

Antoine Kaweck, had been curé of a beautiful and prosperous parish in the diocese of Mohilew ; the other, the abbé Augustin Lapo, had been the successor of the first named in the same parish, and the manner of his succeeding to the charge of the parish so well exemplifies the character of both that I here relate the circumstance. M. Lapo was the curate of M. Kaweck, when he was nominated to the pastorship of a neighboring parish by the Archbishop of Mohilew. He was preparing to depart for his own charge when his pastor thus addressed him : « Listen, my dear friend, why do you leave us ? have you not been happy and contented in my companionship ? Are you not conversant with the people and the affairs of this parish and everything that concerns their welfare ? I know that the Archbishop has promoted you as a recompense for you zeal, very well ; but what prevents you from being parish priest and at the same time remaining here ? As for me, I am old and the duties of a pastor begin to weigh heavy on my shoulders ; believe me, I have made but an indifferent pastor while you have been the best of curates. Take, therefore, my place and give me yours. » The abbé Lapo, after serious reflexion, and in order not to be separated from his friend, consented to the proposition and the Archbishop was induced to ratify the change. Not long after these two holy men were arrested and condemned to perpetual labor and imprisonment and were sent to Tunka as a place of detention where the abbé Lapo, the parish priest, is employed in the manufacture of cigars, and the abbé Kaweck mends old garments. »

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