

FATHER STEFAN SZYMONIAK

(*1948 †2020)



Father Stefan Szymoniak was born in Szalejewo on 24 October 1948.

He entered the Camillian novitiate at Taciszow on 1 September 1973 and made his temporary religious profession on 8 September 1974.

Three years later, on 8 September 1977, he made his perpetual religious profession.

He was consecrated a priest in Zabrze, in the Parish of *St. Camillus*, on 23 June 1979.

Immediately after his priestly ordination, Father Stefan went to Paris to attend courses to learn French.

Subsequently, from 21 December 1980 onwards, he lived and worked as a missionary in Madagascar. This lasted for forty years.

A week ago he was infected by the coronavirus Covid-19. Because of this infection he was admitted to the hospital of Racibórz. His illness got progressively worse and despite the intensive care that he received he died after a few hours (on 7 May 2020).

When we remember Father Stefan, there comes to mind his good, peaceful and sociable character. He demonstrated the joy of his vocation through his words and his face.