

"It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured by the king... one of the brothers speaking for the others said, 'What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors.' The king in a fury commanded his executioners to cut out the tongue of the one who had spoken for the others, while the rest of his brothers and mother looked on... the mother encouraged the youngest, 'I beg you, child, look at the heavens and earth. Do not be afraid of this executioner, but be worthy of your brothers and accept death, so that in the time of mercy, I may receive you again with them.' The youngest said, 'I like my brothers offer up my body and life, imploring God to show mercy soon to our nation. Through me and my brothers, may there be an end to the wrath of the Almighty that has just fallen our whole nation.' At that the king became enraged and treated him even worse than the others. The mother was the last to die, after her sons." (2 Maccabees 7:1-41)

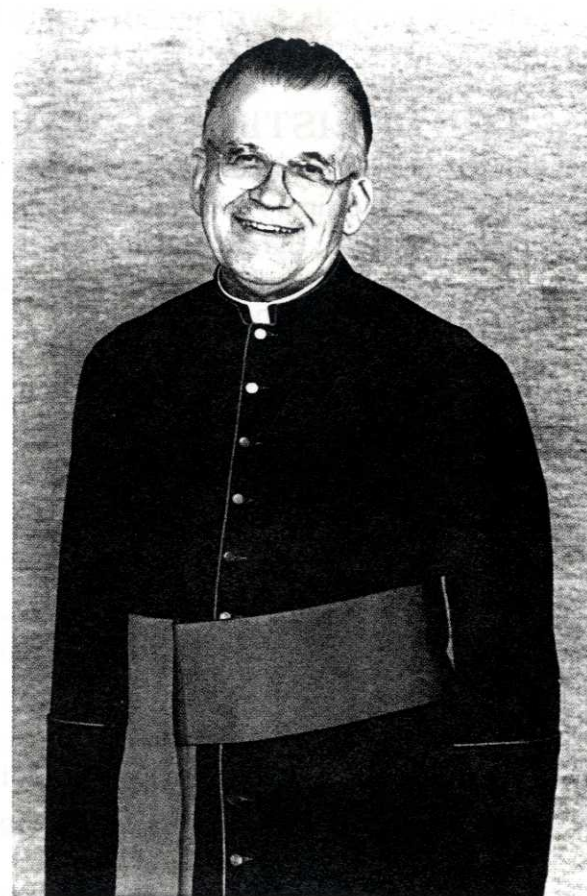


"In 1942 on the 27th of December at Castle Dob in the Parish of Sentrupert Solvene, most of my family members were tortured and murdered and their bodies burned. These were my Father Jozef; my Mother Terezija Bukovec; my Brothers, Ciril, Stanko, Darko, and Petreck; and my Sister, Marija (Mici). On March 23, 1943 my Brother, Vilko, was killed by a bullet. On May 2, 1942 my Brother Dolfi fell in battle, and in 1945, the second last of my living brothers, Pavel, was killed in Kocevski, Rog.

All that is beautiful and Divine is a thorn in the foot of Satan and his co-workers. Although earthly fire may have burned their bodies, their purified souls have found a place of comfort and peace in the heart of Jesus. Their blood which soaked the Slovenian Land may someday unite all the faithful of this land and bring even closer together all the confused ones with enlightenment and forgiveness."

"I love to give my life for the Slovenian Nation and for faith and God. I repeated my resolution and confirmed it with a prayer that God would always keep me pure. I prefer to lose my life than to lose my purity and innocence." (Dolfi's Diary)

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MAVSAR, P.A.



Born: 17 October 1919

Ordained: 11 June 1944

Died: 21 March 2002

VISITATION

Tues., March 26, 2 to 6 p.m., Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church

VIGIL SERVICE

Tues., March 26 at 7:30 p.m., Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church

Father Thomas M. O'Donnell, *Celebrant*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wed., March 28 at 11 a.m., Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church

Bishop Robert C. Morlino, *Principal Celebrant*

Father Joseph L. Byrne, *Homilist*

Father Joseph L. Byrne, Father Thomas O'Donnell and

Father Dusan Okorn, *Con-Celebrants*

Honorary Pallbearers

Kent Dodge

Paul Kleffner

Bill Schweyen

Peter Petek, III

Roger Bisson

Mike Muszkiewicz



MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MAVSAR, P.A.

- June 11, 1944: Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- July 20, 1960: Officially became a priest of the Diocese of Helena
- Feb. 21, 1949-May 30, 1951: Chaplain, Convent of the Good Shepherd, Helena
- 1951: Named assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Butte
- Sept. 20, 1956: Appointed assistant Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Butte

- Sept. 21, 1960: Named pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Townsend
- July 1, 1969: Appointed pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Bozeman
- July 6, 1977-July 1, 1996: Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish, East Helena
- Jan. 15, 1987-June 27, 1993: Appointed Vicar General of Diocese of Helena
- May 27, 1990: Invested as a Monsignor
- 1996: Appointed Protonotary Apostolic

FAMILY MAVSAR



J O Z E F

22.2.1891 † 27.12.1942



T E R E Z I J A

2.12.1893 † 27.12.1942



P A V E L

1924 † 1945



D O L F I

16.1.22 † 2.5.43



M I C I

7.5.26 † 27.12.42



V I L K O

15.6.30 † 23.3.43



D A R K O

6.1.21 † 27.12.42



C I R I L

11.2.25 † 27.12.42



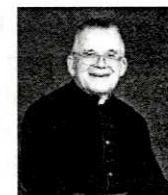
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S T A N K O

17.10.33 † 27.12.42



J O S E P H

17.10.19 † 21.3.2002

*Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord. May they rest in peace.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Klaveland Zena od Francija 27.12.1933.