

POLISH AMERICAN PRIESTS ASSOCIATION

PAPPA BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2004

A Message from the President

As another newsletter goes to press, I would like to share a few thoughts with my brother priests of the Polish American Priests Association (PAPA).

I am most grateful for the trust and confidence that the members of PAPA have placed in me by electing me as your president. It is truly an honor that I take very seriously and I will try my best to live up to your expectations of me.

As priests in America of Polish ancestry ministering in our parishes and various Apostolates, we all try our best to serve God and our people and to keep our beautiful traditions alive. I invite everyone to seriously consider joining us at our next convention in Chicago on April 4-8, 2005 and to share your experiences and your faith with your brother priests.

This year we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Polish Ministry in the United States. What began at Panna Maria, Texas has spread throughout this great country of ours, because of the fortitude of the Moczegemba Family, the early settlers from Poland and your interest and concern. All of us are called to continue to minister in Polonia and as a united group of Polish American Priests, we can continue this great service to our people.

Let us pray for one another that our effort on behalf of Polonia will continue to flourish. May Our Lady of Częstochowa, our Mother, watch us and lead us closer to Her Son.

Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk, President
Sacred Heart Church, New Britain, CT

PAPA Presents Gift To Poles Living in Siberia

Rev. Canon Peter Zendzian, (at right) Coordinator of the Polish Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn, presents a gift of \$500, which was approved at the Syracuse Convention, to Father Krzysztof Pozarski (at center), pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in St. Petersburg, Russia, at the Convention of Teachers of Polish held in Niagara Falls, New York. Also pictured is Dr. Edmund Ossysko, head of the Polish American Congress Commission on Education.



PAPA PRIORITY POSTINGS



BISHOP EDWARD KMIEC (LEFT) BECOMES FIRST POL-AM ORDINARY OF DIOCESE OF BUFFALO (SEE STORY P.2)



BISHOP THOMAS WENSKI (RIGHT) SUCCEEDS BISHOP NORBERT DORSEY AS ORDINARY OF DIOCESE OF ORLANDO.



BISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI, (LEFT) AUXILIARY OF BALTIMORE, BECOMES 27TH POL-AM BISHOP IN USA.

POLISH AMERICAN BISHOPS NOW TOTAL 27

- Most Rev. Eusebius J. Beltran, P.O. Box 32180, Oklahoma City, OK 73123
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- Most Rev. Robert Brom, D.D., P.O. Box 85728, San Diego, CA 92186
- Most Rev. Fabian Bruskwitz, Diocese of Lincoln, P.O. Box 80328, Lincoln, NE 68501
- Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson, D.D., 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104
- Most Rev. Raphael M. Fliss, 1201 Hughitt Ave., P.O. Box 969, Superior, WI 54880
- Most Rev. Edward Grosz, 123 Townsend St. Stanislaus, Buffalo, NY 14212
- Most Rev. Thad J. Jakubowski, 6002 West Berteau Ave., Chicago, IL 60634
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- Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec, Diocese of Buffalo, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203
- Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, P.O. Box 1127, Knoxville, TN 37919
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- Most Rev. Dale J. Melczek, Diocese of Gary, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410
- Most Rev. Robert C. Morlino, 3577 High Point Rd., Madison, WI 53744
- Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, IL 60804
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**NEXT PAPA CONVENTION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
APRIL 4-8, 2005
SEE DETAILS INSIDE . . .**

PAPA CORRESPONDENTS

Diocese of Brooklyn

The Polish Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn hosted its 13th Annual Polish Heritage Day Mass on Sunday, October 24, 2004, at St. Matthias Parish in the Ridgewood section of Queens. This year's celebration focused on the 150th Anniversary of Polish Parochial Ministry in the United States and acknowledged the sesquicentennial of the establishment of the first Polish parish in Panna Maria, Texas. The celebrant and homilist of the Mass was the Most Reverend Edward Bialoglowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Rzeszów, Poland. The Most Reverend Nicholas A. DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, presided. The Most Reverend Rene A. Valero, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, concelebrated along with the Episcopal Vicars of the Diocese and the priest members of the Apostolate.

The Consul-General of the Republic of Poland attached to the Polish Consulate on Madison Avenue in New York City, Agnieszka Magdriak-Miszewska, was present at the celebration.

Approximately 1,500 people filled St. Matthias Church for the celebration. Scores of children were present in various Polish regional costumes as were Polish veterans, Liga Morska, and students from the various Polish Saturday supplemental schools which are located at numerous Polish parishes throughout the Diocese.

The Apostolate presented Bishop Bialoglowski with a chalice as a sign of their gratitude for his presence. They also presented Bishop DiMarzio with a miter, which had a hand-embroidered Our Lady of Częstochowa on it as well as the Bishop's motto, "Behold Your Mother." The miter was made by a group of Carmelite Sisters in Lublin, Poland.

After the celebration, there was a reception in the school hall for all attending and participating in the Mass, attended by Bishops Bialoglowski and DiMarzio.

The chairman of the celebration was Reverend Thomas C. Machalski, secretary of the Polish Apostolate and past-president and secretary of PAPA. Reverend Canon Peter W. Zendzian, Past President of PAPA, is the coordinator of the Polish Apostolate, and Reverend James J. Meszaros, a member of PAPA, serves as treasurer of the Polish Apostolate.

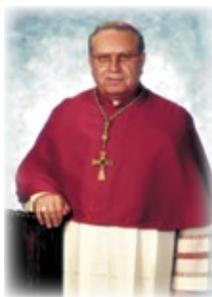
The Polish community of the Diocese of Brooklyn continues to grow with thousands of new immigrants settling in our Diocese each year. After Spanish, Polish is the second most spoken foreign language in the Diocese.

The day after the Polish Heritage Mass, Bishop Bialoglowski celebrated Mass in St. James Cathedral-Basilica, which was taped for transmission to the homebound on the Diocese of Brooklyn cable-television channel, The Prayer Channel. One Sunday each month, Mass celebrated in Polish by one of the priests of the Apostolate is transmitted to the Polish-speaking faithful of the Diocese on The Prayer Channel.

— Rev. Thomas C. Machalski, Correspondent

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Diocese of Buffalo



On Thursday, October 28, 2004, Bishop Edward U. Kmiec was installed as the 13th Bishop of Buffalo by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio, along with Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York. The ceremony was the first installation of a bishop in the diocese since 1995. It was a moment nearly a year in the making, since Bishop Henry J. Mansell left in December 2003 to lead the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut.

Kmiec, 68, a son of Polish immigrants, opened his homily with a Polish salutation and got a quick response in unison from many in the pews.

"I kind of thought some of you might be able to answer me," he said with a smile. He then gave thanks to God and to the pope for sending him to Buffalo. "It is a humbling honor to be considered for such a pastoral responsibility and to be designated by the Holy Father himself," Kmiec said. "Bishops can get pumped up, too, and dear friends I assure you I am pumped up today," Kmiec said in his first homily to a Buffalo congregation. "I've been pumped up for a couple of months now."

Kmiec had served for the last 12 years as bishop of Nashville, Tennessee, a considerably smaller diocese with about 70,000 Catholics, compared with 700,000 in Western New York. He acknowledged a "measure of consternation" about his new assignment and joked that he still had not figured out how to say "no" to the pope. But since being named in August, Kmiec said, he has felt embraced by the people of Buffalo.

"When he speaks in a crowd, he speaks like he's talking to you individually," said the Rev. David W. Bialkowski, administrator of St. John Gualbert Parish in Cheektowaga. "He was so approachable that I hope the size of our diocese doesn't change him."

Edward Cardinal Egan, who has known Kmiec for more than 40 years, saw that as unlikely. "He's a man who has great compassion and he's totally self-sacrificing," Egan said in an interview after the installation. "He's wonderfully experienced. He learned from a real master, Bishop Ahr, who was one of the great pillars of the Catholic Church."

The ceremony included a Mass. Some of Kmiec's relatives from Minnesota participated in the bearing of gifts to the altar. And in a poignant nod to the universality of the Catholic Church, as well as its diversity in Buffalo, the prayers of the faithful were read in a variety of languages, including Polish, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

— Jay Tokasz, *The Buffalo News*

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Notice from PAPA's Treasurer

Your dues of \$25 for calendar year 2005 are now due. If you are not a member of an organized association of Polish American Priests that pays your dues, you are kindly asked to send your membership dues as soon as possible to allow PAPA to fulfill its responsibilities and make the news of its activities available to you. Please mail your dues to the National Treasurer, Rev. Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, Michigan 48324.

Thank you!



From the Editor

September 9, 2004, was a historical date. The executive board of PAPA held its first national board meeting via a telephone conference call. The call lasted well over an hour and many items were covered.

It was during this call that I volunteered my services as the editor of the PAPA newsletter which you are holding in your hands at this moment.

In preparation for the publishing of this first newsletter, I sent a letter to 38 brother priests throughout the United States asking them to become correspondents for their respective Polish American Priests Association or diocese. Again, the results of this effort again are in your hands.

The newsletter will be as interesting as the news that is received from correspondents. I welcome news from all of you that can be shared in future editions. The task isn't difficult. We only need to want to share news within our circle of ministry with over 2,500 brother priests and ALL the bishops of the United States and Poland.

Write often. If there isn't anything about your association or diocese it only means that the priest to whom I had written wasn't interested in becoming the correspondent. Not a single one wrote to say he wasn't interested or would not correspondent. He simply didn't. But you can. And I hope you will.

A Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

— Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, Editor
Orchard Lake, MI



POLAND ISSUES STAMP

Countries exchange "notables", especially heroes and contributors to science, historic events and athletics, and do so on postage stamps. The first landing on the Moon, the 1000th anniversary of the establishment of a nation or a recipient of the Noble Peace Prize are often printed on everyday stamps. Yet, in April 2004, the Republic of Poland printed and distributed a stamp bearing the image of the late Monsignor Lucyan Bojnowski and his parish church in New Britain, Connecticut. This stamp gives a particular distinction to this outstanding leader of American Polonia, noting his efforts while based at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, as an immigrant and graduate of the "Polish Seminary", now SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, located on the shores of Orchard Lake, MI.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lucyan Bojnowski was born in Poland in 1868, emigrated to the United States and studied for the Holy Priesthood at the Polish Seminary then located in Detroit. On January 20, 1895, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Hartford and appointed pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in September 1895, where he remained until his retirement in 1959. He built two churches, established a female religious community – the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception – in 1904, the first parochial school in 1910, and orphanage in 1924, a home for the elderly in 1925, and was editor of the Polish Catholic Weekly. The congregation in New Britain grew to over 3,000 families and the school population to over 1,400 students. A wise leader and committed to Christian moral principles, Msgr. Bojnowski was noted both by the Church authorities and the Polish government with various medals of honor. He died in 1960.

Now featured on a Polish postal stamp, the efforts and contributions of Monsignor Lucyan Bojnowski, graduate of the Polish Seminary and Polonia leader, will long be remembered.

— Rev. Joseph Sredzinski, Correspondent, St. Hubert Church
Point Marion, PA

I Saw Her Face

I had the good fortune of seeing the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa up close with my own eyes. There were several of us: the General of the Pauline Fathers, a few Pauline Fathers, the conservator and his assistant, and the assistant editor of NIEDZIELA, Lidia Dudkiewicz. The atmosphere of this meeting was unusual. The picture of Our Lady lay on a table. We knelt down. I did this in a spirit of faith, in a spirit of deep reverence and of the great experience of the presence of the Mother of God, who deserves the deepest respect. There followed a profound silence. We made ourselves aware of the fact that we were looking at an unusual work of grace. I recalled the words of the Servant of God Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski: "Oh, how beautiful she is!" We were gazing at her Miraculous Face.

One of the hymns refers to her as the Black Madonna, but she's not at all black. She is of the color of bread. Words are lacking that would be able to express her beauty. The original which is painted on three boards beams with beauty and grace. With the permission of the conservator I touch my rosary beads to the picture. Henceforth she will always be with me in my rosary. We pose questions to the Pauline Fathers, guardians of the picture, and to the conservator. Do they, being in the presence of the picture on a day-to-day basis, have the same feelings as we? They say, "Yes." There is in the face of Our Lady of Czestochowa some other-worldly power that makes one want to be next to it as next to a spring: there is a sense of awareness of touching the divine.

It's evening. I gaze at the picture of Mary hanging in my room but I know that it is not the same picture. I know that the original painting of Our Lady of Czestochowa cannot be copied. Even an excellent photograph will show a different face.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, endows everyone with her graces. We experience this certitude when we gaze at her holy Image. She shows us Jesus; she does not hide Him.

The Mother of Jesus is also our Mother. We wish to take her into our hearts, into our life. We wish to pay her homage and praise. We also wish to imitate her in fulfilling the will of God.

— Rev. Ireneusz Skubis
Editor-in-Chief, NIEDZIELA [Translated by Rev. Walter Ziemia]

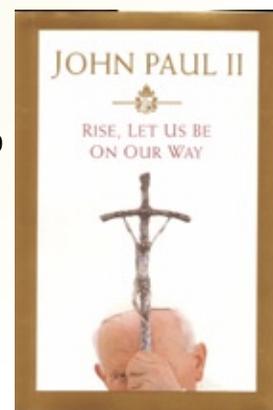
Pope's Latest Book Translated Into English by Orchard Lake Priest



Father Walter J. Ziemia, Rector/President Emeritus of the Orchard Lake Schools, has translated the latest book written by the Holy Father, *RISE, LET US BE ON OUR WAY*, at the request of the Pope's Secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz. The book recalls the years of the Holy Father when he was bishop in Poland. Available in bookstores throughout the country it can also be purchased in either its original Polish version or the translation from

St. Mary's Bookstore located on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools. Please call 248-683-0321 to order.

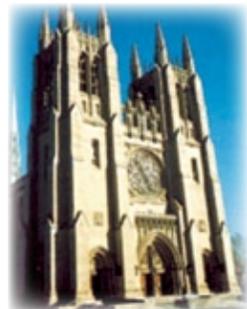
Father Ziemia has been a close friend of the Holy Father since the Pope's visit to the United States in 1969 when he accompanied the then Karol Cardinal Wojtyla throughout the United States during the Cardinal's first visit to this country. Cardinal Wojtyla also stayed at the Castle Building on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools during his second visit to the United States in 1976, two years before his election to the Papacy.



PAPA CORRESPONDENTS

Archdiocese of Detroit

Three Polish Americans, Father Richard Lewnau, Father James Smalarz, and Father Todd Mistor were among the seven new priests ordained by Adam Cardinal Maida at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on May 29, 2004.



Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Fifteen seminarians from Poland began their studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan on July 19, 2004, joining twenty-two returning seminarians at the Seminary.

The Priests Conference for Polish Affairs of the Archdiocese of Detroit mourns the loss of Father Michael Koltuniak, who passed away on November 19, 2004, at the age of 91. His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida officiated at the funeral mass at Our Lady of Apostles Church in Hamtramck, Michigan, Father Koltuniak's home parish. Among his many assignments, Father Koltuniak taught at

the Orchard Lake Schools for 24 years from 1944 to 1968.

May he rest in peace.

— Rev. Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, Correspondent

Diocese of Fall River



Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption

In July 2004, Bishop George W. Coleman named Rev. Marek Tuptynski as pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Somerset, Massachusetts. Rev. Tuptynski (SSCM '97), became the first from among seven young Polish priests serving in the Diocese of Fall River, located in southeastern Massachusetts, to be named a pastor.

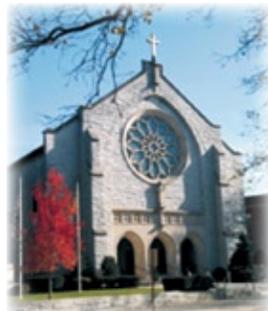
Following more than three years of missionary work in Honduras, Fr. Joseph Blyskosz (SSCM '95) has been named director of the Spanish Apostolate for the Diocese of Fall River.

In June 2004, Rev. Pawel A. Swiercz of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Osterville on Cape Cod, Diocese of Fall River, celebrated the 10th Anniversary of his priestly ordination. Congratulations!

— Rev. Pawel A. Swiercz, Correspondent

Diocese of Metuchen

On October 31, 2004, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Polish Parochial Ministry in the United States with a concelebrated Mass presided by Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski in St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen, New Jersey. Father Joe Romanoski, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, South Amboy, New Jersey, served as the general coordinator of this event and executed a superb event.



St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral

— Rev. Andrew L. Szaroleta, Correspondent

Diocese of Greensburg

The Greensburg Fraternity of Polish Priests conducted the 25th Pilgrimage of Faith on Sunday, October 10, 2004, at St. Stanislaus Church in Calumet, Pennsylvania, with confessions, a Concelebrated Holy Mass in Polish, and Marian devotions of Rosary Walk, Litany to Mary, and Benediction. There were dual themes: the 150th Anniversary of Marian Dogma of Immaculate



Conception and the 150th Anniversary of Panna Maria, Texas.

Rev. Dennis Bogusz conducts a weekly Polka Party over McKeesport, Pennsylvania radio station, **WEDO 810 AM**, on Fridays from 2 - 3 PM.

Rev. Joseph Sredzinski of St. Hubert Church, Point Marion, Pennsylvania, is appointed to serve as National Chaplain to the

Polish Falcons of America for the next four years at the Cromwell, Connecticut convention in July 2004.

Rev. Anthony Wozniak serves as Chaplain at St. Anne Home for the Elderly conducted by the Felician Sisters in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Andrew Kawecki was recently appointed pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Fairchance, Pennsylvania, and its Chapel St. Helen, Shoaf.

Rev. Joseph Sredzinski of St. Hubert Church, Point Marion, Pennsylvania, serves on the Board of Directors of PAPA, produces *THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE*, a Sunday evening radio program which airs at 6:05 PM, with special hymns for the season, over Uniontown radio station **WMBS 590 AM**. Together with Rev. Lawrence Hoppe, a priest of the Greensburg Diocese, he produced a four-week Lenten Radio Retreat beginning February 29, 2004, on the same station. The program featured prepared reflections on Prayer, Fasting, Sacrifice and Spiritual tips for growth in holiness.

— Rev. Joseph Sredzinski, Correspondent

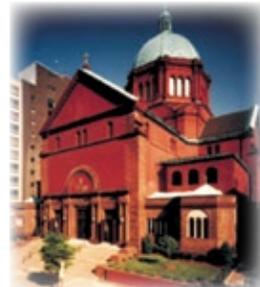
Washington D.C. Metro

The Polish Legion of American Veterans, S/Sgt. Joseph A. Jagiello Post No. 191, held their 20th Annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, September 26, 2004, at Fr. Rosensteel Council, Knights of Columbus, Silver Spring, Maryland. The invocation was given by Rev. Canon Philip Majka, Diocese of Arlington, Post Chaplain.

The Friends of John Paul II Foundation held their Annual Benefit Awards Dinner, **Wadowice on the Potomac**, celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the Papacy of John Paul II, on Sunday, October 16, 2004, at the Fort Myer Officers Club, Arlington, Virginia. The 2004 Honoree was George Weigel, author of **WITNESS TO HOPE**, a biography of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. The invocation was given by Rev. Canon Philip Majka, Chaplain, Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Diocese of Arlington. The benediction was given by Rev. Klemens Dabrowski, Sch., Chaplain, Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

On Friday, October 22, 2004, Rev. Canon Philip Majka attended a reception hosted by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio, in celebration of the 26th Anniversary of the beginning of the Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.

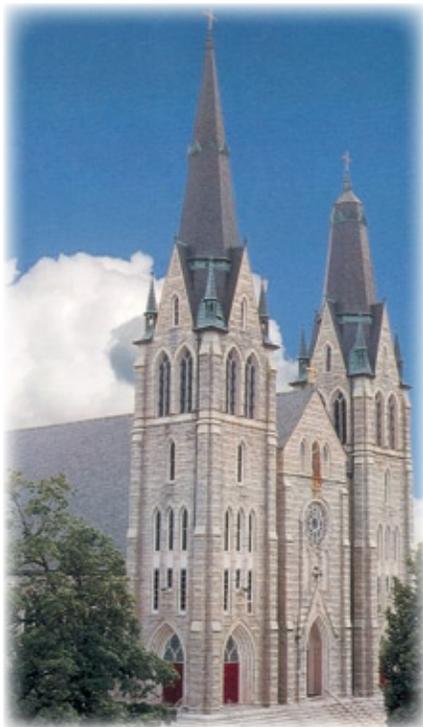
— Rev. Canon Philip Majka, Correspondent



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

PAPA CORRESPONDENTS

Archdiocese of Hartford



Sacred Heart Church celebrated its 110th Anniversary.

Sacred Heart Church in New Britain, Connecticut celebrated its 110th Anniversary on November 7, 2004. The day's events included a bilingual Mass, an historical exhibit in the lower church, a parish reception, and a parish raffle.

Msgr. Lucyan Bojnowski founded the parish in 1894. He was pastor for 65 years and during his pastorate he built a new Church, two schools, and founded a religious order of Sisters, the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception. He purchased land for a cemetery, built an orphanage, a home for the aged, and acquired two houses in New York City for immigrants coming from Poland. He retired in 1959 and died in 1960.

He was succeeded in 1959 by Father John Balasa, who was responsible for building a new rectory, a cemetery chapel, a new convent and renovating the church for its 75th anniversary. Fr. Balasa served as Pastor for 18 years, retiring in 1977.

Father Paul Wysocki became the third pastor and served for 26 years, from 1977 to 2003. He was responsible for installing an elevator for better handicapped accessibility to the Church and upgraded the Church's lighting system.

Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk became the fourth pastor of Sacred Heart in May 2003. He is a native son of the parish, was baptized by the first pastor, Msgr. Bojnowski, attended Sacred Heart School, and received his sacraments at the parish. Msgr. Plocharczyk said his First Mass at Sacred Heart in 1974, and is presently the president of the Polish American Priests' Association (PAPA).

During the 110 years of its existence, Sacred Heart Parish has given more than 70 priests to the Church and countless numbers of women to religious orders. The parish has at least 4,000 registered members. Its weekend Mass schedule includes four English Masses and three Polish Masses, which average an attendance of 3,400 of the Catholic faithful.

— Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk, Correspondent

Diocese of Pittsburgh

Rev. David Kriss, 51, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley, Donora, Pennsylvania, was to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination with his parishioners on October 10, 2004, and was to celebrate Mass at St. Adalbert's in Pittsburgh, his home parish, on October 31, 2004. While at an Alumni class reunion at St. Mary's, Emmitsburgh, Maryland on October 6, 2004, Father Kriss suffered a heart attack at the beginning of Mass and died. His funeral mass was held on October 12, 2004 in Donora, with his brother, Rev. Aaron Kriss, pastor of Holy Martyrs Parish, Tarentum, Pennsylvania, delivering the homily. Approximately 90 priests and three bishops attended the funeral mass. Burial was in the family plot in South Side Pittsburgh. Father Kriss was president of PAPA for the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the past four years.

Rev. Francis Majda, 93, the oldest living Polish priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is residing in the Vincentian Home for the past year. Although his body is weak, his mind is sharp.

Rev. Monsignor Leon Darkowski, a retired Navy Chaplain, recently had back surgery and has been confined to his family home. His last parish was St. Mary Częstochowa in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Because of his ill health, he did not attend the last PAPA convention.

Rev. Zygmunt V. Szarnicki, a retired priest, wrote another book, his ninth, entitled **SING JOYFUL SONGS TO THE LORD**. This book contains reflections, ideas in poetry, and over 100 rhymes. He will have celebrated his 90th birthday on December 13, 2004.

Rev. Miroslaus Stelmaszczyk, pastor of Holy Family Parish, Creighton, Pennsylvania, was designated as **Polonian of the Year** by Centrala, the organization which emphasizes unity among Poles.

— Rev. Zygmunt V. Szarnicki, Correspondent



Bishop Thomas Paprocki To Give Keynote Address At 16th Annual PAPA Convention

PAPA has scheduled 16th Annual Convention on April 4-8, 2005 at the Springhill Suites Hotel, near O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL. Our theme will be **Ministry to Polonia in the New Millennium**. The opening Mass will take place on Monday evening at St. Hyacinth Basilica. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki will give the keynote address on Tuesday morning on the topic, *"The Pastoral Plan for Polonia in light of Novo Millennio Ineunte of Pope John Paul II."* Wednesday's program will feature workshops on various topics, followed by Mass and then dinner at Mundelein Seminary. Thursday, PAPA members will visit the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, Indiana, as well as the Salvatorian Shrine in Merrillville, Indiana. This day will conclude with a banquet at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle in Niles, Illinois.

— Most Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Correspondent



Two New Priests For The Church in the USA



Father Piotr Zugaj was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Nevins for the Diocese of Venice on October 25, 2004. Father Andrew Gruszka was ordained to the priesthood by Roger

Cardinal Mahony for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Both priests completed their Theological studies at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

BISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI: 27TH POL-AM BISHOP IN USA

Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was graduated in 1976 from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School in Middle River, Maryland. He graduated from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. in 1980, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He continued studies for the priesthood at the Theological College at Catholic University and received a S.T.B. in 1984. He was ordained a priest on November 24, 1984 at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen by Archbishop William D. Borders.

Following completion of his internship, Father Rozanski was assigned as associate pastor at St. Anthony of Padua, Gardenville, from June 1985 until June 1990. In May 1986, he was appointed an advocate for the diocesan marriage Tribunal. From July 1988 until July 1993, he served on the Clergy Personnel Board of the Archdiocese.

In June 1990, he was appointed associate pastor at St. Issac Jogues parish in Carney, Maryland.

From March 1993 until June 1999, he served as administrator, then pastor, for Holy Cross and St. Mary, Star of the Sea Churches in South Baltimore. His tenure there began a new phase of ministry as both parishes shared one pastor. During this time, he was elected to serve on the Clergy Personnel Board from 1996 until 1999.

Fr. Rozanski was granted permission to attend the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the North American College in Rome, Italy from September until November 1999. Upon his return to the United States, he was appointed administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Towson, Maryland from January 1, 2000 until June 5, 2000.

He was then appointed administrator, then pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park, Maryland and served there from June 2000 until July 2004. In 2001 he was appointed by William Cardinal Keeler to the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and a member of the Priest Senate. He was named a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor on December 8, 2003.

On July 3, 2004, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, Maryland and titular bishop of Walla Walla. On August 24, 2004, he was ordained as bishop and named Vicar General and Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Vicariate of the Archdiocese. He continues to serve on the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese.



I Long To See Your Face

by Rev. Zygmunt V. Szarnicki



*I look up into the sky,
There I see birds fly.*

*I look into the sea,
There fish I find and see.*

*I do not force your heart to me,
Your love as mine must be free.*

*Yes, my love I give to you,
Your love in return I long too.*

*I gaze into your eyes,
No tears do I find arise,
I peer into your heart
Love tell me who thou art.*

*Prepare your heart to be with me
You will with purity my glory see.
Whatever you were formerly
Certainly I do not want to see.*

*I close my eyes, I hear your voice;
Yours is the voice of my choice.
It resounds with beauty to my ears
Out, out it says to all my fears.*

*It is now, today, and every day
"Love you," my voice will ever say.
I have a heavenly place for you
For your heart and love are true.*

*Words need not be to me said,
My heart and soul on you are fed.
You on this earth willingly came
But not to seek glory and fame.*

*Joy, happiness, contentment, peace,
These eternal joys will never cease.
There the vision of your face,
Forever my joy, forever to gaze.*

*You did come as meekly as a dove
To seek and find people with love
You loved all mankind first,
Today, you for our love do thirst.*

*Your face is beauty and peace;
From it my heart's longing cease,
Overwhelmed is my soul and heart
For now the vision of your face
will never part.*

FELICIAN SISTERS ANNOUNCE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Felician Sisters joyfully announce a year of celebration beginning on November 21, 2004, commemorating the sesquicentennial year of their founding in Warsaw, Poland in 1855 by Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska. The Sisters humbly request PAPA's prayerful remembrance as they recommit themselves "To cooperate with Christ in the spiritual renewal of the world." (Felician Sisters Mission Statement.) In honor of this Jubilee the Generalate and each of the 12 provinces of the Felician Sisters will direct part of their resources toward addressing some need of the human family where the Sisters minister.

June 26, 2004 Set As Date Of American Częstochowa

Mark your calendars and prepare to join in the celebration being planned by the Pauline Fathers for the 50th Anniversary of the Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Doylestown, PA. Cardinals and Bishops and Priests from Poland and the United States are expected to join thousands of pilgrims to mark the blessed occasion.

PAPA JOINS NFPC

PAPA is a new member of the National Federation of Priests Councils (NFPC). The delegates at the Syracuse convention in April unanimously endorsed the motion. The NFPC and its national CEO, Father Silva, work tirelessly for the welfare of priests in the USA.

Panna Maria's 150th Anniversary Celebrated December 11-12, 2004

Descendants of the gallant group of immigrants who attended the very first Mass under a still vibrant oak tree in Panna Maria, TX, celebrated by the patriarch of organized Polonia, Rev. Leopold Moczygemba, OFM Conv., were joined by hundreds of others marking this important anniversary.



Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, celebrated the anniversary Mass and preached the homily. Details of the December 11-12 celebration will appear in the next issue of the **PAPA BULLETIN**.

Whom have you asked today to consider becoming a Priest?



DETROIT POLONIA MARKS 150 YEARS OF POLISH MINISTRY



On Sunday, October 10, more than a thousand faithful gathered at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit to mark the 150th anniversary of the Polish Ministry in the United States.

Scores of priests joined Adam Cardinal Maida for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, of which his Eminence was also the homilist.

A reception for everyone, sponsored by the Priests Conference for Polish Affairs (PCPA) of the Archdiocese of Detroit, of which His Excellency Bishop Francis J. Reiss is pastor, followed the Liturgy.

MOSAIC OF DIVINE MERCY PROJECT DEVELOPING

EARLY IN 2004 THE POLISH AMERICAN PRIESTS ASSOCIATION WAS APPROACHED TO PARTICIPATE IN RAISING NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOSAIC FOR THE POPE JOHN PAUL II CULTURAL CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PROGRESS ON MATERIALIZING THE PROJECT HAS BEEN SLOWER THAN EXPECTED BUT RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ADAM CARDINAL MAIDA HAVE ENERGIZED THE EFFORTS AND WE HOPE THAT MOST OF THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE YEAR. INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS FROM PAPA AMOUNTED TO ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT. THE MOSAIC WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CHAPEL OF THE POPE JOHN PAUL II CULTURAL CENTER.

GOD BLESS YOU!



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