

Day 7 — Pastor in Strandorf/Strohovice

Text from the Bible

Acts 2:42.44

+In the name of the Father

Preparatory prayer

God, our father,
you gave Father Richard Henkes the strength
to resist the evil,
to speak for love and truth
and to follow Jesus Christ on his way of the cross
until death.
His devotion for others
give us hope and strength
for our faith journey today.
We ask you, Father, in the Holy Spirit
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text from Fr. Henkes

From a letter to his parishioner Mr. Malcharek written on November 18, 1942:

Dear Mr. Malcharek!

It's time for me to write to you, even if I see you more often, because sometimes you go on vacation. I'm sure you've already noticed that it's important to me to keep in touch with all the parishioners who are abroad. After all, nobody leaves our community when he leaves for a time, so we have a responsibility for everyone abroad. The responsibility will usually be limited to prayer and sacrifice, which we offer to God for our foreigners, but I also want to use all other means possible to keep the connection. It is very important to me to educate the parish community to consciously live the idea of community. That's so necessary in this day and age. If we were able to document the supernatural community of grace, the hostile would easily leave and the healthy would have a strong hold on each other. I am also grateful to everyone who helps me in this. There are many opportunities to live community out, not just in prayer, but also in the offering up of sacrifices.

Silence for reflection and for personal intercessions

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory be...