

To Rev.Bishop Dr. Karl-Heinz Wiese man and the Faithful of the Diocese of Speyer

In the name of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Mother of God in Kursk I would like to offer our condolences on the departure of Bishop Anton Schlembach who for so many years had been the shepherd of your diocesan community. We want to express our gratitude first of all to God for the Bishop Anton's good life and his service to the Church. We are very grateful for his engagement in returning the church building in Kursk to our community after the time of communism and its reconsecration in 1997, as well as for his support in the first years after the reopening of the church. This Sunday we celebrated our parish Mass for the deceased Bishop Anton, asking God to show him His mercy and give him the pledge among the saints in heaven. We also prayed for an abundant God's blessing for all your diocesan community.

United in Christ Jesus, our God and Saviour,

Fr Krzysztof Bujak O.P.,

Parish priest in Kursk