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Reverend Lieutenant Colonel Antoni Lemparty (1903-1978): A Biography

Abstract:

The subject of this study is a comprehensive presentation of the life and activities of Reverend Lieutenant Colonel Antoni Lemparty, one of the leading so-called 'patriot-priests' of the Polish People's Republic era.

His biography, until now, has not been the subject of a standalone academic study, thereby leaving a gap in the historiography of the recent history of the Catholic Church in Poland, especially considering the role he played in the anti-church policy of the communist state.

The activities of Rev. A. Lemparty are examined through the lens of pastoral, social, and political work set against a broader historical context. Furthermore, aspects of his private life, which influenced decisions made in his professional life, have not been overlooked.

The presentation and analysis of his biography are divided into five chapters.

The first chapter introduces his familial environment, childhood, and various stages of education, including his time in high school, seminary formation, and university studies.

The second chapter discusses his 15 years of pastoral work in various Lviv parishes of the Latin Rite Archdiocese.

The third chapter presents Rev. A. Lemparty's engagement in military pastoral care during World War II and its aftermath.

The fourth chapter concerns his pastoral work in Lower Silesia from 1945 to 1950.

The fifth chapter delves into the socio-political activities of Rev. A. Lemparty, with particular emphasis on his role as the chairman of the "Caritas" Catholics Association, a position he held for 21 years. His literary legacy is also presented.

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