

BIOGRAPHY

Wladyslaw Jozef Zachary Piorkowski was born February 27, 1930, in Derby, Connecticut.

A markedly devout young man, he entered a Franciscan seminary after graduating High School. Six years of study and devotion followed. He was ordained a priest in the Order of St. Francis in 1954.

Fr. Zachary served God in this capacity for the next 14 years, including 12 years as missionary in the Bolivian Andes.

In 1968 Zack left the order, heartstruck that the Lord was working in some new way and inspired to search for God's messenger.

In 1971, by his testimony, he was moved by the spirit of the Lord to accept Sun Myung Moon as that messenger. In 1972, he heard The Divine Principle, accepted True Parents and began to work with the Unification Movement.

In 1973, Zack was sent by Rev. Moon to pioneer a mission field in Argentina. He began work there alone, without financial assistance.

In the 1800 Couples Blessing of 1975, he was matched and blessed in marriage by True Parents to Patricia Hannan, a former nun who had left her order after 21 years of service for reasons similar to Zack's. Pat joined him in Argentina and together, with God's help, they established a national spiritual and financial foundation that thrives there to this day.

During this time, the Lord led them to adopt two young boys, Carl and Martin Poblete. Carl himself was matched and blessed in 1995. He and his wife Naoko now have three sons.

In 1980, Rev. Moon commissioned the Piorkowski's to establish a business raising chinchillas in the US, duplicating a venture they developed in Argentina. They built and operated a chinchilla ranch in the California Sierras. Four years later, heart problems forced Zack to relocate the family to the East coast.

In 1988, the love of God provided them with their third son, Peter. Several years later, the family moved to Shelton, Connecticut, to help care for Zack's mother. After 8 years in Shelton, Zack, Pat and Peter returned to the Washington DC area.

Though Zack had multiple health problems over the last 10 years, his inner fire of faith burned ever hot and bright. He was a true warrior of prayer. To his last day on earth, with a filial heart, in oneness with his spouse, he continually offered spiritual support for the Will of God and the sake of True Parents. On behalf of countless men and women, here and abroad, we offer thanks for such a life.