

## ACPC Career Achievement Award

### Fr. Philip S. Majka

Father Philip S. Majka was born in New Britain, Conn., April 22, 1938, to Stanley and Helen Majka. He attended Israel Putnam and Washington Jr. High Schools, New Britain; St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield Conn.; Queen of Apostles Seminary, Madison, Wis.; and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich.

He was ordained May 1, 1965, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond by Bishop John J. Russell. He celebrated his first Mass at Holy Cross Church in New Britain.

He served as associate pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Alexandria, 1965-67; St. Mark Parish in Vienna, 1967-70; Good Shepherd Parish in Mount Vernon, 1970-72; St. Michael Parish in Annandale, 1972-75; and St. Mary Parish in Alexandria, 1975-76.

He was named founding pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Lake Ridge in October 1976. He also served as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Warrenton and St. Patrick Parish in Fredericksburg, before being assigned as parochial vicar of St. James Parish in Falls Church.

Father Majka received an award from the John Paul II Foundation in 1996 in Washington, D.C., and was honored with a national award by the Polish American Priest Association in April 1999. He received the Cavaliers Cross of Merit from the Polish Government in 1999 for his service to the Polish American Community.

Father Majka served as chaplain to various Knights of Columbus Councils throughout Northern Virginia, to the Sierra Club, to the Alhambra Club and to the Fairfax County Fire Department. He also is a member of various Polish-American organizations, served as chaplain to the Polish Community of the Metropolitan Washington area, and acted as host in 1969 and 1976 for Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) during his visits to Washington.

Father Majka has served as the Catholic chaplain at Dulles International Airport since June 2006. He was elected vice president of the National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains in 2010.

Presently he resides at the St. Rose of Lima Priests Retirement Villa in Annandale and continues his chaplainships. His kindness has endeared him to all who know him.



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**Father Canon Philip Majka**

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