

REMEMBERING RABBI INDICH

Rabbi Indich was not only an exceptional human being, but he found myriads of ways to encourage his congregants. When I first came to Xavier, on at least three occasions I was asked to appear on a local TV show "Dialogue" hosted by Fr. Edward Brueggemann, SJ, a good friend of Rabbi Indich. During one particular show we discussed the millennium celebration of the Russian Orthodox Church (as a Russian historian I am expected to know about the Russian Orthodox Church). That Sunday evening following the broadcast, Rabbi Indich called to discuss my remarks, compliment me on knowing so much about Christianity and explain to me why Christians picked the 25th of December to celebrate Christmas. I will never forget his enthusiasm and pleasure that I had appeared on a TV show which he had helped to create along with Fr. Brueggemann to foster interfaith relations through conversation. By the way, according to Rabbi Indich, the 25th was picked because we celebrate Chanukah on the 25th of Kislev!

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I will never forget how comforting Rabbi Indich was to me after my father died in 1986. Although incapacitated by the complications of diabetes, Rabbi Indich made a shiva call by telephone that lasted for nearly an hour. He spoke of the time when they first met at Telshe Yeshiva in 1949 when my father was saying Kaddish for my grandfather and other stories of their long and enduring friendship renewed after the Rabbi relocated to Cincinnati. Rabbi Indich always seemed to know just what to say, how to say it and just the right moment to say it and we who knew him were all blessed to have known such a remarkable rabbi.

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