

DEDICATION OF JESUS & CHILDREN GARDEN

In 2008, just three years ago we celebrated our parish's 40th Anniversary. At that time we recognized our founding pastor, Father Henry Zapotocki by devoting a "Jesus & Children Garden" in his name and honor. The time has arrived to fulfill that commitment and bless and dedicate this garden.

On the occasion of Father Zapotocki's 90th birthday, we dedicate this garden. Father took care of us as his family. He served as pastor for thirty one years and even in retirement, he continues to serve the people of Our Lady of Victory Parish. This garden is for us a reminder of all his good work. As the children are coming to Jesus in the garden, we came to Father Zapotocki for spiritual guidance and direction.

The Garden consists of four pieces. Jesus is the prominent figure. Sitting atop a boulder, His arms are outstretched as He greets and welcomes all His children. His smile shows His love and concern. As you view it, you can feel His presence in your life, reaching out to us in our needs. There are three children in the garden. One little boy holds a toy train in his hand. He just stands there looking up at Jesus. He looks as if he is giving Jesus his toy. He is just so happy to see Jesus and wants to share his joy. The little girl is stooping down beside the Lord. She is holding a frog in her hands. Her face shows a look of peace and contentment. She is so comfortable and at ease in the presence of Jesus. The third boy is running toward Jesus. He doesn't want to miss Him. His face shows an anxious smile. He can't wait to get there.

As we honor Father Zapotocki through this beautiful garden, we also offer a special prayer and thank you to Geri and Frank Witt. In his memory and through their generosity, the construction of this garden has been made possible. Their generosity shows their love of God, their faith, and their Church. Through Father Zapotocki and this garden they are able to express that love. Eternal rest to you, Frank.



