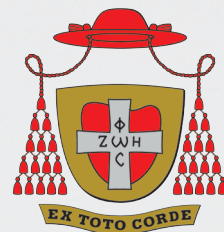


*From the bottom
of our heart*

To the entire people of God
we announce that at the ripe age of 90 years
the Lord of life recalled



H. E. Tomáš cardinal Špidlík SJ

He was born on December 17, 1919 at Boskovice. In 1940 he joined the Society of Jesus at Velehrad and in 1949 was ordained priest in Maastricht (Holland). For almost sixty years he served in Rome as a spiritual father and professor of the Papal Oriental Institute. In Rome he founded the Centre Aletti. In 2003 John Paul II appointed him a cardinal. He died in Rome on Friday, April 16, 2010.

After funeral ceremonies at 11.30 on April 20, 2010 in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the earthly remains of cardinal Špidlík will be transported (in the evening hours on Wednesday, April 21) to Olomouc and will lie in state in the Loreta Chapel of the cathedral of St. Wenceslaus. The requiem mass will be celebrated there on April 29 at 18,00 o'clock.

**The last farewell to the dear departed Father cardinal will take place
on Friday, April 30, 2010 during a holy Mass at 16.00 o'clock
in the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and St. Cyrillus and Methodius at Velehrad,
where, according to his wish, he will be laid to rest.**

The Czech Province of the Society of Jesus / The Archbishopric Olomouc
The Centre Aletti in Olomouc and Rome
Relatives and friends of the dear departed Father cardinal