

POLISH AMERICAN PRIESTS 'ASSOCIATION

The objectives of the Polish American Priests' Association are:

1. To foster fraternity, solidarity, unity, and mutual support among Polish American priests.
2. To serve as a support system to priestly spirituality, ministry and pastoral activity by promoting and encouraging the renewal and preservation of liturgical customs, traditions, and heritage of the American Polonia.
3. To develop the priestly identity of Polish American priests in the United States; to act as advocates for their rights as persons and pastoral agents, and to support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities and needs.
4. To take a position in regard to problems that affect Polish American priests and their local communities.
5. To collaborate with Orchard Lake Schools in the implementation of an effective pastoral program for the spiritual needs of the American Polonia.
6. To promote the acceptance of Polish-born priests and to encourage their integration into American society in terms of language and culture.
7. To encourage solidarity and network of communication between diocesan or regional Polish American Priests' groups as a vehicle to express common concerns and to address particular issues of Polish American priests.
8. To provide a national forum for Polish American priests in which personal and pastoral experience are shared and focused toward a common vision which will help resolve questions that arise in various Polish American communities.
9. To provide individual priests, living in areas where there is no Polish American priests' group, a forum for expressing their personal experiences and concerns.
10. To cooperate, where feasible, with all organizations and agencies which promote the religious, educational, social, economic, and political welfare of the Polish American community.
11. To contribute, in a positive way, to the mosaic of American Catholicism by sharing with it the treasures of the Polish Catholicism.
12. To represent the Polish-American clergy and cooperate with the laity before the various departments of ecclesiastical and civil government.
13. To be a significant voice of the Polish-American clergy before the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
14. To promote vocation within the Polish American community to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and lay ministries, as well as acceptance of Polish-born priests and seminarians into the dioceses of the United States.