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PAPA WELCOMES AND CONGRATULATES:

Bishop Bernard Anthony Hebda

Archbishop Jerome Edward ListECKi

Bishop-Elect Joseph Charles BamBERa

Sincere congratulations and welcome to Bishop Bernard A. Hebda of Gaylord, Michigan, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Bishop-Elect Joseph C. BamBERa of Scranton, Pennsylvania. PAPA extends wishes for years of happiness and good health as we pray for God's blessings upon them. *Bóg Zapłać!*



His Excellency
Bishop Bernard A. Hebda
Bishop of Gaylord, MI

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Bishop Hebda was named the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord on October 7, 2009, by Pope Benedict XVI. His Episcopal ordination and installation took place on December 1, 2009. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron was the Principal Consecrator, with Archbishop Francesco Coccopalmerio and Bishop Patrick R. Cooney as co-consecrators.

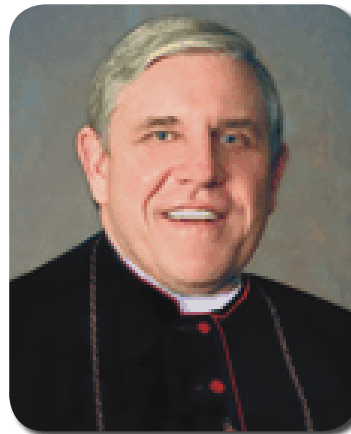
Born on September 3, 1959 in Pittsburgh, PA, Bishop Hebda graduated

from South Hills Catholic High School in Pittsburgh in 1977. He continued his education at Harvard University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 followed by a Juris Doctorate from the Columbia University School of Law in 1983. He was admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1983 and worked as an associate in the law firm of Reed, Smith, Shaw and McClay.

In 1984, Bishop Hebda enrolled at Pittsburgh's St. Paul Seminary pursuing required studies in philosophy at Duquesne University. He was sent to North American College in Rome in 1985, where he completed his theological studies and earned his S.T.B. from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1989.

Bishop Hebda was ordained a deacon on April 6, 1989 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome by Archbishop John Quinn, and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald W. Wuerl on July 1, 1989 in St. Paul Cathedral for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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His Excellency Jerome E. ListECKi
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi

Pope Benedict XVI named the Most Reverend Jerome Edward ListECKi the 11th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in late 2009. The new Archbishop was installed Monday, January 4, 2010 at 2 PM, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee by the Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi. Archbishop ListECKi, 60, succeeds the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, who was named Archbishop of New York

on February 23, 2009, and installed as Archbishop of New York April 15, 2009. Archbishop ListECKi had served as Bishop of the Diocese of LaCrosse, since his installation March 1, 2005, when he succeeded the Most Reverend Raymond L. Burke.

Upon his installation Archbishop ListECKi assumed responsibility for the spiritual well-being of Catholics in the ten counties of southeastern Wisconsin, as well as taking on the daily business administration of the Archdiocese.

A native of Chicago, Archbishop ListECKi attended St. Michael the Archangel Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South High School, and Niles College of Loyola University. He began his graduate studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary in 1971, and was ordained a priest on May 14, 1975. In November 2000, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II and was ordained a bishop on January 8, 2001.

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Bishop Hebda's Coat of Arms

After his ordination, he briefly served as Parochial Vicar Pro Tem at Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Elwood City, before returning to Rome to complete his licentiate in Canon Law which he received in 1991 from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Upon returning to Pittsburgh, Bishop Hebda served in the bishop's office as Master of Ceremonies from 1990-1992, in team ministry at Prince of Peace Parish on

Pittsburgh's South Side from 1992-1995, and as director of campus ministry at the Slippery Rock University Newman Center from 1995-1996. He also served on the Canonical Advisory Council, the Priest Council, and the Priest Personnel Board.

In 1996, Bishop Hebda was appointed to work in the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts in Rome which is responsible for the interpretation of Church law, especially the Code of Canon Law. In 2003, he became the Under-Secretary of the Council. While in Rome Bishop Hebda also served as an adjunct spiritual director at North American College and as a confessor for the postulants and Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity (founded by Mother Teresa).

Upon learning of the Holy Father's decision to appoint him to lead the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan, Bishop Hebda expressed his excitement, saying that he was both "humbled and honored." Later he told the faithful in the Diocese of Gaylord, "Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have imagined that I would be the Bishop of Gaylord. I look forward to getting to know the people of this Diocese — their needs, their strengths, their history — so that together we can strive to make Christ's presence felt in this portion of His vineyard."

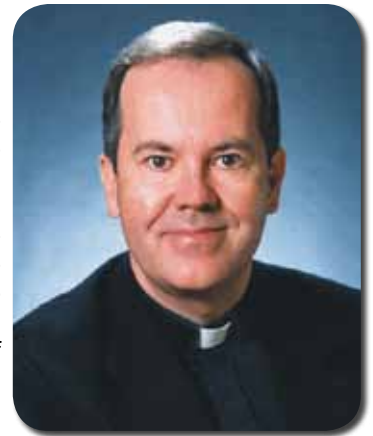
Bishop Hebda succeeds Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, who, upon reaching the age of 75 submitted his resignation to the Vatican after leading the Diocese of Gaylord for 20 years. The Diocese of Gaylord is one of seven in Michigan. Mostly rural, the Diocese covers 21 counties, has 76,000 Catholics, 81 parishes, and 17 Catholic schools.

Father, in Your great mercy and love, You have called us to be the Body of Your Son. Send forth Your Spirit upon Bernard, Your Bishop, Jerome, Your Archbishop, and Joseph, Your Bishop-elect, upon our clergy, our religious, and upon all Your people that we might know and love Jesus more deeply and use the gifts You have given us to share the Good News of salvation and to build Your kingdom of truth and peace, justice and love. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us! Holy Angels of God, pray for us!

Bishop-Elect

Joseph C. Bambera

On February 23, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop-elect Bambera to be the next Bishop of Scranton, PA. The news was announced in the Diocese of Scranton by Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Scranton. Bishop-elect Bambera will be ordained a Bishop and installed as the tenth Bishop of Scranton on Monday, April 26, at 2 PM in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.



*Bishop-Elect
Joseph C. Bambera
Bishop of Scranton, PA*

Bishop-elect Bambera has been serving as Cardinal Rigali's Delegate since Aug. 31, when Pope Benedict accepted the retirement of Bishop Joseph F. Martino and appointed Cardinal Rigali as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese.

A native of the Scranton Diocese, Bishop-elect Bambera was ordained in 1983. Since then he has gained extensive pastoral and administrative experience. He was born in Carbondale, PA, on March 21, 1956. He graduated from St. Rose of Lima High School in 1974 and subsequently enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh, earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1978.

In 1978, Bishop-elect Bambera was accepted for studies for the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton, entering St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton in September of that year. During that time, he attended the University of Scranton, pursuing courses in theology and philosophy. In 1979, Bishop-elect Bambera continued his studies for priesthood at Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, PA, where he was awarded a Master of Divinity in 1982. Following his ordination to the transitional diaconate in May 1983, he was ordained to the priesthood on November 5, 1983 by the Most Rev. John J. O'Connor.

Bishop-elect Bambera's first priestly assignment was as assistant pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, Scranton. He served there for four years before his accepting the appointment as pastor of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton, in September 1987.

In 1989, Bishop-elect Bambera was appointed to further studies in Canon Law. In 1991, he was awarded a Licentiate in Canon Law from St. Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada and a Master's degree in Canon Law from the same institution. Following the completion of graduate studies, Bishop-elect Bambera was appointed a Judge in the Tribunal of the Diocese of Scranton.

In July 1995, Bishop James C. Timlin appointed Bishop-elect Bambera as Vicar for Priests for the Diocese of Scranton. At the same time, he became the Diocesan Director of Continuing Education for Priests. While serving in numerous Diocesan positions, Bishop-elect Bambera was appointed administrator, then pastor, of Scranton's Church of the Holy Name of Jesus. After serving the parish from January 1994 until July 1997, he assumed the role of Director of Formation at St. Pius X Seminary, Dalton.

In March 1997, Pope John Paul II named Bishop-elect Bambera a Prelate of Honor, from which time he has borne the title of Monsignor (Msgr.)

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*Bishop-elect Bambera's
Coat of Arms*

Bishop-elect Bambera was appointed pastor of the Church of St. John Bosco, Conyngham, in July 1998; in July 2001, pastor of the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dickson City; and in June 2005 appointed by Bishop Joseph F. Martino to serve as an Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region of the Diocese of Scranton, a position that he held for two years. Bishop-elect Bambera was appointed pastor of the Church of St. Thomas

Aquinas, Archbald, and the Church of St. Mary of Czestochowa, Eynon, in July 2007 and Canonical Consultant for Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Scranton at that time.

The President and Trustees of the University of Scranton invited Bishop-elect Bambera to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees in April 2003, and upon accepting, he held the position until April 2009. His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Scranton, appointed Bishop-elect Bambera on August 31, 2009, to serve as his Delegate in the Diocese following the retirement of Bishop Martino.

About his appointment as the Bishop of Scranton, Bishop-elect Bambera said, "As I find myself called through the power of the Holy Spirit to this office in the Church, I am reminded of words that John Cardinal O'Connor had inscribed on a prayer card commemorating his installation as the 7th Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton: 'God writes straight with crooked lines.' I never quite appreciated those words until today. St. Paul shares similar words in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, when he says: 'Because we possess this ministry through God's mercy, we do not give in to discouragement ... We proclaim the truth openly ... This treasure we possess in earthen vessels, to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us.'"

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In January 2002, Archbishop Lisecki was named the Episcopal Vicar of the Vicariate 1 of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition, he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves.

During his transitional diaconate in 1974-75, Archbishop Lisecki was assigned to St. Michael Parish in Orland Park, Illinois. His first assignment as a priest was at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Chicago, from 1975-1976. In 1976, he was appointed dean of students at Quigley Preparatory Seminary North, Chicago, and was also assigned to Mater Christi Parish, North Riverside, Illinois. In 1976, Archbishop Lisecki earned a civil law degree from DePaul University, Chicago.

Archbishop Lisecki began graduate studies in Canon Law and Moral Theology in 1979 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, earning a doctoral degree in Canon Law in 1981, and continuing Moral Theology studies until his return to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1983. Upon his return, he taught Canon Law and Moral Theology at the Archdiocese of Chicago major seminary, the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. He remained on the faculty until his appointment as pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, Chicago, in August 2000. As the bishop of La Crosse, Archbishop Lisecki led the diocese in various initiatives including a successful \$50 million dollar capital campaign; the individual incorporation and computerization of all 165 parishes of the diocese; raising more than a half-million dollars in Gulf Coast flood relief; assisting in relief for the local floods; and the formulation of a diocesan-wide pastoral plan.

His Episcopal motto is the phrase **Life is Christ**, which can be found on his Coat of Arms is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Phil 1:18-26). The coat of arms reflects his personal heritage, his life as a priest, and his life as a bishop. His Excellency's deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is reflected in the predominance of the color red on the shield. The remainder of the design consists of silver (white) which, along with the red, are the colors of the Polish national flag honoring the Polish ethnic heritage of His Excellency that has come to him from his parents Harry and Alfreda (Kasprzyk) Lisecki.

Archbishop Lisecki was born March 12, 1949. He has one sister, Mary (Penny), who resides in Tinley Park, Illinois, a south Chicago suburb.



Archbishop Lisecki's Coat of Arms



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Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

The five Ethnic parishes in the Cambria City section of Johnstown: SS Casimir & Emerich (Polish/Hungarian); St. Stephen's (Slovak); Immaculate Conception (German); St. Rochus (Croatian), and St. Columba (Irish/Territorial) were officially merged on July 22, 2009 to become the Parish of the Resurrection. Polish hymns, traditions, and customs continue to be maintained in the various merged parish settings.

Bishop Joseph Adamec named Fr. Ronald V. Osinski, Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, in Portage, as the new Dean of the Allegheny Deanery in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.



Attending as representatives of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Msgr. Bernard Przybocki and Fr. Ronald Osinski concelebrated the August 26, 2009 Mass celebrated in honor Our Lady of Czestochowa at St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh.

— Fr. Ronald V. Osinski, Correspondent

Diocese of Buffalo

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church, Mother Church of Polonia, has launched a most interesting website focusing on liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations, events for Polonia, as well as other items of interest relative to the history and tour of the historic facilities of the parish founded in 1873, as the Mother Church of Polonia. Information and items of interest can be found on the continually updated website:

www.ststanislauschurch.com

Due to financial difficulty and drop in enrollment, St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish had to close its school in June 2008. Recently, both St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Buffalo have entered into a lease for the former school building. Catholic Charities will now

be housed in the former school building, including Senior Adult Day Care, Senior Services, and Children Day Care. The introduction of the programs in the former school building will contribute to the services of Catholic Charities offered to individuals in the area, as well as contribute to the ongoing revitalization of the neighborhood surrounding the Historic Church, Mother Church of Polonia.

In addition, the St. Stanislaus Gardens Development continues to move ahead with the construction of new homes on the streets immediately surrounding the Mother Church of Polonia. In the past six years under the leadership of the Pastor of the Mother Church, Bishop Grosz, numerous dilapidated buildings have been demolished and properties purchased for new building sites. Hopefully, within several years, the entire neighborhood will be totally revitalized.

In celebration of Dyngus Day, on Easter Monday, both Corpus Christi and St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish participate with local leaders in the Polish-American community to participate in the Annual Dyngus Day Parade, as well as provide venues for the many individuals who come to the Broadway-Fillmore area of the city of Buffalo in observance of Dyngus Day. Literally, in the past two years, hundreds of individuals have participated in the Parade, as well as to tour the various venues in the area by shuttle.

As in the past, St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish held a special Para-liturgical Service at 4 PM on May 17 on the occasion of the celebration of the Birthday of Pope John Paul II. The Service, co-sponsored by the Polish American Congress of Western New York, served as a tremendous tribute to one of the greatest leaders of the Church of all times. On Sunday, June 14, both Corpus Christi Parish and St.

Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish coordinated the Annual Corpus Christi Procession, as hundreds of individuals processed from St. Stanislaus Parish through the streets to Corpus Christi Parish, stopping at the four Altars along the way. Hundreds of clergy, religious, and laity, as well as children, participated in the procession and came out to honor our Eucharistic Lord.

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Diocese of Brooklyn

The Most Rev. Octavio Cisneros, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Regional Bishop of Queens, on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 12 NOON Mass, officially opened the **Centennial Year of St. Josaphat's Roman Catholic Church** in Brooklyn.



St. Josaphat Roman Catholic Church

The church was built by Polish emigrants 100 years ago. The pastor, Rev. Canon Thomas C. Machalski, JCL, is also of Polish origin.

— Rev. Canon Thomas C. Machalski, JCL, Correspondent

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Msgr. Boleslaus Zientek celebrated his Golden Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood on May 23, 2009.

He was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston, Texas, on May 23, 1959. After serving in the Diocese of Austin, Texas, for 30 years, Austin County was returned to the Houston Diocese,

with the parishes of Sealy, Bellville, Wallis, Frydek, and industry. Msgr. is enjoying his retirement in Sealy, Texas.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish

Diocese of Buffalo

Polish American Parishes have continued to advertise and promote their events and programs through the local **Am-Pol Eagle** newspaper. Annually the newspaper presents awards for the **Citizens of the Year**. The **2008 Citizens of the Year** included recognition of Fr. Anzelm Chalupka, a Pauline Father, Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, for leadership in Religion; and Fr. Charles Jagodzinski, Conventual Franciscan, for his leadership in Education. A special dinner program is held to recognize a number of Polish Americans in various fields of Religion, Culture, Business, and Community Organization.

Recently, Rev. Czeslaw Krysa, President of the Association of Priests for Polish Affairs, has offered a series of articles in the **Am-Pol Eagle** in promotion of an appreciation for the rich religious and liturgical heritage of the Polish National American Community. The newspaper continues to be an important vehicle of communication for the Polish American Community in Western New York and beyond.

The Polish American Congress of Western New York held its **Annual Swieconki** on the premises of the Mother Church of Polonia. During that beautiful meal, three outstanding individuals of the Polish Community were acknowledged for their contributions to the local community and the community-at-large. Recently, the Polish American Congress of Western New York held a banquet to recognize outstanding Polish American women in the community.

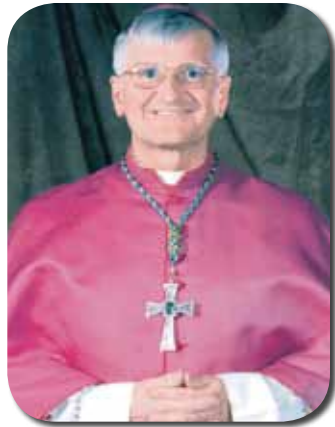


In celebration of Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Memorial Day, special Masses are held in the Resurrection Mausoleum of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cemetery located in Cheektowaga, N.Y. The community continues to remember all our deceased loved ones, as well as those who fought in the service of freedom in Poland and the United States. A special 12 NOON Mass is held in St. Stanislaus Cemetery on the Saturday closest to the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr. A special Holocaust Mass is offered to remember all of those who died in

concentration camps during World War II. Survivors of the concentration camps present for the Liturgy are specially honored on that occasion.

On Sunday, July 26, all of Polonia gathers together in the suburb of Cheektowaga for the **Annual Pulaski Day Parade**, which literally draws thousands of individuals paying tribute to the great General Pulaski. St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish had had and will have a float in the Parade along with many other Polish and community Organizations.

— Bishop Edward M. Grosz, D.D., V.G., Correspondent



Bishop Edward M. Grosz

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Priests Conference for Polish Affairs of the Archdiocese of Detroit continues to meet quarterly at a different venue.

At our meetings the Executive Officers present their report of individual activity on behalf of our organization.

In addition, we hear reports dealing with the **Michigan Division of the Polish American Congress**, the **Orchard Lake Schools, SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary**, the two Polish-American newspapers, the **John Paul II Foundation**, and the **Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland**.

In the Fall of 2008, we sponsored a vesper service on the occasion of the **30th Anniversary of the Election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla to the Papacy** on October 16, 1978. The event was held at St. Ladislaus Church in Hamtramck, Michigan. His Eminence, Edmund Cardinal Szoka, was the celebrant of the vesper service. After the vesper service, Dr. Thomas F. X. Noble, Professor of Medieval History and Chair of the Department of History of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame, presented a lecture on the papacy. A reception in the parish hall followed.

The PCPA is also involved in the renovation project at the John Paul II Park in Hamtramck.

The PCPA continues its support of the Orchard Lake Schools with sponsorship of four **Polish Radio Masses** annually, membership in the **Chancellor's Senate**, and the purchase of four tickets to the **58th Annual Founder's Day**, which, incidentally, this year will place on Friday, July 23, 2010 — different than the traditional time frame. **Founder's Day** will be held in conjunction with the **Quasiquicentennial Anniversary Celebration — 125 Years Since The Founding of the Orchard Lake Schools by Fr. Joseph Dabrowski in 1885**. The main **Quasiquicentennial Event** will take place on Thursday, July 22, 2010, **Founder's Day** will follow the next day.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a new ordinary, the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, installed on January 28, 2009. He succeeded His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop for 18.5 years.

Archbishop Vigneron attended the March 10, 2009 meeting to acquaint himself with our organization and to meet the priest members. As an ordained priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, he knew many of the members of PCPA, and we look forward to his ministry among us.

At the March 10 meeting, elections for the 2009-2011 term were held, and elected were:

Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, P.A. — President

Rev. Stanley Ulman — Vice-President

Rev. Gary Michalik — Secretary

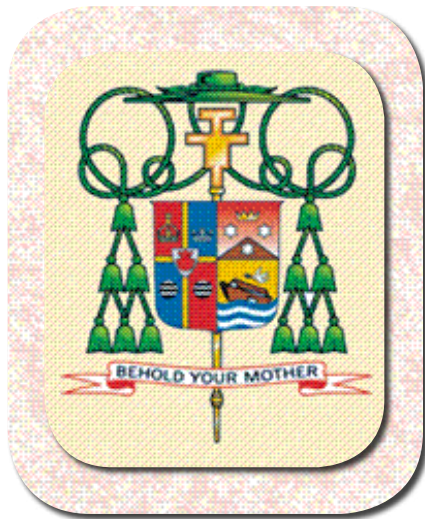
Rev. Lawrence Zurawski — Treasurer

Three of these officers were in attendance at the **2009 PAPA National Convention**. Also attending were Rev. Timothy Whalen, Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, Msgr. Charles Kosanke, Rector-President of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, and Rev. Walter Ptak.

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Diocese of Brooklyn

The priests of the Polish Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn (PADB) meet regularly every four to six weeks to discuss matters pertinent to the life of Polonia in the Diocese. They also gather regularly at the various parishes for Forty Hours Devotions,



Confirmations, and *Odpust* and *Imieniny* celebrations. A schedule is prepared each Advent and Lent so that the PADB priests can travel from parish to parish to help with Confessions before Christmas and Easter.

The Very Rev. Canon Witold Mroziewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish in Brooklyn, has been appointed the new coordinator of the Polish Apostolate by the Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, Bishop

of Brooklyn. Fr. Mroziewski replaces Msgr. Peter Zendzian who served in that capacity for fourteen years. Msgr. Zendzian continues to serve on the National Polish Apostolate Committee as well as serving as the representative of American Polonia on the Polish Episcopal Conference's Committee for worldwide Polonia. He attended their Annual Meeting in February 2010 in Poland.

The PADB took part in the *Annual Polish Night at Shea Stadium* on August 18, 2009. Before the game vs. the Atlanta Braves, the *Polonaise Folk Dancers* and the *Ablemen Polka Band* entertained with Polish music and dancing on the field. During the pre-game ceremonies, the NY Mets presented the *General Casimir Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee, Inc.* with Recognition Awards for service to the Polish community and their support for this annual event. The *Annual Polish Night at Shea Stadium* for 2010 will be held August 24.

Archdiocese of Detroit

We thank **Fr. Tom Machalski, Chairman of the 2009 PAPA National Convention**, and all the Polish-American priests of the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center for the hospitality they extended to us and for all the hard work connected with the sponsorship of the Convention.

In a special way, the PCPA encourages all members of PAPA to actively participate in their parishes and communities in the **47th Annual International Day of Prayers for Vocations** on Sunday, April 25, 2010. The Church needs priests and priests are the greatest source of new vocations.



Best wishes from all the members of the Priests Conference for Polish Affairs of the Archdiocese of Detroit to all members of PAPA.

Let us pray for one another always.

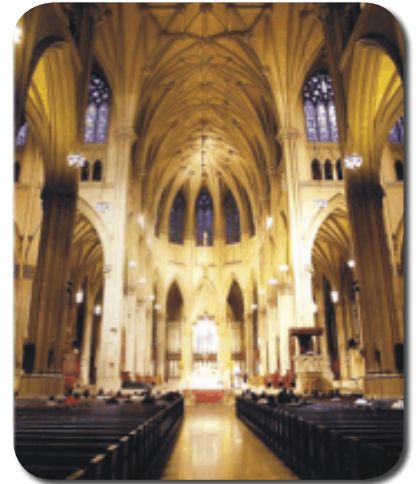
**Niech bóg nas wszystkich
błogosławi zawsze i wszędzie.**

— Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, P.A., PCPA
President, Correspondent

The PADB participated in the declaration of *Polish Heritage Month* in both the Boroughs of Queens and Kings (Brooklyn), as declared by Helen Marshall, President of the Borough of Queens and Marty Markowicz, President of the Borough of Kings in September/October. At the Brooklyn celebration, Fr. Mroziewski was one of the ceremony's honorees.

On September 26, 2010, the Very Rev. Canons Witold Mroziewski, KCHS, and Thomas C. Machalski, KCHS, were advanced to the rank of Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem at a Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The advancement of rank ceremony was conducted by Edward Cardinal Egan, New York's Archbishop Emeritus during the Mass. A gala banquet followed in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

On October 4, 2009, many Polish parishes participated in the annual Pulaski Day Parade on Fifth Ave. in New York City. Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral and breakfast at the Marriott Marquis Hotel preceded the parade. The Grand Marshall of the 2009 Pulaski parade was Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels. A gala banquet was held a week



before the parade, as well at the Marriott Marquis. The 2010 Pulaski Parade has been scheduled for Sunday, October 3, on Fifth Ave. in New York City.

The Migration Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn held its annual *Shining Stars Dinner* in October at the famous Gargiulo's Restaurant in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn. Each ethnic apostolate presents the name of an individual from their ethnic group, who is an immigrant to our shores, has established him/herself in our country, and has added to the fabric of life in our nation and Diocese. Award recipients representing the PADB this year were Maria and Zygmunt Bielski, from Our Lady of Częstochowa-St. Casimir's Parish. The Bielski's are extremely active with the Polish Scouting Organization as well as being involved with many Polish-American organizations.

The PADB hosted its **17th Annual Polish Heritage Day Mass** on Sunday, October 18, at St. Rose of Lima, Brooklyn. The celebrant and homilist of the Mass was the Most Rev. Tadeusz Bronakowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Łomża. The Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio presided. The PADB celebrated the *Year for Priests* at this annual gathering. Scores of children in Polish regional costumes, Polish veterans, Liga Morska, and students from Polish Saturday Supplemental Schools located at numerous Polish parishes throughout the Diocese, were in attendance. The PADB presented a chalice to Bishop Bronakowski in gratitude for his presence. They presented Bishop DiMarzio with a Polish crystal vase with the silhouette of Pope John Paul II etched on it to signify their appreciation of him as well. PADB Secretary Fr. Machalski chaired the celebration, *The 2010 Annual Polish Heritage Mass* is scheduled for October 17, at St. Pancras Parish in Glendale.

Some Polish parishes and PADB members supported the *New York Metro Alumni Chapter of the Orchard Lake Schools Annual Red & White Ball* held at the Polonaise Terrace in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn on Sunday, November 8, 2009. More than \$10,000 was raised for the Orchard Lake Schools that evening. This year's ball is scheduled for November 7, 2010.



**PAPA Comes to New York
2009 National Convention
Diocese of Brooklyn**

The PADB priests hosted the 2009 Annual PAPA National Convention from April 20-24, 2009. At the Thursday, April 23 Convention Banquet the keynote speaker was Dr. George Weigel, world renowned expert on Pope John Paul II. The 2009 Father Moczygemba Award recipient was Fr. Marion A.

Gural, Pastor Emeritus of St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Parish in Ozone Park. We trust everyone enjoyed the convention and the hospitality of the Big Apple!

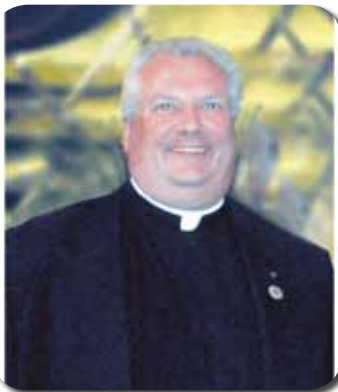
The New York Chapter of the Pope John Paul II Foundation held their traditional annual banquet on the first Sunday in June. Many of the Polish pastors and parishes were in attendance.

St. Josaphat's Church in Bayside celebrates its centennial this year. The Centennial Year opened with a Mass on November 22, 2009 celebrated by the Most Rev. Octavio Cisneros, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Regional Bishop of the Borough of Queens. A Centennial Banquet is planned for Friday, October 8, 2010 at the Polonaise Terrace in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. A Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled for November 14, 2010 at 3 PM with Bishop DiMarzio of Brooklyn scheduled to be the main celebrant.



St. Josaphat Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Machalski, pastor of St. Josaphat's in Bayside, will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on May 18, 2010. On Sunday, May 16, he will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 PM. On Friday, May 14, the parish



will host a banquet in his honor at the Polonaise Terrace in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn.

Bishop DiMarzio has appointed Fr. Machalski as Vocation Director for Polish speaking vocations, and as the Bishop's liaison with SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake.

Fr. Machalski has also been appointed to the Board of Trustees of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, while continuing to also serve on the Board of Regents of the Orchard Lake Schools.

— Rev. Canon Thomas C. Machalski, JCL, Correspondent

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*Whom have
you asked to
consider
becoming a
Priest lately?*

Archdiocese of Chicago

On December 30, 2009, the revised Chicago PAPA Chapter elected and installed a new board at a Christmas party attended by 43 priests including Bishop Thomas Paprocki, our spiritual leader. The Chicago PAPA Chapter has the following new board members:

Rev. Kazimierz (Casimir) Garbacz, President
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In the Archdiocese of Chicago there are a total of 365 parishes and over 1600 priests, diocesan and religious. Of these parishes, 54 parishes celebrate Mass in the Polish language every Sunday. There are 105 Polish priests in the Chicago area and 30 currently hold positions as pastors of Polish parishes. Presently, these Polish parishes hold 32 Polish weekend schools, with a total of about 15,000 students.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, graciously meets with all the Polish priests every two years. Our last meeting with Cardinal was held on October 19, 2009. Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Paprocki, also known as Bishop of Polonia, meets with all Polish priests at least once a year. The next meeting with Bishop Paprocki is scheduled for May 19, 2010.

The Chicago Archdiocese, Joliet and Rockford Dioceses, are coordinating an evangelization initiative called **Catholics Come Home**, the purpose of which is to welcome back those Catholics away from the Church. The program plans to air 2,000 television ads in three languages: English, Polish, Spanish and over ten sta-

tions in 5½ weeks beginning December 16, inviting Catholics to return to the practice of the faith. The Polish community has responded to this initiative very well, in part because a lot of information was printed in the Polish language promoting the program, along with the Polish media's cooperation. Last fall, the Evangelization staff of Archdiocese of Chicago held training sessions for more than 320 parish representatives, for 650 parish receptionists, and held dozens of presentations at Parish and Deanery meetings throughout the Archdiocese.

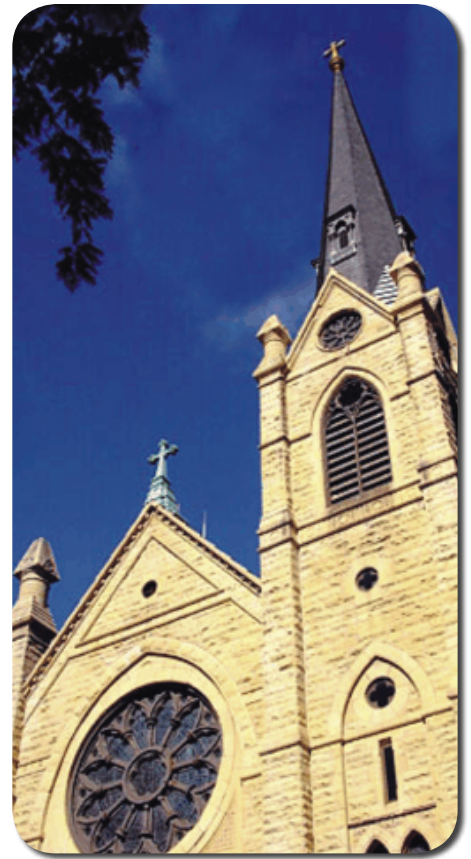
TV ads were an invitation, and parishes and the Archdiocese have been guiding those returning to full participation in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Priests continue to hear confessions of returnees, and during Lent many parishes sponsor events to help returning Catholics know their faith better through a six-week series called **Homecoming**. Following Easter there are ten presentations by the Marriage Tribunal called **Understanding Annulment**, to help returning Catholics with challenges of divorce. Overall, there has been a very positive response.

On October 16-17, 2009, the Archdiocese organized the **Catholic Festival of Faith** as they do every third year. We, as Polish priests, were part of it. During the two-day Festival, dozens of different inter-generational experiences were set up. Parents and children were invited to create, explore, learn, and celebrate their Catholic faith together as a family. For the 960 children who attend Polish Saturday Schools, there were special shows and learning sessions. Men and women in their 20s and 30s were invited to a special conference designed exclusively for them. A special evening was held for the married couples which began with a special Mass and a blessing on all married couples. Following Mass James Nicholson, former ambassador to the Vatican, and his wife Suzanne gave a presentation to the couples. Bishop Henryk Tomasik from Radom, Poland, was an honorary guest and speaker for this event.

The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform of the Archdiocese of Chicago, along with Priests for Justice for Immigrants, Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants and a diverse network of interfaith leaders, joined Francis Cardinal George, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, for an interfaith prayer forum. Prayers were offered for the sake of **Liberty and Justice for All Immigrant Families**. American citizens and legal permanent residents wrote petitions and offered testimonies about the suffering caused by forced separation from loved ones whose places of work are raided. These loved ones are kept in special detention centers before they are deported from this country.

Cardinal George addressed the issue of families whose members are separated. The Cardinal said: "We will work with the new administration and Congress to fix a broken immigration system, which harms both our nation and immigrants. Comprehensive reform is needed to deal with the economic and human realities of millions of immigrants in our midst." The Priests for Justice for Immigrants, a group of over 200 priests, and the Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, a network of more than 100 sisters and brothers representing 37 religious orders, held a prayer service and press conference on Friday, January 8, 2010, at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago during **National Migration Week** to help focus on the next few months that are being called crucial for immigration's legislative survival in 2010. On March 21, hundreds of local Catholics went to Washington to march for immigration reform.

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Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago



Archdiocese of Chicago

The Archdiocese has developed new ministry called **Immigrant to Immigrant**, a program based on friendly parishioners trained to help immigrants not to feel alone. This ministry is to educate immigrants on different levels: they learn the English language, are taught basics of the various health care insurance systems and administration of healthcare, and they receiving information about many common, but different laws of this country.

Bishop Abramowicz Seminary — founded in 1999 and named for the late Bishop Alfred Abramowicz, the Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Bishop for Polonia — is a facility for seminarians coming from Poland to continue their theological studies and eventually serve as Archdiocesan priests. Fr. Marek Kasperczuk, Rector of the Seminary, recently developed a new seminary program in Poland for men willing to come to the U.S., but without seminary life experience. During the two-year program these men study philosophy, American culture, and English, while undergoing spiritual formation. Last year the Seminary office was moved to the Holy Name Cathedral to improve living conditions as well as formation, enculturation, and integration programs within the liturgical life of the Archdiocese. On March 30 Bishop Abramowicz Seminary held an Open House. Currently 25 priests serve the Archdiocese from this program. There are ten Polish seminarians in Mundelein, who with the help of the Holy Spirit will be ordained in the near future. Cardinal George is very supportive of Bishop Abramowicz Seminary because, he said, “the Archdiocese of Chicago is very well served by the Polish priests.”

From August 31 to September 4, 2009, the Archdiocese hosted 30 Polish Rectors. During their visit these priests toured Bishop Abramowicz Seminary and enjoyed seeing their former students working as priests. This visit helped them understand the need for Polish seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago, while learning about the seminary system and formation programs of the Archdiocese.

Katolik is the diocesan Polish Catholic newspaper, serving the Polish speaking community in the Archdiocese. **Katolik** remains the only Catholic diocesan newspaper that is sponsored by a diocese outside of Poland.



Lech Kaczyński, President of Poland, presented His Eminence Francis Cardinal George with the **Commander's Cross with Star and the White Eagle of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland**, the highest honor awarded to someone who is not a Polish citizen. The insignia of this order were conferred on the Cardinal last fall during a ceremony at which a monument

to the Poles who were murdered at **Katyn** was dedicated on the grounds of Saint Adalbert Cemetery, one of the Catholic cemeteries in the Archdiocese, where many Catholics of Polish descent are buried. Retired Auxiliary Bishop Tadeusz Jakubowski received a similar Cross, but of the secondary class. Cardinal George and Bishop Jakubowski received these honors for their dedication to and the pastoral care of Polonia in the Archdiocese.

On April 29, 2010, the President Lech Kaczynski, of Poland, will arrive in Chicago to participate in the Polish Constitution Day parade scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010.

— Rev. Casimir Garbacz, SVD, Correspondent

Diocese of Greensburg

Established in 1978, the Greensburg Fraternity of Polish priests serves as the diocesan chapter of PAPA. We have had a busy year.

On August 28, 2009, we joined 39 priests to concelebrate Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh for a grand celebration of Faith and Polish Culture in tribute to Our Lady of Częstochowa. Bishop David Zubik was the principal celebrant. More than 1,150 faithful were in attendance.



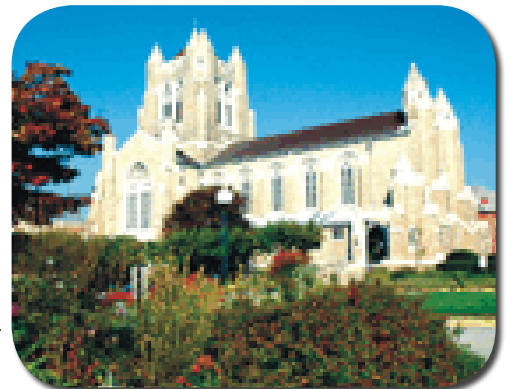
On October 25, 2009, we conducted the annual **Pielgrzymka Wiary** at St. Joseph Church in Everson, attracting Polish-American and newly arriving Poles to the spiritual program of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Concelebrated Mass in Polish. Following Mass, we prayed the Rosary and sang the Litany to Our Blessed Mother. **Pielgrzymka Wiary** concluded with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration emphasized the dual themes of our devotion during **The Year for Priests** and the **Letters of St. Paul**.

Two of our members marked significant anniversaries as priests: Rev. Anthony Woźniak, his 50th, and Rev. Ronald Rutkowski, his 40th. Rev. Lawrence Hoppe and Rev. Henry Preneta conducted a retreat for the inmates of the Greensburg State Correctional Institute. Rev. Paul Whalen is retired and living at St. Anne's Home in Greensburg, PA, which is operated by the Felician Sisters. Rev. Canon Joseph Sredzinski and Rev. Lawrence Hoppe prepared and aired several radio talks during Advent and Lent for a weekly radio program on WMBS-590 in Uniontown, PA. Rev. Dennis Bogusz continues his weekly radio program, **Echoes of Poland** on WEDO-810 AM in McKeesport, PA.

As National Chaplain of the Polish Falcons of America, Fr. Sredzinski organized and led the 2009 Pilgrimage to Doylestown for **Polish Falcons Day** at the Monastery, with participation from pilgrims who came from New Britain, CT, and Pittsburgh. He is also Moderator for the Junior Legion of Mary at Aquinas Academy in Greensburg, and will serve as Coordinator for the **2010 Tribute to Mary** set for August 26 in Pittsburgh with Bishop Zubik.

Rev. Andrew Kaweck, administrator of St. Hubert's Parish in Ft. Marion, PA, led the parish's Centennial celebration in October.

— Rev. Canon Joseph Sredzinski, Correspondent



Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
Greensburg, PA

Diocese of Gary–Ft. Wayne–South Bend

PAPA membership in Indiana is down to four active priests: Fr. Leonard Chrobot in Ft. Wayne/South Bend Diocese, Fr. Gerald Borawski in Lafayette Diocese, Fr. Stephen Kosinski and Fr. Walter Rakoczy in the Gary Diocese.

Originally there were 21 Polish parishes in Indiana, in the Ft. Wayne and Gary Dioceses. St. Hedwig in Ft. Wayne closed a number of years ago. Alumni of the parish still participate in occasional Masses and other activities, i.e. Christmas and Easter.

The parishes in South Bend may also eventually be merged or blended. There is one Polish Mass each month in South Bend, at St. Adalbert, which is celebrated by a non-Polish priest who is learning to speak Polish.

Two parishes in the Gary Diocese are closing. One is St. Mary of Czestochowa in Hammond. The other is St. John Cantius in East Chicago (Indiana Harbor). Blessed Sacrament — unofficially the 22nd Polish parish — closed in April. The remaining

traditionally Polish parishes are in the hands of non-Polish, or non-Polish speaking, Polish American priests.

Fr. Gerald Borawski has 25-30 Polish families from Chicago in Monticello, (Lafayette Diocese) and there is a small Polish colony in Knox (Gary Diocese). Of interest, is a group called POLONICA, which meets at Nativity parish in Portage. About 20-40 people attend for language, culture, history, and other activities. This group sponsors occasional bus trips to Chicago, where, typically they visit two or three churches, have lunch at a Polish restaurant, and go shopping. The most recent trip included visiting the four Polish parishes in the city of South Bend.

On Friday, November 13, 2009, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Bishop John D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, for reasons of age. His Holiness named Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as his successor. Bishop Rhoades had been serving as President of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and working at the U.S. Bishops' Conference as Chairman of the Task Force on Health Care. He is a Member of the Committee of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has some 160,000 Catholics, served by 249 priests, 18 permanent deacons, and 847 religious.

— Fr. Walter J. Rakoczy, Correspondent



Archdiocese of Hartford

After years of preparation and anticipation, Deacons Robert A. Morgewicz II and Marcin P. Pluciennik were ordained to the priesthood May 9, 2009, by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

"This is the end of a long road," said Father Morgewicz. "It's been 12 years since I started, and I'm very much looking forward to working in the priesthood ministry."



After graduation in 1988 from the State University of New York at Cortland, he worked as a district executive with the Boy Scouts of America in Orange County, N.Y., for six years, and then for two years in Philadelphia.

He attributed his desire to pursue priesthood to his experience working with a Xaverian brother at a Boy Scout camp after graduating from high school.

Father Morgewicz entered minor seminary at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., in 1997, and major seminary at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y., in 2000.

After taking a five-year hiatus to teach religion to junior high students at Immaculate Conception School in Tuckahoe, N.Y., which he describes as "wonderful years working with 261 kids," he applied to the Archdiocese of Hartford. He was accepted as a candidate in 2007, and finished his studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

His diaconate parish assignments included St. Joseph and St. Mary in Meriden, St. Elizabeth in Branford, St. Clare in East Haven and St. Aloysius in Plantsville.

Fr. Pluciennik attributed his decision to enter the seminary to his strong Catholic upbringing in Warsaw, Poland, and his meetings with the late Pope John Paul II. He attended minor seminary at St. John the Baptist Seminary in Warsaw from 2000-05 and went on to earn his Master's in theology from Catholic University in Lublin in 2006, and his Licentiate of Sacred Theology from the same institution in 2008, renamed Pope John Paul II Catholic University by that time.

A series of five personal audiences that Fr. Pluciennik enjoyed with the late Pope, John Paul II, that cemented his decision to ultimately seek the sacrament of Holy Orders and become a priest. Fr. Pluciennik explained that at the time of his meetings, in the year 2000, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz served as personal assistant to the Holy Father. "It was such a great blessing," Fr. Pluciennik said, "We could simply call Cardinal Dziwisz and make the necessary arrangements to meet privately with the Pope."

After a great deal of prayer, discernment, and talks with his spiritual directors, Fr. Pluciennik moved to the United States to join the students at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan from 2007-08. Shortly after his arrival, he received news that he had been accepted as a candidate for the priesthood by the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2007. Following his May 2009 Ordination by Archbishop Mansell, his first parish assignments included Holy Spirit in Newington, Sacred Heart in New Britain, and St. Bernard in Enfield, CT.



Fr. Marcin Pluciennik
Ordained May 2009

Archdiocese of Milwaukee



His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Jerome ListECKI of La Crosse, Wisconsin, as the Archbishop of Milwaukee, on November 13, 2009.

A Vatican communiqué announced that Archbishop ListECKI, 60, will succeed Archbishop Timothy Dolan, who was named Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York in February 2009. The newly elected prelate stated, "I am humbled by my selection" and "will do my best to fulfill the confidence His Holiness Benedict XVI has placed in me."

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Bishop ListECKI was ordained to the priesthood in 1975 for that Archdiocese. He served as pastor, professor and military chaplain before being appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago in 2000. Bishop ListECKI was named to lead the La Crosse Diocese in 2004. He has served the bishops' conference as a member of the Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese has some 680,000 Catholics, served by 347 diocesan priests and 322 religious priests, 191 permanent deacons and 1583 religious sisters.

— Rev. Ron Kotecki, Correspondent

St. Stanislaus Catholic Oratory, as its known, is one of Milwaukee's "Polish Cathedral's." The parish, the third Roman Catholic Polish Church in the United States and the first based in an urban area, was founded by immigrant Poles in 1866. The parish is dedicated to St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów, Polish martyr.

Archdiocese of New York

On March 16, 2009, 14 priests were incardinated into the Archdiocese of New York by Edward Cardinal Egan at his residence in Manhattan. Among them was Fr. Jacek Wozny of St. Ann Parish, Staten Island.

The Most Rev. Timothy Michael Dolan was named the tenth Archbishop of New York on February 23, 2009 by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. His Mass of Installation was celebrated on Easter Wednesday, April 15, 2009, in St. Patrick's Cathedral. At that Mass, one of the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful was read in the Polish language.

— Rev. Fr. James L.P. Miara, Correspondent

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Archdiocese of New York



Diocese of Norwich

Rev. Francis A. Liszewski celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 3, 2009.

Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, pastor of Saint Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church in Groton, a naturalized, U.S. Citizen since December 2008, was invited to deliver the Morning Prayer on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, before the legislative session of the **U.S. House of Representatives**.

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession encompassing the parishes in the City of Middletown, CT was held on Sunday, June 14, 2009. The Corpus Christi Procession began at **Mother Church of Middletown**

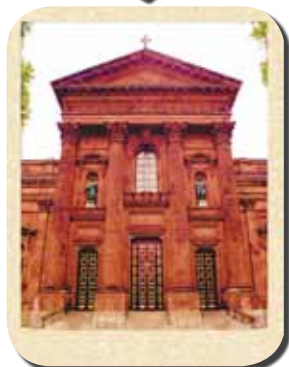
Saint John Church, Middletown, which is also the most historic and the oldest parish of the Diocese of Norwich, CT. Fr. James Joseph Sucholet, Pastor of St. John Church led Exposition, Adoration, Gospel Reading by Deacon John Hancock, **Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**. He then carried the Blessed Sacrament outside of St. Sebastian Church to the float, which then made its way to

Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church, Middletown, accompanied by priests, religious, and faithful singing, walking, and reciting the **Rosary**. The Blessed Sacrament was carried inside to the altar in Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church. A third Gospel Reading was read by Fr. Marek Masnicki, Pastor. Many Polish Eucharistic hymns and prayers were intoned until they ended with a third **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Polish**. Then the Blessed Sacrament was carried to the decorated float which continued through the south end of the City of Middletown, accompanied by priests, religious and faithful singing, walking, and reciting the Rosary. The Procession made its way to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Middletown, where His Excellency, Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Norwich, assisted by Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brown, Chancellor, and Fr. Martin Jones, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church carried the Blessed Sacrament into St. Francis of Assisi Church, Middletown. A fourth Gospel Reading was read by Fr. Marty Jones in Spanish. Bishop Cote offered a brief Eucharistic meditation in English, ending with final prayers in Spanish, then **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** led by Bishop Cote. The festival of Corpus Christi ended with a delicious catered dinner attended by 150 parishioners from the city parishes and Mayor Sebastian N. Guiliano of Middletown in the Monsignor Fox Parish Center at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Middletown. This beautiful, outdoor Corpus Christi procession was begun in

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia



*Basilica Cathedral of
SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia*

On May 16, 2009, Cardinal Justin Rigali ordained six priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Among the newly ordained was Father Jonathan J. Dalin. He is the son of PRCUA Society #2009 member, Christian Dalin (Tom), Godson and Nephew of PRCUA Society #2009's Monica Cieplinski. The highlight of the Mass for Father Dalin was the investiture with stole and chasuble. Raised in South Philadelphia, he has been assigned Parochial Vicar of St. Eleanor Parish in Collegeville, PA, and has been quoted saying, "I can't wait to serve them".

A big round of applause is accorded to our dear and special friend, MSGR. ANTHONY E. JAWOROWSKI, Honorary Chaplain of the PRCUA, who marked his **65th Anniversary of Ordination in the Priesthood** on June 3, 2009. For many years, he served as Chaplain of the Union of Polish Women in America. Msgr. Jaworowski was ordained in 1944, and served as a teacher at St. Pius X High School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania for many years. He was elevated to the rank of Monsignor in 1976. He is Pastor Emeritus of St. Adalbert's Church in Port Richmond, serving as Pastor from 1972-93. He served on many committees and was General Chairman of Arrangements for Pope John Paul II's papal visit in 1979 and Program Chairman of the 41st Eucharistic Congress held in 1976 in Philadelphia. During his long and distinguished service to God, Msgr. Jaworowski was honored by many organizations for his outstanding leadership and his dedicated work among Polish Americans in the USA. Currently, Msgr. Jaworowski is a resident priest at Sacred Heart Parish in Swedesburg, where he has resided for the past 16 years. Msgr. Jaworowski was a personal friend of the late Karol Cardinal Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) when he was Archbishop of Krakow, Poland.

Archdiocese of Providence

The Diocese of Providence comprises the State of Rhode Island, 1,085 square miles. The total population of the diocese is 1,067,610, of which 629,889 (59%) is Catholic. Of the 284 diocesan priests, 13 are Polish-speaking:

Monsignor Michael W. Dziob	ordained	May 30, 1942
Rev. Matthew J. Strumski	ordained	May 22, 1948
Rev. Canon Anthny D. Iwuc	ordained	May 30, 1953
Rev. Canon Frederick V. Biota	ordained	May 30, 1953
Rev. Czeslaw L. Kachel	ordained	June 29, 1957
Rev. Boguslaw T. Gibowski	ordained	May 24, 1969
Rev. Kenneth J. Suibielski	ordained	May 7, 1977
Rev. Dariusz G. Jonczyk	ordained	June 14, 1997
Rev. Marek S. Kupka	ordained	June 23, 2001
Rev. Przemyslaw Lepak	ordained	June 3, 2006
Rev. Marcin A. Mioduszewski	ordained	June 2, 2007
Rev. Jacek K. Ploch	ordained	June 29, 2009
Rev. Lukasz J. Willenberg	ordained	June 29, 2009



Of these 13 Polish-speaking priests, five are American-born, four of whom are retired; of the eight Polish-born, two are retired, six are in the active ministry, two in Polish parishes and four in non-Polish parishes. Four of the original six Polish parishes in the diocese are still in existence. Two have been closed; St. Hedwig Parish in Providence, June 14 1961, and St. Casimir Parish in Warren, October 2, 2005. One of the existing parishes has not had a Polish-speaking pastor in over 25 years.. Two of the Polish parishes are served by one pastor, Monsignor Michael W. Dziob is the longest ordained of all diocesan priests. Last May 30 he observed the 67th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 30, 1942. He is the only Polish-speaking monsignor in the 137 year history of the Diocese of Providence.

— Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, Correspondent



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Diocese of Norwich

2008 by the clergy, religious, Knights of Columbus and the faithful of the City of Middletown, as a public witness of the deep rooted Catholic faith that is found in Central Connecticut. The outdoor Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of Middletown is growing, developing and expanding each year. It is an important event that brings many of our people together.

May the Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, continue to be praised, adored, and loved in all the Tabernacles of the world, until the end of time. Truly God is present in this Sacrament! In this special **Year of the Priest** proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, I encourage all of our Polish American Cardinals, Bishops and Priests to revive the beautiful Corpus Christi Procession in our communities of Polonia. Here in Middletown, we began plans for Corpus Christi 2010 with our first city-wide parish meeting in October 2009. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar! SZCZEŚĆ BOŻE!

— Rev. James Joseph Sucholet, Correspondent

Diocese of Springfield



Most Rev. Timothy McDonnell, Bishop of Springfield, ordained three Polish men to the Order of Deacon on Saturday August 15, 2009, in the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel.

Rev. Mr. Tomasz Górny is from Kozy, Poland and is completing his final year of studies at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Rev. Mr. Piotr Pawlus is from Radziechowy, Poland and is completing his final year of studies at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Rev. Mr. Tomasz Parzynski is from Lublin, Poland and is completing his final year of studies at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Each of the transitional deacons mentioned above have tentative dates for their ordination to the priesthood. Mass for the Laying on of Hands and the Sacrament of Holy Orders has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010, in the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel.

– Rev. Gary M. Dailey, Correspondent

Diocese of Worcester



St. Mary Elementary School, a tiny 83-year old Catholic school located in Clinton, MA, sounded its last class dismissal bell at the end of the school year in June 2009. The Rev. Tomasz Borkowski, headmaster and pastor of Our Lady of Jasna Góra Parish, told parents in mid-March that there was not enough money or enrollment to keep the school afloat. Enrollment was down to 40 students, with three students each in Grades 5 and 6. The school eliminated Grades 7 and 8 a few years ago because of decreased enrollment. Felician Sisters staffed the school for 45 years, from 1936 until withdrawing in 1981.

Rev. Krzysztof Korcz, former associate pastor at Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish, Worcester, was assigned to become associate pastor of St. Anne and St. Matthew Parishes, Southborough, with residence at St. Anne Rectory.

Rev. Ryszard Polek, former associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Webster, for five years, was assigned to become associate pastor at Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish, Worcester. A farewell reception was held June 21, 2009, at St. Joseph Parish.

RETIRING AFTER YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE –

PAPA CONGRATULATES RETIRED POLISH PRELATES: CARDINAL MAIDA AND ARCHBISHOP PILARCZYK

Sincere congratulations to Adam Cardinal Maida of Detroit and Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk of Cincinnati upon their retirement.

– About Cardinal Maida –

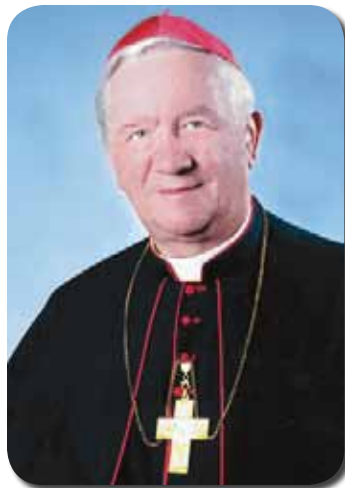
On April 28, 1990, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Maida of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin as Archbishop of Detroit. He was installed as the 9th Ordinary and 4th Archbishop of Detroit on June 12, 1990. Four years later, Pope John Paul II made him a Cardinal on October 30, 1994. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals at a Consistory held on November 26, 1994, at the Paul VI Auditorium in the Vatican.

As required by Church law, Cardinal Maida submitted his resignation to the Holy Father in March 2005, when he turned 75, some 15 years after his installation as Detroit's Archbishop. Pope Benedict XVI then invited Cardinal Maida to continue as Archbishop of Detroit until January 5, 2009, when the Vatican announced the Holy Father's acceptance of Cardinal Maida's earlier resignation. He was named Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese until his successor, the Most Rev. Allen Henry Vigneron was installed as Archbishop of Detroit on January 28, 2009. Cardinal Maida now serves as Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

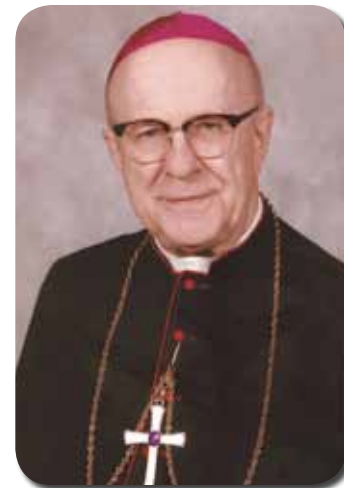
– About Archbishop Pilarczyk –

On October 30, 1982, Pope John Paul II named Auxiliary Bishop Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, as Archbishop of Cincinnati. He was installed on December 20, 1982. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago was the principal consecrator.

As required by Church law, Archbishop Pilarczyk submitted his resignation to the Holy Father upon reaching the age of 75 on August 12, 2009. His resignation was accepted by Pope Benedict XVI on December 21, 2009. He was succeeded by the Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, who had been coadjutor archbishop of the Archdiocese since October 7, 2008.



*His Eminence
Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop-Emeritus
of Detroit*



*His Excellency
Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk
Archbishop-Emeritus
of Cincinnati*



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O God of Mercy, We beg You now to protect in a special way those who are defending us and the Country we love. Bless them and take care of them. If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort. If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. And if it be Your holy will that they should give up their lives for us, grant them a peaceful death and a home with You in Heaven. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when along with them and their families, we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more. Amen.

*The Most Rev. Edwin E O'Brien, D.D., STD.
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ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS ALUMNUS –

FR. WALTER J. CISZEK, S.J., (P'26), SERVANT OF GOD

In 1885, Polish immigrant and priest, Fr. Joseph Dabrowski, opened the doors of the first of the quality Catholic educational facilities he would found, all of which ultimately would be relocated to Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield Township to the 115-acre site they occupy today. In responding to the Lord's call to provide solid Catholic education for the Polish immigrants in this country, could Fr. Dabrowski have imagined that one of his graduates would have been considered worthy for canonization?



The Cause for Beatification of the late Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J., Servant of God, a 1926 graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory at Orchard Lake continues. Fr. Ciszek was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, the son of Polish parents. After graduating for Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory, he eventually became a Jesuit priest, a member of the Society of Jesus. In service to the Lord's people, he spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and Siberian gulags after having been convicted of being a Vatican spy by the Communist Party. He returned to the United States following his release. He died in 1984.

Fr. Ciszek has been laid to rest in a gravesite in the Jesuit Cemetery in Wernersville, PA.

The priest who leads the Cause for the Beatification of Rev. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J., is Rev. Msgr. Anthony D. Muntone, who will be the featured speaker at the 2010 PAPA National Convention Banquet on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The Convention Banquet will be held a few miles south of the Orchard Lake Schools at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. For more information about Fr. Ciszek's cause for Beatification, please write:

**Co-Postulators Rev. Msgr. Anthony D. Muntone or Rev. Thomas Sable, S.J.
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Man was created to praise, reverence, and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next. That is the fact of the matter: you believe it or you don't — and that is the end of it."

— Rev. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.

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– Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, P.A.
Editor, PAPA Bulletin



HONORED TO BE HOSTING FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY –

Orchard Lake Schools Welcome 21st Annual PAPA Convention

As part of the celebration of their Quasquicentennial on Thursday, July 22, 2010 – the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Orchard Lakes Schools by Fr. Joseph Dabrowski – the Orchard Lake Schools have announced the honor of hosting the 21st Annual Convention of the Polish American Priests Association (PAPA).

Beginning on Monday, April 12, and concluding on Friday, April 16, 2010, the PAPA Convention will take place on the Orchard Lake Schools campus as well as other local venues, and will include the participation of some 175+ Catholic priests, seminarians, and deacons from all over the United States who are either of Polish American descent or are native Poles. On Wednesday, His Excellency Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, will celebrate 5 PM Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. On Thursday, April 15, the Mass will be offered at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Sterling Heights, Michigan. His Excellency Bishop John Yanta, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas and founding President of PAPA, will be the celebrant. Rev. Eric Ozech of Cleveland, Ohio, the current National President of PAPA will be the homilist.

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Mass will be followed by a banquet beginning at 7 PM at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy, Michigan. The banquet speaker will be Rev. Msgr. Anthony Muntone of the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, speaking on the cause for beatification of the Servant of God, Rev. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. [Born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, Fr. Ciszek, a 1926 graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory, was convicted of being a Vatican spy and spent 23 years in Soviet prisons and Siberian gulags.. After his release in 1963, he returned to his home in the U.S. He died in 1984.] Another important part of the banquet will be the recognition of Rev. Stanisław Flis, Director of the Orchard Lake Central Archives and Polish Liturgical Center at Orchard Lake, as the 2010 Recipient of the Fr. Leopold Moczygemba Award for his contribution in preserving the legacy of Faith, Polish heritage, and knowledge of Polish traditions, in service to American Polonia. Members of the public are welcome to the Mass and invited to purchase tickets for the Banquet, as well. Banquet tickets are \$55 and are available in advance by calling 248-683-0405 or 248-683-0411.

The Orchard Lake Schools, a private, Catholic center of formation and education, are located on the eastern shore of Orchard Lake, 25 miles northwest of Detroit and five miles southwest of Pontiac in Orchard Lake, Michigan. The 115-acre campus has been designated a Michigan Historical Site and placed on the **National Register of Historic Places**. Founded by Father Joseph Dabrowski to serve as spiritual, educational, cultural, and civic leader, so that newly-arriving Polish immigrants, as well as their descendants, could cherish and preserve the rich heritage of their forefathers, as expressed in their religious beliefs and traditions, their customs and their practices, the Orchard Lake Schools' mission and accomplishments continue to be unique. The year 2010 marks the 125th Anniversary – **The Quasquicentennial** – of the Orchard Lake Schools.

Roman Catholic Church and Polish National Catholic Church:

Separated Church Dialogue Focuses on Clergy Transfers

The challenges of clergy transfers between churches stood as a key topic at the annual Polish National Catholic-Roman Catholic dialogue, which took place at the Polish National Catholic Church Center in Scranton, PA., September 28-29, 2009. Bishop Edward U. Kmiec of the Diocese of Buffalo and Bishop Anthony Mikovsky of the central diocese of the PNCC co-chaired the meeting.

Members held a lengthy discussion on proposed recommendations about difficulties that arise when a clergyman transfers from one church to the other. A proposed text was refined and a process of consultation with appropriate bodies in the two churches will now be undertaken. Further revisions resulting from these consultations will be considered at the next meeting.

Msgr. John Strykowski, rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. James in Brooklyn, spoke on the development of doctrine using principles from Cardinal Newman's "Essay on the Development of Doctrine." He applied these to the Christological controversies of the early Church and the Eucharistic controversies at the time of the Reformation.

Members also considered two Roman Catholic Marian dogmas: the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption.

The PNCC members distributed a text on the Mother of God taken from *The Road to Unity*, a collection of agreed statements of the joint Old Catholic-Orthodox Theological Commission that was adopted by a PNCC General Synod in 1990. Both churches have devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and seek her intercession, but differ over the pope's authority to raise these Marian teachings to the level of dogma. Members of the dialogue also prayed together in the chapel of the Polish National Catholic Church Center, where Bishop Mikovsky presided over an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The next meeting of the dialogue is slated to take place in Baltimore on November 11 and 12, 2010.



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