lima, Peru, which he founded with the blessings and support of Blessed John Paul II. During a visit to Father Joe's tomb in 2011, Bishop William P. Callahan was impressed and inspired by the love and devotion of the people most touched by this humble priest's dedication. It was this heroic virtue that led Bishop Callahan to take the steps necessary to open Father Joe's Cause for Canonization.

*“ I do not know how long I will live, but while I live, Lord, let me give some comfort to someone in need by smile or nod, kind word, or deed. ”*

*- Father Walijewski*

1924



March 15 - Joseph Walijewski born to Polish immigrant parents.

1950



April 16 - Father Joe ordained in La Crosse, Wisconsin, serving parishes of Mosinee, Thorp and Stevens Point.

1956



La Crosse's Bishop John Treacy presents Father Joe with the Mission Cross, granting his request to serve the poor of Latin America. At the call of Blessed John XXIII, he goes to Bolivia and founds Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz.

1966



Father Joe returns to Wisconsin, serving several parishes, including as pastor of St. Hedwig's Parish in Thorp.

1971



Following devastating earthquakes in Peru, Father Joe returns to South America. He founds Christ the Savior Parish in Villa El Salvador, Peru.

1977



Father Joe founds St. Joseph's Chapel in Villa El Salvador, Peru.

1985



Blessed John Paul II visits Peru, helping Father Joe to begin building an orphanage modeled on Father Flanagan Boys Town.

1986



Father Joe founds Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru, taking in 80 children.

1987



Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) visits Father Joe in Peru.

2000



Father Joe is granted senior priest status, but continues his work.

2005



Father Joe founds St. Joseph's Retirement Home in Chontabamaba, Peru.

2006



April 9 - Father Joe's last Mass, Palm Sunday, with children at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II.

April 11 - Father Joe passes away from this life, returning to the Lord.

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