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Reflect, then Act

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

We presently find ourselves within the short liturgical season of Pre-Lent, and we are looking forward to the time of Great Lent that is to come, as well as examining our lives keeping in mind the call of the disciples that we just experienced in the past Ordinary Time season. Ash Wednesday this year will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, only a little more than a week and a half away. On that day we will place those ashes on our foreheads in a reminder of our weak and frail humanity and what is the nature of our relationship to Almighty God. Especially within our present culture, I believe that this is an important aspect of our religious and spiritual lives, because so much of our daily living encourages us to rely only on ourselves and to consider only ourselves in all the dealings of our lives.

But along with this recognition on this day, Ash Wednesday is also the entrance into a season of spiritual work and increased devotion. We are called to adopt or strengthen the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and giving. We are called to participate in the devotional life of the Church in the celebration of the Stations of the Cross, or Bitter Lamentations, or Rosary Devotions, or the contemplation of the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross. It is also during this time that we are called to delve deeper into the Scriptures and especially into the Passion of our Lord. We spend time in Penitential Devotions acknowledging and seeking forgiveness of our sins. The Church also calls us to be a participant in the various Lenten Retreats that are held during this season as well.

And through all of this spiritual work we seek to more closely follow Jesus. We do this by putting the words that we say each and every time we recite the Confiteor during the celebration of Holy Mass into action in our daily lives. In the Traditional Rite we say, "I resolve to amend my life, to improve and sanctify it, that I may become worthy to serve You faithfully all the days of my life." In the Contemporary Rite we have the same concept, "I promise to change my way of living, so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life." In either case it is with these words in mind that we approach the disciplines of Lent.

But there is also a concern here. As Christians, we can all certainly agree that "to amend my life, or "to improve and sanctify it," or "to change my way of living," or have "a deeper holiness," are all wonderful spiritual goals, but we must ask how exactly do I accomplish this. Where exactly do I need the amendment? What needs to improve and be sanctified? What needs to change? Where do I need a deeper holiness? There must be a time of reflection so that we can enter the season of Great Lent ready to do this spiritual work.

It is for this reason that we must take the season of Pre-Lent so seriously. It is not just a prelude to Lent, but rather it is the season to take stock of our lives, see where the work needs to be done and then resolve to do this spiritual work in the Lenten season that is to come.

In the preparation booklet that has been sent to all the parishes of the Church the season of Pre-Lent has

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been divided into three portions to allow us to examine where we stand in our spiritual and moral lives and allow us to then approach Lent in an attitude of full awareness.

In this booklet of prayers and spiritual activities prepared by Fr. Dr. Scott Lill, we have seven days within the “Week of Recollection,” a further seven days in the “Week of Self-Examination,” and finally the few short days before Ash Wednesday as the “Days of Decision.” The Sunday readings for this season can help us as a guide in these weeks. On the First Sunday of Pre-Lent we encountered the Sermon on the Plain given by Our Lord. He reminds us there of the situations in which some are called “Blest” and also to some He says, “Woe to you.” These situations call us to consider our own lives and especially to evaluate our dependence upon Almighty God. In the situations where Jesus says, “Woe to you,” they are the rich, the full or satiated, those who laugh or are contented and those approved by the world. It is exactly in these situations, especially within our present culture, where we think that we are totally self-sufficient and that we do not need God. On the contrary, the situations where Jesus called us “blest,” when we are poor, hungry, weeping, or ostracized and insulted, are conditions when we realize that we must depend upon Almighty God. In this “Week of Recollection” we are called upon to fully realize that Almighty God must be the source and beginnings of all that we have and all we are.

In the second week of Pre-Lent, we hear, within the Gospel of Luke, Jesus continuing to teach us, “Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and it shall be given to you.” (Luke 6:36-38a) In our “Week of Self-examination” we must search our hearts and our lives to see if we are truly living these words and also to what extent are we fully living them each and every day.

On the last Sunday of Pre-Lent, just a few days before Ash Wednesday and the start of Great Lent, we encounter the teaching of Jesus on our actions. We are often times critical of others and judge them, but He tells us, “Why look at the speck in your brother’s

eye when you miss the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck from your eye,’ yet fail yourself to see the plank lodged in your own? Hypocrite, remove the plank from your own eye first; then you will see clearly enough to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” (Luke 6:41-42)

It is in these last days before Lent begins that we must recognize “the plank” within our own eyes, whatever it may be, and resolve to remove it in the disciplines, practices and devotions of the Lenten season. It is in this concrete way that we will “resolve to amend our lives, improve and sanctify them.” It is how we will “change our way of living,” and seek to serve God “through a deeper holiness.”

My brothers and sisters within the Pre-Lenten season in our Holy Church, time is running short, but it is not entirely spent. We still have an opportunity in this season to do the work of Recollection, Self-Examination and then to fully Decide to then enter the season of Lent prepared to do the work of joining our lives to Christ, seeking His forgiveness and modeling of daily living on His Passion and self-giving. With prayer and thanksgiving for the season of Pre-Lent to prepare for the working of the Lenten disciplines in our lives, in our homes and in our churches, let’s be ready to approach Great Lent seeking to always become closer to Jesus.

A Prayer of Commendation

Into Your hands, O God, I commend myself and all those who are dear to me. Fill me with the Holy Spirit and strengthen me for the work You have given me to do. May I complete that work with a glad heart. As I serve You and walk before You, help me to live in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life. I ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving

Father all-powerful, Your gifts and countless and Your goodness infinite. I come to You, O God, offering my most humble and heartfelt thanks for the many blessings I have received from You. Open my heart to the needs of others, so that I may share Your gifts in loving service. Teach me to offer my thanksgiving not only with my lips, but in all that I do. I ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Military Chaplain’s Corner

Picatinny Arsenal Caroling and Santa Visit

The Picatinny Arsenal Religious Support Office, along with the Fire Department, hosted the Annual Caroling and Santa Claus Parade on December 16, 2021. The carolers and Santa Claus visited all housing areas located at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, providing Christmas Carols and presents for every child living on post. The Religious Support Office (RSO), in collaboration with Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), provided “Superbook” gift boxes for all children of military families residing on Picatinny Arsenal.

Superbook is the Bible brought to life through animation to introduce children to Jesus Christ and help to develop their faith. It helps children experience and interact with Bible stories through the Superbook Kids Bible app and the Superbook Kids website. Both are engaging and powerful tools accessible in any place, at any time. These special Superbook gift boxes were distributed along with flyers advertising our worship and chapel services.

Military families face unique challenges and circumstances; therefore, these gift boxes were meant to bring hours of fun to all Picatinny Arsenal children, and let their parents know about religious services available at the garrison chapel and RSO. This event has had a very positive impact on our military community by bringing joy and increasing awareness. Thank you to CBN for donating Superbook gift boxes and to the Fire Department for providing Santa and escort.

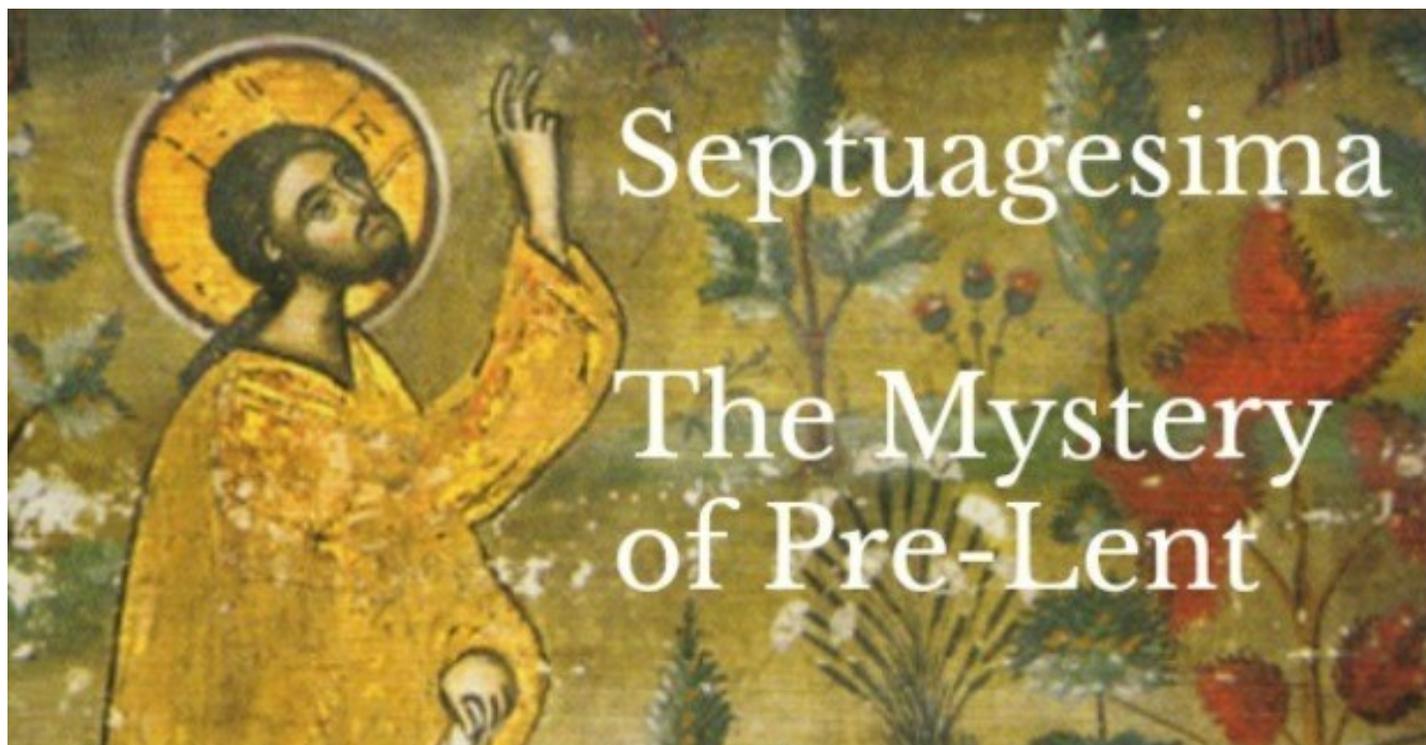
Fr. Dr. Stan Jasiurkowski



Future Direction February Message

P.N.C.C. Pre Lenten Spiritual Preparation Program

On Sunday, February 13th the season of Pre-Lent commences in our Polish National Catholic Church. This year as we continue our focus on *Being Eucharistic People*, a Spiritual Preparation Program has been prepared for this season by Fr. Dr. Scott Lill. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvsSGAuiJ74> to view a short video reflection by Rev. Dr. Scott Lill.



Reflection and Action Item:

Use “The Season of Pre-Lent: A Time of Preparations for Polish National Catholics” booklet beginning on Septuagesima Sunday – February 13th. Make this a spiritually uplifting time to properly prepare for the upcoming Lenten journey.

The booklet can be found online at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n38S9L-xVwkUrnFoQElf88iBSYkmcDOm/view?fbclid=IwAR0nN2NbrYIN23KjP3DbLx3FgrEjah1DnpNzCbPI1by4PJEMtD0vRE4fZAY>

Note: to print this booklet use Print on both sides Flip on short edge.

PRAYER FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love! Grant, O merciful Father, that your Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify me; that He may penetrate me with His heavenly dew and make me fruitful in good works. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who with You, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

May God bless you; may our Lord calm the storms of life, may our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph intercede for us. Let us use this beautiful Pre-Lenten Spiritual Preparation program to strengthen our lives in faithful witness and action following the teachings and example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

P.N.C.C. Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Greetings and Happy New Year from the United Y.M.S. of R.!

Spreading Warmth in the P.N.C.C. and Surrounding Communities.

And the crowds asked Him, "What then should we do?" In reply, He said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

The United Y.M.S. of R. once again heard the call of the above scripture and asked parishes on National Clergy Appreciation Day (October 10, 2021) to begin collecting clothing for those in need in their communities. The majority of the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church belong to areas that are being met with its most difficult weather. The Board thought a National-Church-wide drive could accomplish something that not only helps each local community, but also reflects the mission of Jesus Christ in our world today. The call was answered and there was great participation and response again in a National Church Event from many parishes. Churches reported collecting a total of over 4,400 clothing items and over \$3,800 in cash. After the items were tallied up and sent into Y.M.S. of R. Headquarters, the local parishes donated those items to their local community.

Congratulations to our winners! Checks will be going out to the top 3 parishes that donated the most clothes. The incentive is to hold a function at your parish using the prize money to provide a social event to your congregation and church community.

Honorable Mention - St. Mary's Parish, Duryea, PA - Rev. Carmen Bolock

3rd place - Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA - Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid

2nd Place - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Schenectady, NY - Rev. Jim Konicki

1st place - Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish, Lancaster, NY - Rt. Rev. John Mack

Thank you to those parishes that donated in your community and for providing warmth to those in need this winter. It was a very honorable and noble effort. Please continue to help those in need physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually as we enter into a new year.

Submitted by Nick Kazinetz

69th Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Hodur

Scranton, PA

On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, celebrated Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton PA, to commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Death of the organizer and first Prime Bishop of the P.N.C.C., Most Rev. Francis Hodur.



Left to right: John Andrzejewski, CFO PNU; Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, pastor, Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA; Rev. Janusz Lucarz, assistant pastor, St. Stanislaus Cathedral; Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop, P.N.C.C.; Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary, Central Diocese & Pastor, St. Stanislaus Cathedral; Rev. Walter Placek, pastor, Providence of God Parish, Scranton, PA; Rev. Carmen Bolock, Duryea, PA

Can I be a Member of the P.N.C.C. Commission on History and Archives?

Yes, you can. Members of the Commission are appointed for a four year term at every General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church (P.N.C.C.). The next General Synod is going to be on October 18 - 21, 2022. It will be held in Scranton, PA. Some members of the Commission are in their seventies and eighties. It is time to get younger members of the P.N.C.C. involved to insure that the activities of the Commission continue. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to this important commission. Contact Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky and ask him to consider appointing you for membership at the upcoming General Synod.

Before I give you some information about being a commission member, let me say that the purpose of the P.N.C.C. Archives is twofold: (1) Provide a safe repository for documents and memorabilia of the P.N.C.C. and (2) Make items accessible to members of the P.N.C.C. and the general public. The first was established by the provision of space in the National Church Center for the Archives of the Church. The second is what members of the Commission do.

Now let me provide the answers to some questions that might be on your mind as you consider volunteering to become a member. The first is probably, ***“What work is to be done?”*** The documents and artifacts in the P.N.C.C. Archives need to be catalogued so that researchers will know what the holdings are. This is a two part process. First, the items on the shelves need to be organized into sub-categories. This would be followed by cataloguing each document and artifact of the sub-category, and then preparing a Finding Aid. A Finding Aid is a list of the cataloged items. The costs of either purchasing or renting a microfilm movie film scanner need to be developed so that the hundreds of microfilm in the P.N.C.C. and PNU Archives and in the Central Diocese can be scanned at the Archives instead of a commercial company at a much higher cost. The microfilms of *God’s Field*, *Straż* and others need to be scanned and put into computer files so that the issues could then be searched by word or phrase. Papers presented at the twenty-second through the twenty-fifth conferences need to be formatted for publication as P.N.C.C. Studies number twenty-one. An index of the thirteenth through twenty-first issues of P.N.C.C. Studies. needs to be prepared. The P.N.C.C. Conferences were restarted again. An acquisition campaign to obtain the documents which are currently missing from the Archives needs to be developed.

The second question could be, ***“What does a member do?”*** Well, members are the people who make items

accessible to researchers who are members of the P.N.C.C. and the general public. After cataloguing, the items have to be put onto the appropriate shelf in the vault. Accessibly is provided by the Archives having documents and artifacts in a place where they can be retrieved and made available to the person who is searching for the information. That is accomplished by (1) having each item located in a specific place and by (2) having knowledge of what items are in that category in the Archives. The latter is what a committee member will make possible. The knowledge of what is on specific shelves requires that lists be prepared and made available to all researchers. The preparation of the list could be one of the tasks that you as a member might be doing. These lists are called Finders Aids. The Finders Aid which identifies the shelves where each category included in the Archives has been prepared. The list preparation is done by entering data in columns onto an Excel file. Excel is a computer program that is part of Microsoft Office. [Open Office is a free program which has software programs similar to those in Microsoft Office.]

Another task that could be done is the preparation of lists of the sub-categories so that cataloguing could be done faster and efficiently. Knowledge of the category would be helpful in developing the sub-categories. Another task could be physically sorting the documents and artifacts that are on each shelf or group of shelves and putting them into specific sub-categories.

The costs of either purchasing or renting a microfilm and movie film scanner need to be developed. The microfilms of *God’s Field*, *Straż* and others need to be scanned and put into computer files so that the issues could then be searched by word or phrase.

Another task could be the use of the ABBYY computer program to take the scanned files of P.N.C.C. Official Newspapers, translate them into Portable Document Format (PDF) files, save them to a CD or DVD. The ABBYY software program performs Optical Character Recognition on the scanned files and formats them into PDF files searchable by words and phrases in both Polish and English languages. The P.N.C.C. Archives has this program.

Prepare an index for P.N.C.C. Studies issues thirteen through twenty-one, using the index for issues for one through twelve as a guide.

The P.N.C.C. Conferences have been restarted again. This task entails the search for a venue to host the

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conference, advertisement of the conference in the academic community, review of papers, corresponding with presenters, obtaining copies for publication in P.N.C.C. Studies and prepare the presented papers for continuing publication of P.N.C.C. Studies.

The Archives do not have copies of all documents of all Committees and Commissions of the Church or of the Anniversary Books from every parish in the P.N.C.C. An acquisition campaign needs to be developed to obtain these and other documents to complete the holdings of the P.N.C.C. Archives.

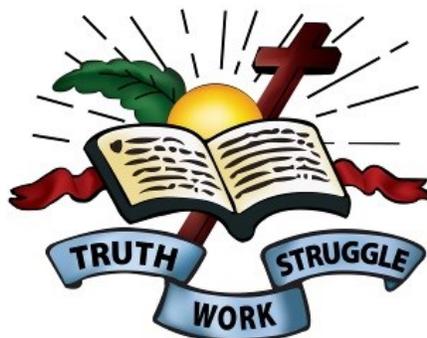
Develop and implement a plan to transfer files from 5 1/4 inch and 3 1/2 inch disks to CD's and DVD's. This would require using older computer hardware and software.

The third question would probably be, "*What qualifications must I have?*" The most important qualification is an interest in seeing that the history of the

P.N.C.C. is preserved and available to all who want to find information on an aspect of the P.N.C.C. A general knowledge and familiarity with computers would be a help. A knowledge of entering data into computer files would be helpful for cataloging and preparing finders aids. Knowledge of using the internet would be needed for some tasks. Knowing how to use a word processing program is needed for the work with P.N.C.C. Studies. A familiarity with the Polish or Lithuanian language would be an asset.

Please give this request some thought and volunteer your time and talent. If you would like to help, but not become a member, just contact the Prime Bishop's Office for information on how to do this. The Commission welcomes anyone who wants to help preserve the history of the P.N.C.C. and make it available to the public.

Joseph Francis Seliga,
Chair, P.N.C.C. Commission on History and Archives
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NOTICE TO PARISHES

If your parish is in need of financial assistance and you seek to request Clergy Aid from the Polish National Catholic Church, you must follow the procedures as outlined by the XIX General Synod.

All individual parish requests must be sent through the proper Diocesan Bishop as soon as possible before March 15, 2022, along with all of the required supporting financial documentation.

The Diocesan Bishops must forward all parish requests to the Office of the Prime Bishop no later than March 21, 2022.

(PLEASE NOTE: Only Canadian Diocese submissions can be sent to the Office of the Prime Bishop as he serves as acting Diocesan Bishop for this diocese.

Requests sent by other diocesan parishes directly to the Office of the Prime Bishop and not through the proper Diocesan Bishop will be returned to the parish. This may result in delayed paperwork and missed deadline submission.)



“BEING EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE”

21st National Mission & Evangelism Workshop
 Polish National Catholic Church
 Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3, 2022

Dear Most Reverend Prime Bishop, Rt. Rev. Bishops, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of the Polish National Catholic Church,

Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church.

We are happy to invite you to the Twenty-First Mission & Evangelism Workshop which will be held on Friday, April 1, through Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Resurrection Parish of the PNCC in Temperance, MI. We had the last year's Workshop via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions. We plan to meet together in-person this year and we hope to see you at Resurrection Parish. Our goal for each Mission Workshop is that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring the faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes. Please consider participating in this event.

Our hotel accommodation is at the Quality Inn located at 111 Waterstradt Commerce Dr., Dundee, MI 48131.

Along with this article are:

1. Workshop Agenda - Tentative schedule, names, phone numbers, and email addresses you may need. (Please make as many copies as you need.)
2. Workshop Registration Form for the Workshop and Hotel Reservation Form. (Please make as many copies as you need.)

We pray that you will consider joining us for the Twenty-First National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC. We look forward to your attendance.

ALL ATTENDEES NEED TO CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS. You are responsible for your own hotel reservations and confirmations. Please use the hotel code “Mission & Evangelism Workshop” when making reservations.

The cut-off deadline date for obtaining the guaranteed room rate of 17 double queens at \$82.00 and 5 Kings at \$92.00 plus tax is **Wednesday, March 16, 2022.**

Please fill out the registration form and send it to Resurrection Parish. The registration fee has been waived so that many people may attend to understand better and more deeply appreciate our Church. As an outreach project, we ask you to bring gift cards to support New Beginnings Mercy House. The New Beginnings Mercy House is a "Home" for unwed mothers. It offers a message of hope to women in crisis pregnancies at no cost to them. It enables them to become successful, self-sufficient women. The gift cards can be Walmart, Kroger, or Visa Gift Cards.

The deadline for registering for the Workshop is Monday, March 21, 2022. Please make your reservations by that date so that Resurrection Parish can prepare the food for this event.

We pray that you will consider joining us for the Twenty-First National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the PNCC. We look forward to your attendance.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman

Parish Phone: (313) 365-0218 email: Fr.J.Nowak@gmail.com

Respectfully,

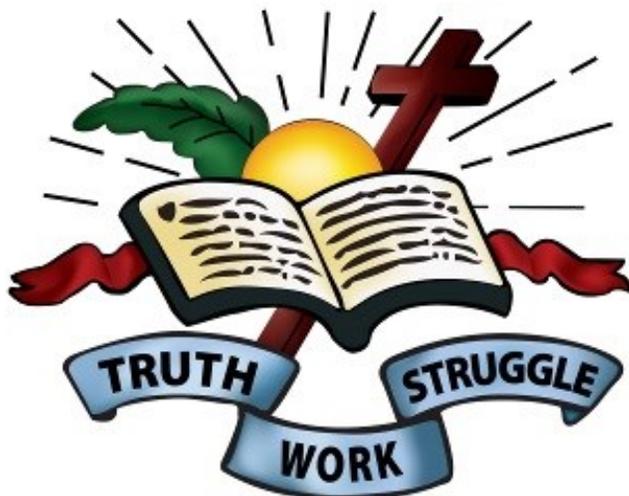
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National Mission & Evangelism Commission Chairman

Twenty-First Annual Mission and Evangelism Workshop
BEING EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE

Resurrection Parish - Polish National Catholic Church
Temperance, MI
Friday, April 1, 2022 to Sunday, April 3, 2022

Tentative Schedule



Friday, April 1, 2022

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Registration at Resurrection Parish, Temperance, MI
 5:00 p.m. – Welcome – Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Fr. Sr. Jarosław Nowak
 5:15 p.m. – Ice Breakers – Bishop John Mack
 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
 7:00 p.m. – Session I – Returning to Our First Love (Rev. 2:4-5) Prime Bishop Mikovsky
 8:00 p.m. – Litany & Benediction
 Return to Hotel

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Breakfast at the Hotel
 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
 9:00 a.m. – Session II – Eucharist: The Center of our Worship – Historical Perspective
 Fr. Robert Koerber
 9:30 a.m. – Questions & Answers
 10:00 a.m. – Session III – Having a Clean Heart – Repentance before Revival
 Karen Sobiechowski
 10:30 a.m. – Questions & Answers
 11:00 a.m. – Holy Mass – Bishop Jarosław Rafalko
 12:15 p.m. – Group Photo & Lunch
 1:30 p.m. – Session IV – Society of the Love of God – prime Bishop Mikovsky
 2:00 p.m. – Questions & Answers
 2:30 p.m. – Session V – Living the Liturgical Year – Fr. Jason Soltysiak

3:15 p.m. – Questions & Answers
 4:00 p.m. – Session VI – One Body of Christ, Many Members – Fr. Sr. Jarosław Nowak
 4:30 p.m. – Questions & Answers
 5:00 p.m. – Dinner
 6:30 p.m. – Reach out to the Community – John Hayes Harris III, M.Ed., FAWHP
 7:30 p.m. – Commissioning Service

Sunday, April 3, 2022

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
 Breakfast with the Resurrection Parish Congregation following Holy Mass
 11:30 a.m. – Concluding Remarks – Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky

Hotel Registration

Individuals are responsible for their own hotel payment:

Quality Inn
 111 Waterstradt Commerce Dr.
 Dundee, MI 48131
 Phone: (734) 529-5240
 Double Queen Bed - \$82.00 per night plus tax
 King Bed - \$92.00 per night plus tax
 Code: Mission & Evangelism Workshop
 Hotel reservation Deadline – March 16, 2022

Workshop Registration

2022 Registration Fee: the registration fee has been waived
 Registration Forms are still required
 Registration Deadline – Monday, March 21, 2022

Please mail your Registration Forms to:

Resurrection Parish
 21st Mission Workshop
 1835 W Temperance Road
 Temperance, MI 48182-9441

If there are any questions, please contact:

Very Rev. Jarosław Nowak
 Phone: (313) 505-2964
 Email: Fr.J.Nowak@gmail.com

or

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21TH NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM
WORKSHOP
POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
APRIL 1 - 3, 2022
RESURRECTION PARISH - TEMPERANCE, MI

2022 MISSION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____
 email: _____

Name of your Parish: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Travel Plans:

Car: _____ Van: _____ Bus: _____ Airplane: _____

Airport – Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Detroit, MI (DTW)

Arrival Time & Date: _____

Departure Time & Date: _____

Do you need transportation to/ from the airport? Yes: _____ No: _____

Airline: _____ Flight # & Time of Arrival: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ (In case of a travel problem)

Workshop Registration Fee was waived.

Deadline for registering for the Workshop is **Monday, March 21, 2022.**

Mail your registration to: **2022 Mission and Evangelism Workshop**

Resurrection Parish
 1835 W. Temperance Rd
 Temperance, MI 48182-9441

It's Back -- National Youth Convocation

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 2022 National Youth Convocation hosted by the Western Diocese of the P.N.C.C. The Convo will be held Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22 at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The Western Diocese United Youth Association (WDUYA) and the Western Diocese Youth Commission (WDYC) are working together to make your Convo 2022 a fantastic experience. Jesus, music and a water park are all an important part of the plans.

Convo is also a great time to make new friends, renew old friendships and just have time to be yourself. Convo is a great place to grow in your faith and realize that others feel and experience Jesus just like you.

The theme for Convo 2022 is: **Live, Love and Laugh.**

Registration Forms and other information will be available no later than the beginning of May. One very important item is that Valparaiso University, like many others, is requiring all participants to be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption. At present, fully vaccinated does not require the booster. The Convo 2022 Committee wanted you to know this important factor to give everyone ample time to make your decisions about the vaccination and to receive them in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fr. Sr. John Kowalczyk, Convo 2022 Youth Chaplain, at wduya@sbcglobal.net or (219) 374-7621 at any time.

We, the WDUYA and the WDYC, are looking forward to seeing all of our youth, advisors and clergy in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Fr. Sr. John Kowalczyk
Convo 2022 Chaplain

The Polish National Catholic Church invites you to join

PRIME BISHOP ANTHONY MIKOVSKY

as he celebrates Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on his
25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Sunday - April 24, 2022 at 4 pm

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, Pennsylvania



A Dinner Reception and Banquet will follow in the Cathedral Youth Center.
The Banquet will be limited to 200 people as we continue in these Covid times.
Reservations are required. Dinner Reception and Banquet - \$20.00

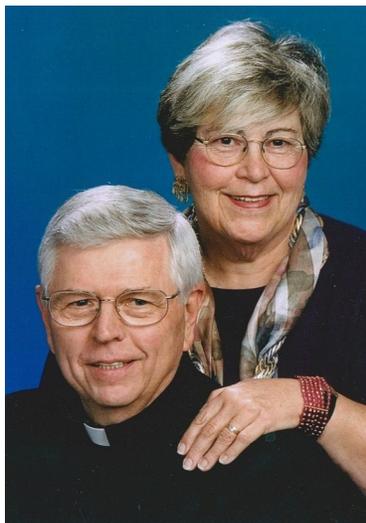
R.S.V.P. your name(s) and payment(s) to:
National Church Center, P.N.C.C.
Attention: Banquet Reservation
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

Paid reservations will be honored on a first come first served basis, deadline April 1.

Central Diocese

Placeks Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Placek celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on November 23, 2022. They were married on Thanksgiving Day in 1961 in St. Mary's Polish National Catholic church in Duryea, PA, by the late Very Rev. Stanley Shuman, then pastor of St. Mary's Parish. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Anthony Rysz, then pastor of Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA.



Father Walter is the son of the late Walter and Mary Placek of Dupont,

PA, and Mrs. Placek is the former Barbara Swantkowski, daughter of the late Chester and Celestine Swantkowski of Duryea.

Barbara chose her cousin Cynthia Swantkowski as her maid of honor and Father Walter had his brother, Paul, as his best man. Also serving as attendants were the bride's sister, Celeste, and cousin Christine Kaminski. Serving as ushers were Albert Micka and Richard Bushinski. Alicia Detweiler was the flower girl.

Mrs. Placek is a Registered Nurse having graduated from the Robert Packer Hospital School of Nursing in Sayre, PA. In addition, Barbara earned a BS degree in Psychology from Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, a Masters Degree in Health Care Administration from Marywood University in Scranton, PA, and did some further graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Placek's entire career has been in nursing and health care administration. Her last position was Director Quality Assurance at Allied Services.

Father Walter earned a BS in Physics from Wilkes College, a Masters Degree from Pennsylvania State University and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He has done postgraduate work at the University of Vermont, University of Maryland, Pennsylvania State University and Colby College in Maine. He spent his last sabbatical at Cornell University doing research and teaching. He has

presented numerous papers at international, national and state meetings; has been a member of many academic and scholarly societies and served on the executive boards of both state and national organizations dealing with science education. In 1992 he was elected President of the Pennsylvania Science Teachers' Association and served on the editorial board of their national Science Journal. He was an elected member of Wyoming Area School Board and a member of the Board of

Trustees of the Luzerne County Community College for 10 years. His entire career has been in teaching; for 6 years as a high school physics teacher and, since 1968, as a member of the Physics and Engineering Department of Wilkes University. He continues to teach on a part-time basis. At the time of his retirement, the University Trustees honored him with the title of Professor of Physics, Emeritus.

Father Walter took an early retirement from Wilkes University in order to enter the Savonarola Theological Seminary to study for the priesthood and he was ordained on May 25, 2002, in Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish by the Most Rev. John Swantek. Presently Father Walter is pastor of Providence of God Parish in North Scranton.

Walter and Barbara have been active in the Polish National Catholic Church since their youth and met at Spójnia Farm. Both have been baptized in the P.N.C.C. and are members of the Polish National Union. Barbara serves as Second Vice-president of the National Board of Directors of the ANS Society and served several years as President of the ANS Society of Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish. Barbara also served on the Central Diocesan Council and as a member of the Pre-Synodal Committee for the XXI General Synod of the P.N.C.C. She is a member of the Constitution Commission, appointed by Prime Bishop Nemkovich at the XXII General Synod of the

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Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish ANS and Y.M.S. of R. Hold Annual Meetings Dupont, PA

The Annual Meeting of the A.N.S. (Women’s Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament)

was held at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA on Sunday, January 30, 2022.



First row from left: Ruthie O’Dell, Joyce Jopling, Christine Wasko, Donna Micka, Susan Baldan, Carol Bondurich; second row from left: Adele Sabach, Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid, Lois Morreale, Eleanor Bruno, Lois McHugh, Stephanie Shumlas, Wanda Stash, Mary Jo Searfoss;

The Y.M.S. of R. (Young Men Society of the Resurrection) of Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish held its Annual Installation Meeting and Dinner on Monday, January 31, 2022. Elected officers: Anthony Shumlas

- President; Jack Wall Jr.-Vice- President; Andrew Shumlas-Treasurer; Nick Kazinetz-Recording Secretary; Carl Cwikla-Financial Secretary;



First row, from left: Paul Kaspriskie, David Petrosky Sr., Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, Eugene Jendrey, Paul Kazinetz, Al Micka; second row, from left: Carl Cwikla, Angelo Conforti Jr., Jeff Baldan, Angelo Conforti Sr., David M Petrosky, Anthony Shumlas, Andrew Shumlas, Nick Kazinetz, Jan Cwikla.

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid

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P.N.C.C. in Manchester, NH. Father Walter was a member of Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Committee for 8 years, served on the Supreme Tribunal of the P.N.C.C. for one term, and at this last General Synod of the P.N.C.C. was elected by the Central

Diocesan Clergy to represent them on the Supreme Council of the P.N.C.C.

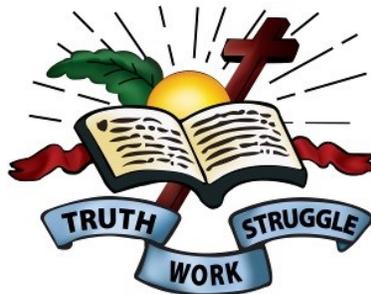
Walter and Barbara are the parents of three children; Allison, David and Adrienne. Dr. and Mrs. Placek have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Holy Cross Parish Helps Feed the Homeless

Woodland Park, NJ

Many thanks to the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Woodland Park, NJ, for donating non-perishable items for the food bank, and winter clothing such as coats, scarves, gloves, sweatshirts etc. for the needy. Also thanks to the students and their parents who prepared sandwiches and packages with

winter clothing that were delivered to the homeless in Paterson, NJ on a cold Jan. 30th Sunday. Despite freezing weather we met several homeless individuals who appreciated our service which we did in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Remaining items were delivered to Eva's Village shelter in Paterson.



The Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

The Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church will be celebrated throughout the Polish National Catholic Church this year on Sunday, March 13, 2022. In celebration of this Solemnity, the P.N.C.C. is again offering to the parishes a full color brochure describing the Solemnity of the Institution and sharing some information on this unique feast of the Polish National Catholic Church. This is a perfect point of information to include in welcome packets or to have in bulletin racks.

25 brochures: \$8.50

50 brochures: \$15.00

75 brochures: \$21.50

100 brochures: \$27.50

(All prices include shipping costs.)

Checks, payable to P.N.C.C. Book Department, should be sent to:
 P.N.C.C. Book Department
 National Church Center
 1006 Pittston Avenue
 Scranton, PA 18505



Eastern Diocese

Blessed Trinity Parish January Community Outreach Efforts

Fall River, MA

After Holy Mass on January 12th, many volunteers helped put together 40 bags to feed the homeless in the local Fall River community. On January 15th sandwiches were made to top off the bags and then they were delivered to Thrive to feed local homeless.

On Sunday, January 23rd, Blessed Trinity Parish concluded the annual Sock drive and gave over 1,000 pairs to MA State Representative Alan Silvia's Warm Feet Program. Representative Silvia attended Holy Mass and thanked the parish for its support of this effort to help the poor, homeless and marginalized throughout the past number of years.



Our Savior Parish Sponsors Free Lunch

Woonsocket, RI

On Saturday, January 15th, Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, RI, continued its free lunch for the community. Among the helpers were: Edmund Fox, Sally Watson, Debbie Boucher, Phil and Patricia Kaczorowski, Chris Kozlik, Anna Prymak, Patrycja, Sara, Renata, and pastor Fr. Henryk Vos.

of chickens, which make the soup possible. This time we served hot chicken soup with snacks, and water.

More than 70 portions of soup were served to those who stooped by and delivered by friends to those who could not come.

A special thank you to Lonnie for cooking his delicious soup, and to Debbie Boucher for her donation

The parish sponsors the free lunch drive-through event every third Saturday of the month.



Western Diocese

St. Mary Parish Happenings

South Bend, IN



St. Mary Parish in South Bend, Indiana held its annual meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022 following Mass. Our attendance was better than last year, which is a sign that more are feeling confident that they are safe at our facilities, due to the large size and our commitment to safety.

The highlight of the meeting was the spirit-filled remarks of Kathy Martinczak, our Parish Committee chairperson, which I wanted to share with the rest of our Church. Her remarks are as follows - Looking back on the past year, we have weathered many storms. There were winter storms with extreme cold, snow, ice and an area power outage that kept our attendance lower than expected on four Sundays. But there were other storms raging against the church as well. There were tough economic times, several waves of the coronavirus and popular culture promoting the gods of money, power and physical beauty. Through all of these troubled times our church stood strong. In Deuteronomy 31, it says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." While struggling in difficult economic times, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and God's grace we have not only paid our bills and avoided debt, but even made up for losses suffered during the first Covid shut down. During the past year we were able to give over \$1000 to each of two sister parishes without suffering any loss to us. When we support others, God blesses us. 2nd Corinthians reminds us, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." During the

Delta and Omicron strains of the coronavirus, Fr. Sr. Charles led us through the storm of disease. God has promised that he would carry us through.

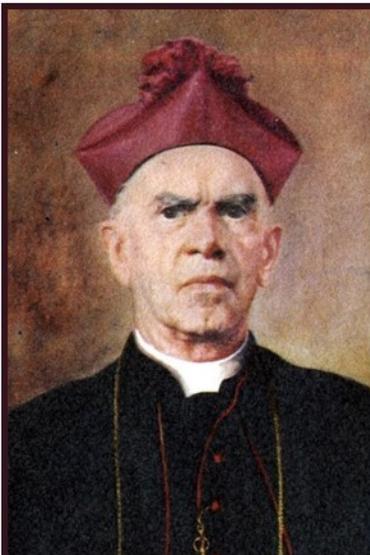
Psalm 91 tells us, "I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence." Our church remained open and Fr.Sr. supported parishioners by offering a parking lot Mass and at home worship materials for those who could not attend. Cards were sent to the homebound. For those able to attend church, we returned to as many normal activities as possible: Blessed the church for Epiphany; Lord's Supper Remembrance; Spring cleaning of church and grounds; Wore red for Pentecost; Parish Picnic/Spirit Sunday; Farewell celebration for long time members Carl and Jeanette (moved to live with their daughter out of town); Rummage sales to support our community; Chili Cook-off; Annual clergy pension fund campaign; Community drives for YWCA, Hope ministries, Lincoln School, Oliver Apartments for the homeless, Pet Refuge; Blessing of the Pets; Winter Clothing Drive; Remembrance Project - parishioners brought photos of departed loved ones; Veterans Day Celebration; Christmas Eve Mass (we met only Christmas morning last year due to the pandemic). We are truly thankful for Father's stamina and determination in leading us through these challenging times. It has been largely due to his leadership, inspiration and dedication to the church that we have persevered. Our attendance has even increased to almost average, from the lows last year due to the pandemic! Father has reminded us in his homilies

that we need to be bold in standing up for what is right; for Christian values in the midst of pop culture that often contradict our morals and ethics. It is this attitude that I believe we need moving forward. I believe that each of us as individuals need to assess the use of our own time, money and talents and make sure that we are investing in what we really believe matters most. Matthew 6 advises us, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Sometimes I feel like a hamster on a wheel. Running as fast as I can and getting nowhere, ending each day exhausted and frustrated. God tells us there is a better way. I know that I get caught up responding to all the “have to’s” in my daily/weekly schedule and am left with little or no time left for the things that matter most. I suspect that some of you feel that same dilemma. Instead of working on a to do list, I am going to try making my choices match my priorities. For example, there are 112 waking hours in a week. I estimate that I spend 50 hours per week at work, 7 hours commuting, 10 hours eating, 10 hours preparing food, 10 hours for bathing, dressing, personal care, 4 hours cleaning, 7 hours running errands, 3 hours exercising, 1 hour paying bills, which only leaves 10 hours for enter-

tainment, family, friends, and God. That means about 84 minutes per day for all of these combined. Wouldn’t you agree that your leisure time, family, friends, and God deserve more than 84 minutes per day to share? My problem with this is that the things I’m spending the most time on: work and commuting will help me succeed at work (but the average job only lasts 4 years.) I’m spending time on food, exercise and self-care, but my body will only last a lifetime (probably less than 100 years). Only the things left to share in the 84 minutes per day will really last. My family and friends are my legacy and will live on after me. But by far, the biggest benefit and longest lasting investment is my time with God, which will last for eternity. Mark 8 asks, “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?” God doesn’t ask us to stop working or cleaning or caring for people. But He does ask us to worship Him, give Him praise and gather on the sabbath.

Psalm 150 says, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” God is the only one that we can invest in that lasts an eternity. Isn’t that worth an hour on Sunday? An extra hour for an annual meeting? A few minutes per day in prayer? For the new year, I’m going to try looking at my time as an investment. I encourage you to do the same. Carefully consider how much time you spend on short term investments, long-term investments, and investments in eternity.

Submitted by Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski



In Honor of Bishop Franciszek Hodur
From “Ode To Great Men and Great Things in Poetry and Prose”
Rev. Walter A. Hyszko

His Voice Shall Never Cease
(On the 10th Anniversary of Bishop Hodur’s Death)

Each year, his voice louder, more strong,
Thunders the words of our Church Song –
“So many years, O Lord, we did faithfully serve.”
He pleads Grace for those who believed ... blessings deserve.
Since his passing, now will come the hardest trial –
He asks to forgive the selfish, those who defile
Their sacred oath to give their best
To the Church – often – fail the test.
Many voices, to his memory will be raised –
Prime Bishop Hodur, in high glory, shall be praised ...
They’ll all praise his great deeds, the best he gave to the Lord ...
Yet, some will forget the true meaning of his word.
“Dear bishop – what your last breath whispered to be done ...
Of the vict’ry you sought on earth – is not yet won;
Thy faithful – giving their best, with tears in their eyes
Pray, that all who vowed – uplift their hearts to the skies.

God’s Field

Appeal for Easter Greetings

The deadline for submission and payment of Easter Greetings is **APRIL 1, 2022**. Greetings will be published in the April issue .

The cost for publishing Easter greetings for individuals, parishes and organizations is \$20.00. Due to space constraints in the page setup of the *God’s Field*, greetings are limited to up to three (3) lines of text.

Example greetings:

The Adoration Society of St. John’s Parish, Everytown, USA
Eve Adams, President
We wish everyone a Blessed Easter!

St. John’s Parish, Everytown, USA
Rev. Adam Adams, Pastor
Wesołego Alleluja!

ALL GREETINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENTS, MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2022 IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH ISSUE. We no longer publish greetings submitted without payment, so please be sure to send in your payment with your greeting or it will not be published.

Please send 3-line greetings, along with payments in the form of check or money order payable to God’s Field, to:

God’s Field - Easter Greetings
National Church Center
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Scranton, PA 18505



2022 GREETINGS

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The Staff and Management of *God's Field*—*Rola Boza*



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Call for the XXVI General Synod

In accordance with Article VII.A Section 14 and Article VIII.A.(3) of the Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church, I hereby issue the call for the XXVI General Synod to be held within the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. The dates and site of the XV General Synod have been set by the Central Diocese as October 19-21, 2022, at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

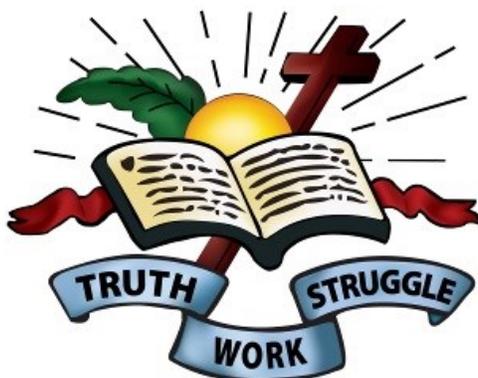
The Parishes and Standard Organizations of the Polish National Catholic Church, as well as the Polish National Union are reminded to elect their delegates in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church. The Parishes are reminded that the number of delegates that will be seated at the Synod will be in accordance with the obligations that have been paid to the Church by the end of its fiscal year on February 28, 2022. The address to request Mandates will be published in a future edition of God's Field and sent to all parishes with other information.

For the election of delegates to the General Synod, I encourage each Parish of the P.N.C.C., each Standard Organization of the Church and the P.N.U. to examine Article VII.A of the Constitution.

According to Article VII.A of the Constitution, the composition of the General Synod consists of: 1) the active Bishops, 2) the members of the Supreme Council, 3) the vice-rector of the Seminary, 4) the Pastor or Administrator of each Parish, 5) the lay delegates of the Parish, 6) a delegate to be elected from the central body and each Diocesan sub-central body, if any, from each of the following United Societies and Organizations: a) the United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament; b) the United Young Men's Societies of Resurrection; c) the National United Choirs of the Polish National Catholic Church; and (d) the National United Youth Association; 7) One delegate from the Board of Director of the Polish National Union of America and one delegate from each Diocese of this Church located in the U.S.A. who shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America; 8) a delegate from the Education and Youth Commission; and 9) a delegate from Spójnia, Inc. Board of Directors.

The lay delegates from each Parish are to be elected according to Article VII.A, Section 2 of the Constitution. It states that (1) Every lay delegate of a Parish shall be a member in good standing in his Parish and a member of this Church for not less than two (2) years as set forth in Article III and elected at an Annual Meeting or at a Parish Meeting duly called for this purpose. (2) Each Parish shall have the right to elect at least one delegate and no Parish shall elect more than one delegate for every fifty (50) members, or a major fraction thereof, in good standing on its Parish roll.

Information regarding registration for the Synod and the making of room arrangements will be forwarded to each of the Parishes and Societies of the Church in the future. A full agenda of the Synod will also be published in future editions of God's Field.



An important issue to remember about this upcoming Synod is that we are trying to build on what was accomplished at the last two General Synods. At those Synods a general plan of action was laid out for five areas of focus: 1) Growth and Membership, 2) Increase Spirituality, 3) Lifelong Learning, 4) Sacred Vocations and 5) Community Involvement and Presence. In an effort to build upon this plan we will have a number of items during the General Synod in 2022 where we will 1) evaluate the work of the past and make suggestions for improvement, 2) discuss successes and challenges in each of the 5 areas, 3) further develop the 5 areas and create further directions of implementation and lastly 4) make a more concrete plan for the years 2022-2026.

I also want to bring to the attention of all that the 2022 General Synod has been planned for only three days as it was in 2018. These will be three full days of work. It was felt that this plan went well in 2018 and can certainly be accomplished again, but it will require the commitment and cooperation of everyone. It is planned that all reports will be submitted and distributed to the delegates well in advance of the Synod and that there will only be time allowed on the Synod floor for questions and action on motions.

At each General Synod the membership of the National Commissions is set for the following four year period. These names are submitted by the Prime Bishop with volunteers taken from the Synod delegates and then confirmed by the Synod body. Although it is often only Synod delegates who become members of these Commissions, this is not required. Anyone who is interested in working to help the Church on a Synodal Commission may submit their name. Those submissions will be evaluated by the Prime Bishop and then presentation will be made to the General Synod for approval. The list of National Commissions is: 1) Constitution, 2) Mission and Evangelism, 3) Budget and Finance, 4) School of Christian Living, 5) Liturgy, 6) Church Doctrine, 7) Clergy Salary and Benefits, 8) History and Archives and 9) Sacred Vocations. Please consider if your talents may help the Church in serving on one of these Commissions.

Nomination of Candidates for Bishop – At this upcoming XXVI General Synod an election of Candidates for Bishop will be held. Nominations are now being accepted by the Office of the Prime Bishop, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505. A Nomination Commission will be chosen in the future to evaluate the nominees in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the P.N.C.C. and the guidelines accepted by the Supreme Council.

As a conclusion I ask that we each join in prayer that the upcoming Synod will be a spiritual success for the Church and that through it, its work and its plan, the entire Polish National Catholic Church may continue to better serve our Lord Jesus Christ and build up His kingdom on earth.

Prayer for the Church – Almighty and eternal God, You have called us to serve You through the Polish National Catholic Church. Hear our prayer for the Prime Bishop, the bishops, priests, deacons, the lay leaders and faithful of our Holy Church. May Your gifts and blessings strengthen our resolve to serve You and by our example bring others into the Mystical Body of Christ. May all that we do be for the glory of Your name and the salvation of Your people. By our faithful witness and service may we eventually be received into Your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



