



## **FR. STANLEY PUCHNIAK, OMI** (1901 – 1989)

*Fr. Stanley Puchniak OMI was the first Oblate to come to the Archdiocese of Toronto in 1935 at the invitation of Cardinal McGuigan to serve the Polish community.*

***He was the founder of St. Stanislaus-St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union in Toronto (1945) which is the largest parish based credit union in the world.***

*In 1947, Fr. S. Puchniak became pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Wellend. He was instrumental in establishing the first Roman Catholic school in 1953 and the Catholic School board in Wellend.*

*He was responsible for building three schools, two in Wellend and one in Fenwick.*

*It was at his request that the Felician Sisters came to Toronto (from USA) in 1954 to teach at the new school, which was called Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Elementary School.*

*Following his retirement, Fr. S. Puchniak was awarded the 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' medal for his many years of service to the Church.*

*He was a priest, teacher and preacher but above all he was a missionary. He had a tremendous love and care for immigrants, the poor and abandoned. He was a proud member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate... A religious community of men which contributed much to the building up of Canada and helped in weaving the fabric of our society.*

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Przewielebnemu Ojcu  
***Stanisławowi Puchniak, O.M.I.***  
składamy najserdeczniejsze życzenia  
w 50-lecie Jego Posługi Kapłańskiej.  
Postać zacnego Jubilata znana jest całej  
Polonii torontońskiej.  
Wiernie służył swojemu Ludowi w Parafii  
św. Stanisława na Denison i tam też założył  
Parafialną Kasę Oszczędności "Credit Union"  
która dzisiaj nie potrzebuje już reklamy.  
Życzymy Jubilatowi wiele łask Bożych  
i długich lat życia, zawsze przy zdrowiu.



**1925-1975**

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