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New Dioceses For Polish-American Ordinaries

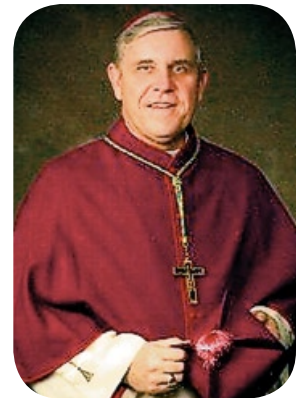
Since the publication of our last **PAPA BULLETIN**, two Polish-American bishops were appointed to new dioceses by our late Holy Father, John Paul II.



Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson was transferred from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.



Most Rev. Jerome F. Listecki, Auxiliary of Chicago was appointed as Ordinary of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin.



**Congratulations from PAPA!
Szczęść Boże! Sto Lat!**

ROMAN CATHOLIC – POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC DIALOGUE

The Roman Catholic Church (RCC)—Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) Dialogue held its spring session May 10-11, 2005 in Buffalo, New York. It was hosted by Most Rev. Thaddeus Peplowski, Bishop of the PNCC's Buffalo/Pittsburgh Diocese, at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral. The meeting was presided over

RET. BISHOP ALOYSIUS J. WYCISLO DIES AT 97

Wisconsin Bishop Wycisło, the oldest Catholic bishop in the United States died October 11 from pneumonia. He had been one of a handful of living U.S. bishops who attended all sessions of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. He was entombed at Allouez Catholic Mausoleum Chapel in Green Bay, following his Funeral Mass on October 15 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. A bishop since 1960, His Excellency headed the Diocese of Green Bay from 1969-83. Earlier, as field director of Catholic Relief efforts during and after World War II, he directed the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of displaced persons, establishing 262 welfare centers in 23 European countries.



by His Grace Bishop John F. Swantek, Prime Bishop Emeritus of the PNCC, and Most Reverend Edward U. Kmiec, Roman Catholic Bishop of Buffalo. Bishop Kmiec announced that he had accepted an invitation from Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Chairman of the Bishops' committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, to serve as co-Chairman of the Dialogue. Rev. Philip Altavilla, the Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Scranton, has been appointed as a Roman Catholic member of the Commission.

Most Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, the Prime Bishop of the PNCC, reported on his attendance of the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Rome in April. He and his fellow travelers from the PNCC were well received by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and had positive discussions with members of the Pontifical Council's staff.

Some issues related to sacramental sharing between the churches were also discussed, including the situation of deployed military chaplains and the need to present the relevant discipline of the churches in an accurate manner to the faithful.

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A Message from the PAPA President –



Niech Będzie Pochwalony, Jezus Chrystus!

This year has been extraordinary for all of us in PAPA. In December, 2004, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas. The outdoor Mass, celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, began a weekend of activities commemorating this historic event. The celebrating continued with the Anniversary Banquet in San Antonio. What took place 150 years ago, has meaning for every Polish parish and every Polish American Priest in the United States. What started with a small group at Christmas Midnight Mass under a tree at Panna Maria, has blossomed into the establishment of all of our present day Polish Parishes and has produced so many famous Polish American Priests, who worked to establish ministry to Polonia in America.

Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, designated October 2004 through October 2005, as the Year of the Eucharist. He envisioned that all people throughout the world would recognize the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. He encouraged everyone to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament and to start Eucharistic Devotion through Holy Hours and to continue the Forty Hours Devotions.

Sincere words of thanks are extended to our brothers from Chicago for hosting the 2005 Annual PAPA Convention. Under the leadership of Bishop Thomas Paprocki and

Father Thomas Bernas and the convention committee, the members of PAPA were able to meet and to share our joys, our sorrows, our concerns, and our vision for the future ministry to Polonia in the United States. Little did we realize when this convention was planned, that one of the most significant events of this new century involving not only Polish American Priests, but the whole world, would take place during this very week.

On Saturday, April 2, 2005, the weekend before the start of our convention, Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, died. While there was some hesitation, I am most grateful to the PAPA members and the Archdiocese of Chicago for moving forward with the convention as planned. PAPA members throughout the United States met in Chicago and we mourned the Pope's passing, we prayed and offered Masses in various Polish Churches, and we expressed our gratitude to God for giving the Church such an inspired and Holy Leader for 26 years.

Once again, I express my thanks to the PAPA membership for electing me as your President. I am truly honored to be a member of this brotherhood of Priests, who attempt to do God's work here on earth in continuing to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Newark, New Jersey for our 2006 Convention!



Sczczęś Boże!

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

RCC – PNCC CONTINUE DIALOGUE

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The next session of the RCC—PNCC Dialogue took place in Buffalo, hosted by Bishop Kmiec, on September 19-20, 2005. Items for discussion included an examination of responses received to Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*, an initial Roman Catholic response to the PNCC paper on Church Unity, the concept of jurisdiction in the context of a communion ecclesiology, and considerations of a possible Common Statement on our commitment to unity.

The PNCC—RCC Dialogue has been meeting semiannually since it was established in 1984.

**NEXT PAPA CONVENTION
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 24-28, 2006
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

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From the Editor –

The months after our 2005 convention in Chicago have not eradicated the memories of that event. When the convention organizers issued their invitation for us to come to the Windy City, no one could have imagined that our gathering would be taking place simultaneously with the wake and funeral of our beloved Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. Under these circumstances, the hosts and the participants still made the 2005 Chicago Convention wonderful and successful.

This editor went out on the limb in announcing that the PAPA Bulletin would print the magnificent opening address of Bishop Thomas Paprocki, a Chicago convention co-chairman. He assures all readers that the 30-page typewritten text will be mailed to all who request it by writing to him or calling (248) 682-0880. Participants at the convention received copies during the sessions. Printing it as part of this **PAPA BULLETIN** would have been much too costly.

I'm grateful to all the correspondents who made this edition of the **PAPA BULLETIN** possible. I invite all our priest members in the United States to share news with us of happenings in their vineyards of which they want the readers to be aware.

I am amazed at the number of calendars I have already received from non-profit organizations for the New Year 2006. If you have the same experience, don't forget to mark the dates April 24-28, 2006 for our next convention, which will be in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

October 16th has been chosen in Poland as **Pope John Paul II Day** and will be observed annually. I hope

that we priests can follow that example and do likewise in our parishes, institutions, and throughout Polonia. If you have enjoyed a celebration commemorating this most famous Pole, please forward pictures and captions about your individual events to me for the next issue.

The re-internment of the remains of General Casimir Pulaski in Savanna,

Georgia during the weekend of October 8-9, 2005, was **the** national event of the Annual Polish Heritage Month celebration. We should be observing October as Polish Heritage Month annually. Michael Blicharz of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the national coordinator – he has tons of ideas how to do it.

We extend our sincerest best wishes and congratulations to Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz on his

appointment as Archbishop of Kraków. Who of us won't be eternally grateful to him for the kindness and consideration we all received when we journeyed to the Vatican during the Pontificate of Pope John Paul II! Bóg Zapłać. Księżę Arcybiskupie! Sto lat! Ad Multos Annos!

Congratulations to Virginia Sikora, National President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America and currently the national president of the Polish American Congress on receiving the 2005 Pride of Polonia Award during the last week-end in August at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa which on June 26, celebrated its Golden Anniversary. Congratulations to the Pauline Fathers, too!



Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski

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

*His Excellency Stanisław Dziwisz
Archbishop of Kraków*

Divine Providence . . .

The Hand of Divine Providence to the Krakówian Episcopal hand
And placed it on the sacerdotal shoulder of a young priest . . .
Stanisław . . .

Karol called him . . . to a unique ecclesiastical service . . .
To be with him . . . work with him . . . labor with him . . .
His humble positive response fruitfully effected . . .
A lifetime of prudent and willing cooperation.

From Kraków . . . to the Vatican . . . to the See of Peter . . .
And now, alone . . . back to Kraków . . . back home
To continue the centuries-old tradition . . .
Of Archdiocesan Metropolitans . . .

Once in the shadow of Papal light . . .
Now himself the light of his archdiocesan homeland . . .
Once himself expressing his "Yes" . . .
Now inviting others to do likewise . . .
Once responding affirmatively to his Cardinal's invitation:
"Come, follow me," . . .
Now speaking the same words to those given to his care.

So many lessons learned . . . now to be taught . . .
So many examples received . . . now to be given . . .
So many inspirations witnessed . . . now to be shared . . .

Our prayer:

Guide him . . . Saint John Paul, the Great
Protect him . . . Saint John Paul, the Great
Support him . . . Saint John Paul, the Great
And guide . . . protect . . . and support us, too . . .
Our beloved, Saint John Paul, the Great!

*– Father Walter J. Ziembra
Orchard Lake, Michigan, July 14, 2005*



PAPA CORRESPONDENTS

Diocese of Albany

Closing and clustering of parishes have been particularly difficult in the past three years among our Polish parishes in the Diocese of Albany. Holy Trinity Polish Parish celebrated its last Mass on Christmas Day in 2003. August 29, 2004 witnessed the last day for Holy Eucharist at St. Casimir's Catholic Church in Albany, New York. The last Mass at Immaculate Conception Polish Church in Watervliet, New York, took place on May 29, 2005. The Church remains open for the time being as a worship site.

Rev. Piotr Tkocz was appointed Administrator on June 1, 2005 of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cohoes, New York.

The future of two Polish parishes in Amsterdam remains in limbo with the impending retirement in 2006 of the Pastor, Father Stanislaus Swierzawski, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The 112-year old school at St. Stanislaus, the last Polish parochial school in the diocese, closed in June.



On July 29, under the leadership of Father Carl Urban, the Annual Polish Day at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York, took place. Bishop Francis Reiss, Auxiliary of Detroit, was the celebrant and homilist at the 4 PM Polish Mass.

— From Father Carl Urban
Albany, New York



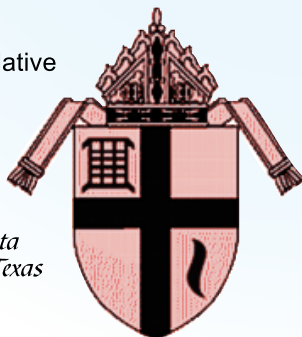
*Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception*

Diocese of Amarillo

Bishop William E. Lori, Ordinary of Bridgeport, Connecticut, has a Polish secretary: Father Darius Zielonka.

Bishop Antonio Bonifacio Reiman Panic, OFM, from Bolivia, a distant relative of Bishop John Yanta, visited the United States. He made stops at San Antonio and Panna Maria. Bishop Panic is originally from the Opole region of Poland.

— From Bishop John J. Yanta
Amarillo, Texas



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Diocese of Brooklyn

On May 1, the Polish community of the Diocese of Brooklyn joined with Polonia in the Archdiocese of New York for a Mass during which His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan dedicated a new side altar/chapel in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The altar/chapel also has statues of St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Casimir, St. Stanislaus B. & M., St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Hedwig, and St. Faustina with the image of the Divine Mercy. Mosaic coat-of-arms of the Cardinal and Pope John Paul II are also part of the chapel.

The Polish community participated in the Annual Diocesan Migration Day Mass & Celebration at St. James Cathedral-Basilica held on Saturday, May 7, 2005. The main celebrant of the Mass was the Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, D.D., Ph.D., Bishop of Brooklyn.

The Polish Apostolate, in honor of the Year of the Eucharist, organized a special Mass for all the First Communicants of the Polish parishes and missions in the Diocese. The Mass was held on Thursday, May 26, which was the Feast of Corpus Christi in Poland, at St. James Cathedral-Basilica. The main celebrant of the Mass was the Rector of the Cathedral-Basilica, Rev. Msgr. John J. Strykowski, and the homilist was Rev. Thomas C. Machalski, Vice-Officialis, and Secretary of the Polish Apostolate of the Diocese. The Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, D.D., Ph.D., presided. After Mass, Bishop DiMarzio blessed and distributed holy cards and pins to all the First Communicants present. The entire liturgy, which was celebrated in Polish, was transmitted live in the diocesan cable station, The Prayer Channel.

On Sunday, June 12, 2005, the parish of St. Frances de Chantel in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn held a special Mass in conjunction with the blessing and dedication of a 12-foot high statue of Pope John Paul II, which was made in Kraków. Originally, His Excellency, The Most Rev. Stanislaw Dziwisz, was scheduled to preside at the celebration, but just a few days before Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Archbishop of Kraków, so Archbishop Dziwisz sent The Most Rev. Tadeusz Pieronek as his representative. The Most Rev. Thomas V. Daily, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus of Brooklyn, joined in the celebration along with the priests of the Apostolate. Also present were representatives from the Polish Consulate in New York, the Ambassador of Poland to the United Nations, and the artists who designed and sculpted the statue. More than 3,000 people endured oppressive heat and high humidity standing for hours both in and outside the Church for the Mass and Dedication. The parish is entrusted to the pastoral care of the Pallotine Fathers from Poland.

Polonia of the Diocese of Brooklyn went on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on June 26 to join in the festivities connected with the Shrine's Golden Jubilee, which was celebrated at a Mass celebrated by Their Eminences Justin Cardinal Rigali, Józef Cardinal Glemp, Henryk Cardinal Gulbinowicz, and Adam Cardinal Maida. Also, present were Their Excellencies



Diocese of Brooklyn

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the Most Revs. Szczepan Wesoły, Thomas Wenski, Thad Jakubowski, and Thomas Paprocki.

In July, the Most Rev. Richard Karpiński, Auxiliary Bishop of Lublin and Spiritual Guardian of Worldwide Polonia for the Polish Episcopal Conference, paid a brief visit to the Parish of Holy Cross in Maspeth, New York, and an informal barbeque with the priests of the Apostolate was hosted by the pastor, Rev. Canon Peter W. Żendzian.

The Most Rev. Artur G. Miziński, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Lublin, also paid a brief visit to Polonia of the Diocese on the weekend of July 9-10, 2005. He greeted the people of Holy Cross, Maspeth, on Saturday evening. On Sunday, he celebrated Masses at St. Josaphat in Bayside, New York, St. Stanislaus B. & M. in Ozone Park, New York, and Our Lady of Częstochowa-St. Casimir in Brooklyn, New York.

The parishes joined other Polonian organizations in marking Polish Heritage Night sponsored by the New York Mets at Shea Stadium. Rev. Thomas C. Machalski arranged for the evening, which allowed Polonia to share its heritage with others. New York Polonia honored Mets first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz with its Polish Pride Award. Father Machalski also was honored by the Mets with the Spirit of the Mets Award for organizing the evening that featured Polish dance groups, a polka band, and a Polish choir.

The month of September has been filled with preparations for the celebration of Polish Heritage Month in October as well as the Annual

Pulaski Day Parade on the first Sunday in October when thousands of Poles march down Fifth Avenue in New York City to celebrate their culture. The Parade is preceded by a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral and a breakfast at one of the famous hotels in New York City. Before the parade a gala banquet is held in the Waldorf Astoria in honor of the Grand Marshal of the Parade and the local marshals and Miss Polonias.



The Diocese of Brooklyn is comprised of two of the five boroughs of the City of New York—Kings County (more popularly known as Brooklyn) and Queens County. For many years, the Brooklyn Borough President has held a ceremony marking Polish Heritage Month and honoring the leaders of Polonia in Brooklyn. This year, thanks to the efforts of Fr. Machalski, the Queens Borough President is holding for the first time, also such a ceremony on Tuesday, October 4, 2005. The Polish Apostolate had wholeheartedly supported Fr.

Machalski in his quest of making this celebration a reality.

On October 15, the Apostolate partakes in the Diocese's celebration marking the end of the Year of the Eucharist by participating in the various religious exercises, multilingual Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mass that will be celebrated at KeySpan Park Baseball Stadium in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn.

The Polish Apostolate hosts its 14th Annual Polish Heritage Mass on Sunday, October 30, 2005, at the Church of St. Catharine of Alexandria, Brooklyn. The Most

Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, D.D., Ph.D. will preside and The Most Rev. Stanislaw Stefanek, S.Ch., Bishop of Łomża, will be the main celebrant and homilist. The auxiliary bishops, Vicars General, Episcopal Vicars, and members of the Polish Apostolate will concelebrate the Mass. A reception for those attending and an opportunity for Bishop Stefanek to mingle with Polonia of the Diocese will be held after the Mass.

Due to changing demographics and a reconfiguration plan to strengthen Catholic education, the parish school of Holy Cross, Maspeth, will not reopen its doors this fall. The school has been in operation for 92 years. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who staffed the school for almost 90 of those years, will also be leaving the parish.

Father Richard P. Zuk was ordained to the Priesthood on June 4, 2005, at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio.

— *From Rev. Thomas C. Machalski, Jr.
Brooklyn, New York*



Whom have you asked today
to consider
becoming a Priest?



Diocese of Buffalo

The officers and members of the Association of Priests for Polish Affairs (APPA) in the Diocese of Buffalo are pleased and delighted with the tremendous leadership now being offered in the Diocese by Bishop Edward Kmiec, who was appointed almost a year ago as the Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Buffalo, New York. Polonia is truly pleased that in the 150 plus years of the history of the Diocese, this is the first time that a Bishop of Polish-American descent has been appointed as Diocesan Bishop. In addition, Bishop Edward M. Grosz, of Polish-American background, assists Bishop Kmiec in serving as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Buffalo, as well as Vicar General.

The members of APPA in Western New York will cooperate with a Strategic Planning Process, spearheaded by Bishop Kmiec, which is basically a 2 ½ year process to review and evaluate the Parishes and Institutions of the Diocese. The intent of the Strategic Plan is to strengthen the presence of the Church in the eight counties of Western New York. Obviously, due to the change in demographics, as well as the declining numbers of priests, serious decisions will have to be made relative to the number of Parishes and Institutions which will continue to thrive in the Diocese of Buffalo. Bishop Kmiec has appointed Bishop Grosz to serve as one of the 24 members on the Strategic Planning Commission. Input regarding the Planning Process can be given by all parishioners to their own Pastors. Parishes will cluster within their own particular Vicariates, and make recommendations to the Vicariate Council, which recommendations will then be forwarded to the Strategic Planning Commission. After study and research, the Strategic Planning Commission will then make recommendations to Bishop Kmiec relative to action to be taken in regard to the Parishes and Institutions of the Diocese. The entire process, entitled **JOURNEY IN FAITH AND HOPE**, will, by the grace of God, strengthen the presence of the Church throughout the Western New York area.

In regard to St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church, the Mother Church of Polonia, Bishop Edward Grosz, Pastor, works closely with members of the Parish Council and parishioners in the renovation and restoration of the historic Parish facilities. The Parish continues to establish outreach to all the various societies of Polonia inviting them to come back to the Mother Church of Polonia for their various meetings, as well as their liturgical, social, and educational activities. The invitation to the organizations and the response from the organizations of Polonia can certainly bring life to the Mother Church of Polonia in the Diocese of Buffalo. The intent of the Mother Church of Polonia is also to strengthen the networking among the various organizations of Polonia in the area.

— From Bishop Edward M. Grosz, D.D., V.G.
Buffalo, New York



Diocese of Charleston

Marcin Zahuta, originally from Poland and currently a student of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, was ordained a deacon by Bishop Robert J. Baker at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, South Carolina on Saturday, May 21, 2005.



Archdiocese of Chicago

SIX POLISH PRIESTS

ORDAINED FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

His Eminence, Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., ordained six priests from Poland, all graduates of Chicago's Bishop Abramowicz Seminary, as priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, at Holy Name Cathedral on May 21, 2005. They are Rev. Robert Fedek, Rev. Piotr Gnoinski, Rev. Grzegorz Gorzyca, Rev. Krzysztof Janczak, Rev. Krzysztof Paluch, and Rev. Pawel Zemczak. They began their assignments in the Archdiocese of Chicago after returning from Poland, where they had celebrated First Masses of Thanksgiving with their families. On Sunday, June 5, 2005, Father Fedek, Associate Pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Mundelein, Illinois, celebrated a First Mass in Hałcnów, near Bielsko-Żywiec. Father Gorzyca, Associate Pastor at St. Pascal Parish in Chicago, celebrated a First Mass in Strzyżów, which is in the Diocese of Rzeszów. Father Janczak, Associate Pastor at St. John Brebeuf Parish in Niles, Illinois, celebrated his First Mass at St. Queen Hedwig Church, one of the largest parishes in Kraków. Father Paluch, Associate Pastor at Transfiguration Parish in Wauconda, Illinois, celebrated a First Mass in Zubrzyca Dolna. On Sunday, June 12, Father Zemczak, Associate Pastor of St. Louise de Marillac Parish in LaGrange Park, celebrated his First Mass at the Church of the Annunciation BVM in Juszczynie, a small village near the city of Żywiec. Father Gnoinski, Associate Pastor at St. Francis Borgia Parish in Chicago, celebrated a First Mass in Olesno, Poland, in the Diocese of Tarnów, on August 14.

In keeping with the resolution adopted at the PAPA Convention in Chicago in April, these newly-ordained priests are being given a one-year complimentary membership in the Polish American Priests Association. **Ad multos annos!**

— From Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki
Chicago, Illinois



Participants at the 2005 PAPA National Convention in Chicago

Rev. Msgr. John Abucewicz-Boston
Rev. Dariusz Barna, OFM Conv.-Buffalo
Rev. Thomas Bernas-Chicago
Rev. David Bialkowski-Buffalo
Rev. Thaddeus Bocianowski-Buffalo
Rev. Mark Borkowski-Detroit
Rev. John Borzuchowski-New York
Rev. Lawrence Bukaty-Allentown
Rev. Wiesław Ciemiega, OFM Conv.-Buffalo
Rev. William Cook-Newark
Rev. Marian Drozd-Metuchen
Rev. Anthony Dziorek, C.R.-Chicago
Rev. Peter Galek-Chicago
Rev. Casimir Garbacz, SVD-Chicago
Rev. Jerzy Gawlik-Chicago
Rev. Michael Gubernat-Newark
Rev. Arthur Hapanowicz-Syracuse
Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc-Providence
Most Rev. Thad Jakubowski-Chicago
Rev. Stanley Jankowski-Chicago
Mr. James Jurgajtis-San Antonio
Mrs. Louise Jurgajtis-San Antonio
Rev. Jan Kaplan-Chicago
Most Rev. Richard Karpinski

Thank you, Chicago!

The hospitable arms of the Windy City were thrown open April 4-8, 2005 to welcome the 90 some delegates at the Spring Hills Marriott Hotel near the O'Hare Airport for the 16th Annual Convention of the Polish American Priests Association (PAPA).

The opening Mass was offered at St. Hyacinth's Basilica with bishop Paprocki as celebrant, Bishop Thad Jakubowski as homilist, and the Resurrectionist Fathers as hosts of the welcoming dinner.

On Tuesday, the delegates heard the Convention Keynote address by Bishop Thomas Paprocki. They lunched at St. Constance Parish where Father Thaddius Dzieszko is pastor and then visited St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary, where they concelebrated mass, had dinner with the seminarians, and met with the seminarians of Bishop Abramowicz Seminary.

Wednesday morning was spent participating in various workshops. The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) hosted lunch at its national headquarters. The delegates visited the Polish Museum of America in the PRCUA Building, then visited Holy Trinity Polish Mission. The Mass in the afternoon was in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church followed by dinner in the Signature Room of the 95th Floor of the John Hancock Building. The evening was free for the delegates who had a variety of side trips from which to choose.

Thursday morning was devoted to business meetings followed by a trip to the Carmelite Father in Munster, Indiana for a concelebrated Mass then on to Merrillville, Indiana, to the Salvatorian Fathers for a delicious lunch and the viewing of their beautiful Polish Panorama. The Convention banquet took place at the famous House of the White Eagle in Niles, Illinois.

The Convention concluded with the concelebration of Mass and a business meeting at the Spring Hills Hotel on Friday morning.

Rev. Marek Kasperczuk-Chicago
Rev. Richard Klajbor-Chicago
Rev. Andrzej Knapik-Cleveland
Rev. Msgr. Richard Kopinski-Rockville Center
Rev. Stephen Kosinski-Gary
Rev. Ronald Kotecki-Milwaukee
Rev. Mirosław Krol-Newark
Rev. Stanisław Kula-Chicago
Rev. Francizek Kurzaj-San Antonio
Rev. Jerzy Kusy-Cleveland
Rev. Wojciech Kwiecien-Chicago
Rev. Waclaw Lech, OCD-Chicago
Rev. Thomas Machalski, Jr.-Brooklyn
Rev. Canon Philip Majka-Arlington
Rev. Maciej Mankowski-Youngstown
Rev. Andrzej Maslejak, S. Ch-Detroit
Rev. Jerzy Matuszak, C.R.-Chicago
Rev. J. Maciej Melaniuk-Metuchen
Rev. James Meszaros-Brooklyn
Rev. Wlodek Mezyk, OFM Conv.-Buffalo
Rev. James Miara-New York
Rev. Msgr. Stanley Milewski-Detroit
Rev. Jozef Musiol, S.D.S.-Gary
Rev. Matt Nycz-Buffalo
Rev. Thomas Olszyk-Milwaukee
Rev. Ronald Osinski-Altoona-Johnstown
Rev. Michal Osuch, CR-Chicago
Rev. Edward Panek-Chicago
Most Rev. Thomas Paprocki-Chicago
Rev. Mark Pasik-Syracuse
Rev. Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk-Hartford
Rev. Daniel Pokornowski-Buffalo
Rev. Stanley Polczyk-Trenton
Rev. Bernard Przybocki-Altoona-Johnstown
Rev. Walter Ptak-Detroit
Rev. Walter Rakoczy-Gary
Rev. Roman Rataj-Chicago
Most Rev. Francis R. Reiss-Detroit
Rev. Francis Rog, CR- Chicago
Rev. Eugene Matthew Rzeczkowski, OP, Washington, D.C.
Rev. Joseph Sredzinski-Greensburg
Rev. Thaddeus Stasik-Newark
Rev. Lucjan Stokowski-Cleveland
Rev. Waclaw Swierzbiolek-New York
Rev. Romuald Szumierz-Winnepeg
Rev. Richard Talaska-Milwaukee
Rev. Damian Tomiczek, SDS-Brooklyn
Rev. Zdzisław Torba- Chicago
Rev. Carl Urban-Albany
Rev. Piotr Wasek-Chicago
Rev. Timothy F. Whalen-Detroit
Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski-Syracuse
Rev. Robert Witkowski-Detroit
Rev. Jacek Wozny-New York
Most Rev. John Yanta-Amarillo
Rev. Peter Zendzian-Brooklyn
Rev. Walter Ziembra-Detroit



Archdiocese of Detroit

The Priests Conference for Polish Affairs (PCPA) of the Archdiocese of Detroit held a celebration in honor of Adam Cardinal Maida's 75th Birthday in March 2005 at the Orchard Lake Schools.

The PCPA honored Father Robert Witkowski with the **BISHOP STEPHEN WOZNICKI AWARD** at their July 20 meeting which was held at Orchard Lake, "in recognition of his outstanding contributions as a priest and friend to the Polish American community."

Members participated in the convocation for the priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit at Boyne Highlands in northern Michigan from September 18-22, 2005 at which they treated the clergy of the Archdiocese with welcome gifts at registration.

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, president of the PCPA, marked the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 4, 2005. Celebrating their 25th Anniversaries in 2005 were Father Gary Michalik on Sept 2, Father Roman Pasieczny on June 26, as well as Father Larry Siroskey, Father Andrew Wesley, and Father Thomas Belczak.

The PCPA members prepared for the first observance of the Pope John Paul II Day on Sunday, October 16, 2005, with a Eucharistic procession at the Orchard Lake Campus.

The Annual Oplatek Dinner will follow the PCPA winter meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Society of Christ Provincial Headquarters and Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish in Sterling Heights, Michigan.



Adam Cardinal Maida Announces 13 New Monsignori for Detroit

Among the new monsignori of the Archdiocese of Detroit which were announced by Adam Cardinal Maida on September 30, 2005, there are at least four Polish American padres: Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin, 41, pastor of St. John of Arc, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, former director of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, DC, and former priest-secretary to Cardinal Maida; Msgr. John Kasza, 42, priest-secretary to Cardinal Maida; Msgr. Charles Kosanke, 45, rector/president of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan, former president of Bishop Foley High School, and faculty member of Sacred Heart Major Seminary; and Msgr. Walter J. Ziembra, 78, rector/president/superintendent emeritus of the Orchard Lake Schools, who is well-known for his translation of the late John Paul II's book, **RISE, LET US BE ON OUR WAY.**

The ceremony conferring these papal was held 5 PM on Wednesday, October 19, at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Detroit.

Sincere congratulations to these and all new monsignori of the Archdiocese of Detroit and elsewhere among the national PAPA family.

— From Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski
Detroit, Michigan



Cathedral of the Most
Blessed Sacrament

Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend

The Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot delivered the keynote address, **American Ethnicity, Immigration, and Justice: Past, Present, and Future**, for Multi-Cultural Week at Saint Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa on Thursday, March 3, 2005. In addition, he spoke to three ethics classes on **Sociological Perspectives on 'Always Our Children, A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children' of the American Catholic Bishops (1987)**, and to an adult continuing education class, **Catholic Social Theory for the Layperson: What Catholics Believe About Society.**

On May 7, 2005, Father Chrobot was awarded the prestigious **FIDELITAS MEDAL** at his alma mater, SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan at its 116th Annual

Commencement. The **FIDELITAS MEDAL**, is given "in recognition of fidelity in serving God and country through the realization of the religious and cultural ideals of our forefathers." He also delivered the Commencement

Address to the graduates on the subject of Polish American identity.

Currently, Father Chrobot is currently pastor of SS. Patrick & Hedwig Catholic Community in South Bend, Indiana. He serves as Adjunct Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of the American Polish Research Fellowship Program at the University of Notre Dame. Each spring, he teaches a Sociology course on Polish Americans (SOC 375).

Please remember Father Chrobot in your prayers.
In July of this year, he was diagnosed with cancer. — Ed.



Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot

Diocese of Gary

Bishop Dale J. Melczek has granted Senior Priest status to Polish padre Father Stanley Dominik, effective July 1, 2005. Father Dominik served the Diocese as a longtime Dean and Vicar General.



The pastor-administrator of three Whiting parishes, Father Dominik was ordained May 31, 1958 at Holy Angels Cathedral. A native son of Whiting, Father Dominik has served at parishes in East Chicago and Hammond, but he spent 16 years as pastor at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Michigan City, Indiana from 1969-1985. Moderator for young adults and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, he served as Dean of the Northlake Deanery since 1989. On September 21, 2000, he was appointed Vicar General of the diocese.

"I'm still happy to be a priest," said Father Dominik, who is 71. "I hope to continue serving in the Sacraments and other ways as long as I'm able." He added, "It's must be a matter of getting on. The bones don't work like they used to."



Rev. Stanley Dominik

A former instructor at Bishop Noll Institute, Father Dominik served at St. Stanislaus, St. John Cantius, and St. Joseph, East Chicago; and St. Mary and St. John Bosco, Hammond. In 1998 he became pastor at Sacred Heart, Whiting. As that community's parishes entered into a cluster, he became administrator of St. Adalbert and Immaculate Conception.

Father Dominik noted that as a vocation, the priesthood is never really completed. "You take it day by day and allow the Lord to determine what will happen," he said. "It's using what talents you've been given."

As to future plans, Father Dominik wants to remain in parish work, "maybe as an assistant—as much as I'm able to do what I've been ordained to do."

*— From Rev. Walter Rakoczy
Gary, Indiana*

Archdiocese of Hartford



The Polish community in the State of Connecticut mourns the loss of one of its well-known members on September 5, 2004, when Father Henry Fiedorczyk died at the age of 89. He was ordained a priest on May 14, 1942, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Hartford, by the late Bishop Henry J. O'Brien.

*— From Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk
Hartford, Connecticut*

Diocese of Greensburg

The Polish priests from the Diocese of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, organized a Month's Mind – 30 days since death – for the happy repose of our beloved Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, on Monday, May 2, 2005 at St. Hubert's Church in Point Marion, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Ordinary of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, the Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, Ph.D., dedicated the new St. Hubert Roman Catholic Church at 9 Sadler Street in Point Marion, Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 17, 2005. Rev. Joseph L. Sredzinski, M. Div., and members of the Pastoral Council held a dinner celebration in the Lions Skating Rink Banquet Center after the Dedication.



Remembering Polish Constitution Day with children in traditional folk dress are standing behind from left: Father Lawrence Hoppe, Father Joseph Sredzinski, and cleric Slawek Bystrzykowski, former student of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, who is now completing priestly formation at St. Vincent in Lake Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

PAPA PARTICULARS

Father Lawrence Hoppe was the bi-lingual homilist and Rev. Joseph Sredzinski the celebrant of the Trzeci Maj celebrations held in Holy Trinity Church in Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

Father Andrew Kawecki, Pastor of SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Fairchance, Pennsylvania, celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood in 2005.

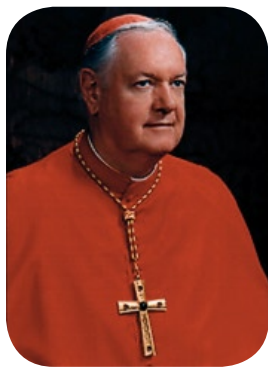
Father Dennis Bogusz continues weekly Polka radio programs and was recently appointed Chaplain to the Highlands Hospital and Irvea Sisters Montessori School.

Father Joseph Sredzinski preached the bi-lingual homily in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Pittsburgh as part of Polonia's Tribute to the Late John Paul II on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at a 6 pm Holy Mass.

Polish Day in Kennywood Park near Pittsburgh gathered hundreds of faithful with Fathers Bogusz and Sredzinski as concelebrants of the 4 pm Holy mass on Tuesday, August, 2, 2005. **Z najlepszym pozdrowieniem!**

*— From Ks. Joseph Sredzinski
Greensburg, Pennsylvania*

Archdiocese of New York



Edward Cardinal Egan

On Sunday, April 3, 2005, a 2 PM Mass, which was televised live to Poland, was celebrated in Polish by Pauline Father Christopher Wieliczko at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the repose of the soul of Pope John Paul II. Edward Cardinal Egan presided. Three thousand Catholic faithful packed the Cathedral while another 2,000 listened outside to the Mass. Many Polish groups attended in traditional folk costume and carried banners from the respective parishes.

On Sunday, May 1, 2005, at a 2 PM bi-lingual mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Altar and Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa was dedicated by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan. Approximately 3,000 Catholic faithful attended from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly participated as well as several Polish government officials. The icon of our Lady of Czestochowa was blessed by Pope John Paul II before being shipped to New York early in late 2004. The altar is flanked by marble statues of St. Casimir and St. Stanislaus Kostka, and will also eventually include paintings of St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina, St. Jadwiga, and St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.

(SEE RELATED STORY IN BOX AT RIGHT)

*— From Rev. James Miara
New York, New York*

The Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa (The Black Madonna) is one of the oldest Icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the world. The image portrays the Virgin Mary's sadness and suffering. The Black Madonna was painted by St. Luke the Evangelist on a cypress tabletop from the House of the Holy Family at Nazareth. It was while painting the picture, Mary told him about the life of Jesus, which he later incorporated into his Gospel.

The next time we hear of the painting is in 326 A.D. when St. Helen found it in Jerusalem and gave it to her son and had a shrine built for it in Constantinople. During a battle, the picture was placed on the walls of the city, and the enemy army fled. Our Lady saved the city from destruction.

The picture was owned by many other people until 1382 when invading Tartars attacked a fortress of Ladislaus, Prince of Opole, where the painting was located. A Tartar's arrow lodged into through the throat of the Madonna. The Prince transferred the painting to a church in Czestochowa, Poland, where it became known as Our Lady of Czestochowa.

In 1430, the church was invaded and a looter struck the painting two times with his sword, but before he could strike it another time, he fell to the ground in agony and pain, and died. The sword cuts and the arrow wound are still visible on the painting.

Our Lady of Czestochowa was soon made Queen and Protector of Poland. In 1920, Russians were invading Poland, when they saw an image of Our Lady in the clouds, and they withdrew on seeing the image.

Miraculous events such as spontaneous healings have occurred for centuries on making pilgrimage to the portrait.

The painting is known as the Black Madonna because of the soot residue that discolours the painting. Centuries of votive lights and candles burning in front of the painting are the cause of the soot.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa was consecrated by his Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, on May 1, 2005. The most recent of chapels to be constructed in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in New York City, is located in the nave on the north side of James Renwick's architectural masterpiece.

Gothic in style to complement the rest of the Cathedral, the altar is made of white marble surrounded by beautiful ornamental angels. The base contains a relief with the alterpiece niches inlaid with gold mosaics.

The focal point of the Shrine is the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The icon was painted in Torun, Poland by noted artist Anna Torwird. The beauty of the icon speaks for itself. The fact that the late Pope John Paul II personally blessed the icon at a private audience at the Vatican in December 2004 makes it all the more sacred.

On either side of the altar are statues of St. Stanislaus Kostka and St. Casimir. The statue of St. Stanislaus Kostka has been at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for more than 100 years. It was relocated from its previous place of worship to its new home in the Shrine of Czestochowa. The statue of St. Casimir was sculpted in pure white marble from Carrara, Italy by Stanislaw Lutostanski.

Images of St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, and St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland, will be placed in the Shrine at a later date. Relics of all six saints were entombed in the altar at the time of the consecration.

On the floor of the Shrine are a Coat of Arms of Pope John Paul II, to whose pontificate the Shrine is dedicated, and of Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa is a beautiful testament of the Catholic faith of the Polish community.

*— From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick
New York City, New York*



Diocese of Pittsburgh

2005 has been a significant year for ordination anniversaries for the Polish padres of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Celebrating anniversaries are:

Rev. Zygmunt V. Szarnicki	60 Years
Rev. Edward Maliszewski	60 Years
Rev. Henry A. Szarnicki	50 Years
Rev. Edward J. Trzeciakowski	50 Years
Rev. Edwin Wichman	25 Years

Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, an undersecretary of the Pontifical council for the Interpretation of legislative Texts, has become a "Monsignor" in Rome.

The Annual Concelebrated Mass at Kennywood Park, Pennsylvania at the Polish Day Picnic was held on Sunday, August 7, 2005.

– From Rev. Zygmunt V. Szarnicki
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Diocese of Providence

Father Matthew J. Strumski, 82, assumed Senior Priest status on June 30, 2005, after serving for the past 33 years as pastor of St. Casimir Parish in Warren, Rhode Island. He now resides at St. Antoine Residence, 10 Rhodes Avenue, North Smithfield, Rhode Island 02896-6999.

Father Anthony D. Iwuc, having served 33 years as pastor of his home parish, St. Joseph's in Central Falls, Rhode Island, also joined the ranks of Senior Clergy on July 1, 2005. He can now be reached at St. John Vianney Residence, 493 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, #6, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-3229. His phone number is (401) 274-4309.

Father Dariusz G. Jonczyk is the new pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Father Marek S. Kupka has been appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Kevin Parish in Warren, Rhode Island.

On Sunday, September 11, 2005 at 3 pm, the New England Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Polish Pastoral Ministry in the United States was held at St. Joseph Basilica in Webster, Massachusetts, the oldest Polish parish in New England. His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, was the main celebrant of the Mass, with Bishop Thomas Wenski of Orlando, Florida as the homilist.

– From Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc
Providence, Rhode Island

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Individual Dues for 2005: \$25

Members of priest Associations have their memberships paid for by the Association to which they belong.

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– ORCHARD LAKE –

Very Rev. Charles G. Kosanke has been named new Rector/President at Polish Seminary. His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, appointed Father Charles Kosanke, S.T.D., as new Rector/President at Orchard Lake, Michigan on August 22, 2005. Father Kosanke succeeds Father Jarek Zaniewski, who left in January 2005.



Forty seminarians are enrolled this fall at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, ten of whom arrived from Poland on July 22, 2005.

It is a busy fall for the Orchard Lake Seminary as the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) makes their visit in mid-October. The Apostolic Visitation Team, headed by Bishop Alvaro Corrado del Rio, S.J., of Tyler, Texas, arrives November 6, 2005.

In May 2005, five deacons were ordained to the Priesthood: Rev. Marko Ilitskyj for Buffalo, NY; Rev. Pawel Szurek for Paterson, NJ; Rev. Marek Biegun for Paterson, NJ; Rev. Marcin Koziola for Venice, FL; and Rev. Robert Dziedziak for Venice, FL.

Bishop Francis Reiss, Vice Chairman of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, represented the Seminary at the Annual Meeting of Rectors of Polish Seminaries in Poland in early September 2005. He delivered a talk entitled,

**"Refleksje na temat Powołań, Duszpasterstwa i Diakonu
Stalego w Stanach Zjednoczonych."**

– From Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski
Orchard Lake, Michigan

Have You Paid Your 2005 Dues?!

There are nearly 2500 diocesan priests of Polish ancestry ministering in the Church in the United States. In some dioceses, their number is substantial. In other dioceses, they may be the sole priest of Polish ancestry born here in the USA or a priest who has come from Poland.

Individual memberships in **PAPA** are \$25 annually. Send them to:

Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski
PAPA National Treasurer
3535 Indian Trail
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

There are several associations of Polish priests where the number of priests makes this possible. Every association of Polish priests should pay \$20 annual memberships for each of their members.

In the 70s, through the efforts of the then Rector/President of the Orchard Lake Schools, Father Walter J. Ziemba, the Polish religious priests were organized into an association. Regretfully, the organization was short-lived. All Polish priests are most welcome to be members of **PAPA**. Preferably, the membership should come as a total membership of the religious order. Unfortunately, we do not have a directory of the current Polish order houses in the United States.

You can assist **PAPA** by calling this to the attention of any Polish religious priests with whom you are acquainted. They are strewn throughout our country and continue to do tremendous work among us.

– Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski
National Treasurer

Perpetual Members of PAPA

A priest can become a perpetual member of our organization with a donation of \$500. At the **Chicago PAPA Convention** a list of perpetual members was presented to the delegates. The list was the result of a compilation of the **PAPA BULLETIN** listings of such members over the years. It is being printed again in this issue, so that if the list does not include the name of a perpetual member, he may call this to my attention, as national treasurer. Perpetual memberships are part of the **Endowment Fund of PAPA** as are **Memorial Gifts** in any amount.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS IN PAPA AUGUST 31, 2005

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28 Memberships @ \$500 = \$14,000

Memorial donations as recorded in previous **PAPA BULLETINS** total: \$6,415.

Liga Katolicka!

What memories these two words bring to mind! Are you aware that the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland exists? Yes, great work is being done in some dioceses. The top four that collected substantial funds for the needs of the Church in Poland in their recent effort are:

Detroit	\$ 78,701.28
Buffalo	\$ 71,020.40
Chicago	\$ 50,423.16
Erie	\$ 22,364.50
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Besides the above leading dioceses, participating in raising funds for the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland during the past two years were the Archdioceses/ Dioceses of New York, Providence, Boston, Amarillo, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Gary, Grand Rapids, Greensburg, Hartford, Joliet, Metuchen, Newark, Norwich, Patterson, Pittsburgh, Springfield, (Massachusetts), Syracuse, Toledo, Trenton, and Youngstown. These raised a total of: \$ 48,947.32.

Bishop Thad Jakubowski serves as Executive Director. The members of PAPA can be most instrumental in energizing their local Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland organization and participating in this annual effort. The 2005 Calendar Year still presents us with time and opportunity to do our best for the God's people through the Church in Poland.

Some of us hope that a National Convention of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland will be convened in the near future to energize participation.

I can only report what our Archdiocese of Detroit Director, Father Stanley Ulman, tells us. One hundred four parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit agreed to participate this year.

– From Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski
Orchard Lake, Michigan

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