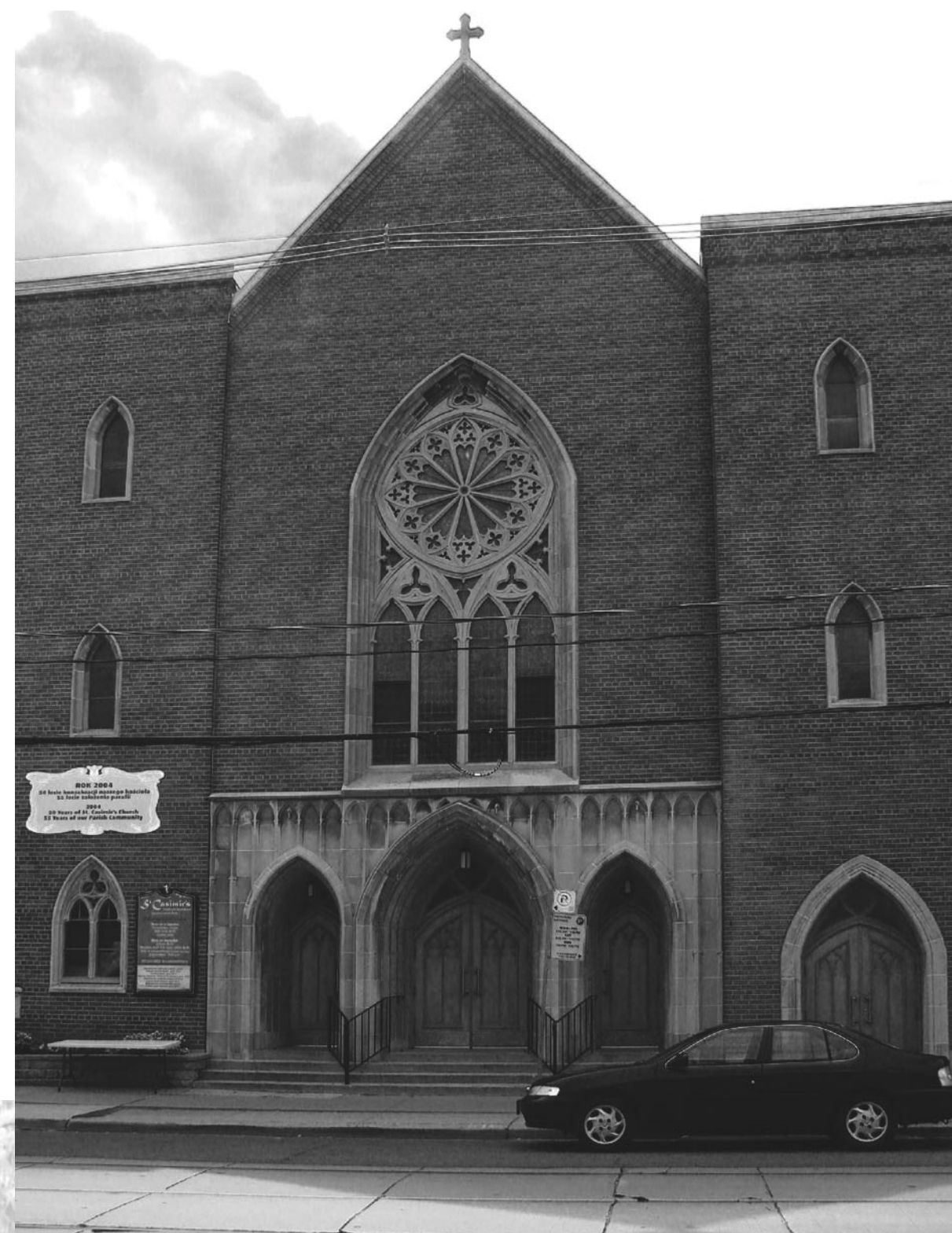


# Wladyslaw A. Wyszkowski

(b. 1900-1970)

Structural engineer



**W**ladyslaw Wyszkowski was Chief Engineer of Toronto Transit Commission, responsible for the construction of the Gardiner Expressway and the city's subway.

Wyszkowski was born in Lodz, Poland. After taking part in the 1920 war against the Soviet invasion of his country, he entered the Warsaw Polytechnic University, from which he graduated with a degree in engineering in 1930. He left Poland at the outbreak of World War Two and through Romania, Yugoslavia and Italy got to France, where he joined the Polish Army.

He arrived in Canada in 1942, with a group of Polish engineers coming to help in this country's war effort, and worked for the De Havilland aviation company in Toronto until the end of the war. In 1945, he joined the Toronto Transit Commission, to work on the construction of the first subway line in Canada. He designed several underground stations together with sections of the tunnel, responsible for the mechanical and structural part of the project.

In 1954, Wyszkowski became head of the structural section of Frederick G. Gardiner expressway project and worked on it until its opening in 1966.

In 1961, he joined the consulting engineering company of Ewbank, Pillar and Associates, of which he soon became vice-president, supervising, among others, such projects as the northern part of the Don Valley Expressway, a bridge over Mimico Creek, Leslie Sheppard interchange, bridges for Canadian National Railways and Trans-Canada Highway, and a college in Scarborough, which earned him the Canadian Design of Merit Award in 1967.

Wyszkowski was active in the Association of Polish Engineers and in the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario. For his outstanding work, he was awarded the Sons of Martha Medal.

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- Wladyslaw Wyszkowski • St. Casimir's church, Toronto, structural design by W. Wyszkowski
  - Design team of St. Casimir's church: W. Wyszkowski, Janina and Jan Ozdowski / Photo – Art's Photo Studio • Scarborough College, structural design by W. Wyszkowski (Canadian Design of Merit Award, 1967) • Frederick G. Gardiner expressway, structural design by W. Wyszkowski
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