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A Reflection – The XXVI General Synod Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

As this issue of God's Field goes to print we have just concluded the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church. It was most certainly an exhausting few days as we started off our days with early breakfast and continued with sessions all during the day and into the evening after dinner. The days were also extended since, as faithful members of the Church, we desired to spend some time in catching up with those that we may have not seen for some time from parishes and areas around the entire Church. We desire to share Christian fellowship with Polish National Catholics throughout the country.

But I can also say that following the Holy Synod, I am also enthused for the work of the new four-year Synodal period as new individuals presented themselves for the Commission work of the Church. There is also a set of new priorities that we can take from the Resolution that was passed at the conclusion of the Synod (see page 4). Now I certainly know that many times we pass resolutions at the conclusion of Synods or Conventions that are taken as beautiful expressions of what was accomplished during our days together, but they have little effect on us going forward into the future. It is my prayer that this is not the case of this past XXVI General Synod. The Resolution speaks to a number of concrete realities that we must strive to continue to encourage within the life of the Church and it also expresses forward pointing goals to unite ourselves ever stronger with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to bring the

work and mission of the Church to those who surround us and are in need of the Lord's presence.

In reflection on the Resolution that was accepted on the final day of the Synod, each parish of the Polish National Catholic Church, each person within our Church needs to consider these words as a part of their daily life and action within our Christian communities.

At the beginning of the Resolution, it states: "We [the delegates] were strengthened, enlightened and sanctified by our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, truly present in our very midst through Word and Sacrament during the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist." This paragraph concludes with the statement that we "proclaim it as the most beautiful and important aspect of the great work of these blessed days."

We must not pass over this affirmation as merely an introduction of our later resolutions. This is, in fact, who we truly are as Polish National Catholics and what sustains all that we will continue to do as we build the kingdom of God and accomplish the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Communion, the Holy Sacrament, is the very presence of Jesus among us, strongly expressed especially when we gather together at the Holy Eucharist. We are surely 'strengthened' as through this Sacrament we are united with Jesus Christ. In receiving Holy Communion, we reflect on the words of St. Paul who said: "And it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ Who lives in

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me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

As Synod delegates and for all Polish National Catholics, we were and are enlightened when we receive our Lord present in Holy Communion and worship Him as our Creator and Redeemer. In John’s Gospel, Jesus expresses a summation of all that He taught saying: “I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me should not remain in the darkness.” (John 12:46) Lastly, our lives and work and all that we are and do is sanctified in the receiving of Jesus Christ present in Holy Communion. In this we make Jesus’ prayer for His disciples our own prayer. Jesus prays to the Father, “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You have sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.” (John 17:17-19)

Here in this prayer, that we seek to make our own, we are prepared to go out into the world. And we do so, as Christian individuals seeking to live our lives in the way that Jesus has taught us, as Christian families seeking to build each other up and support each other in our common life of worship and faith, as Parishes seeking to gather together in the worship of Almighty God, in the reception of His Son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist, and then becoming witnesses to His presence and to work in building His kingdom.

It is looking within these three realities of our individual Christian lives, our Christian families and our parish life that we must then put the resolutions of our Synod into action. These resolutions are:

To continually draw strength from the Most Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments, so lovingly provided for us by Christ’s work in the Church; We will do this as we gather for worship at Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and seek to witness to others who will join in that worship.

To seek the true enlightenment that comes from Holy Scripture, God’s own Word to us and from the teachings of the Church, Christ’s continued presence among us; We will do this in our delving into the

Holy Scriptures to more fully understand God’s will for us.

To embrace the sacrificial work that Christ entrusts to us in the fulfilling of the two great commandments of love, to Love God and our neighbor; We will do this by seeking to see the needs of those around us, our communities and our world and then, in witnessing to Christ, serve others.

To walk the path of Christian discipleship that we have strived, and will continue to strive, to bring to reality in our Future Direction program as it continues into the future.

Lastly to show ourselves, individually and collectively, as members of the Holy Church founded by Jesus Christ by our shining examples of compassion, mercy and charity, and by our own lives of true and abiding holiness.

These are certainly lofty goals put forward by our Holy Synod, but they are also the goals that have been continually with us in the pages of Holy Scripture and in the teaching of our Holy Church. As we gathered at Holy Synod, they were expressed to us anew and therefore we reflect on them anew and also strive anew to put them into action.

So many wonderful things occurred during our time together at Holy Synod, we were inspired by the reports of the good things accomplished in the name of Christ, we were enthused by the desire and example of the young members of the Church to take up the mantle of leadership in Christian life and witness. We were sanctified by our time together in prayer and the reception of the Holy Eucharist at the Opening Mass and the 125th Anniversary Mass.

As I reflect on the time in prayer and in work at our Holy Synod, I pray that all will join me in making this resolution, not just a summation of our days at Holy Synod, but a reaffirmation of the work of Jesus Christ that lies before us, to sanctify ourselves in worship and uniting ourselves to Christ, to enlighten ourselves with the Word of God and the witness to our fellow Christians surrounding us and ultimately to strengthen ourselves and each other as we, together, build the kingdom of God on earth, showing, through all of it, the love we have and share for God and each other.

Resolution

of the

XXVI General Synod

of the

Polish National Catholic Church

Whereas, we the delegates to the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church – representatives of the holy People of God – have convened under the leadership of our Prime Bishop and Bishops in Scranton, Pennsylvania, from the 18th through the 21st days of October in the year 2022; and,

Whereas, we were strengthened, enlightened and sanctified by our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, truly present in our very midst through Word and Sacrament during the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist, concelebrated by our Prime Bishop and Bishops at St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, Cathedral, first parish of the Polish National Catholic Church, and as Eucharistic people, and proclaim it as the most beautiful and important aspect of the great work of these blessed days; and,

Whereas, all of the Bishops of the Union of Scranton – the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Right Reverend John Mack, the Right Reverend Paul Sobiechowski, the Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, the Right Reverend Jarosław Rafalko, the Most Reverend Robert Nemkovich, and the Most Reverend Roald Flemestad – were gathered around God's altar to witness the Most Reverend Ottar Myrseth of the Nordic Catholic Church sign the Declaration of Scranton and to welcome him into the Union of Scranton; and,

Whereas, we offer our gratitude to the Central Diocese of the Church, under the leadership of the Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, and all those who selflessly assumed and attentively carried out the responsibilities of planning and hosting this Holy Synod; and,

Whereas, the Polish National Catholic Church joyfully celebrates the 125th Anniversary of its Institution, and we offer our humble and sincere gratitude to God for Bishop Franciszek Hodur and the dedicated and faithful parishioners who, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sacrificed much in working together to organize our beloved Church; and,

Whereas, we recognize the foundation that was laid at the XXIV and bolstered at the XXV General Synods of the Polish National Catholic Church regarding our Future Direction and acclaim the efforts made over the last eight years by the Future Direction Subcommittee, wishing especially to recognize the enthusiasm of the Very Reverend Robert Nemkovich as he steps down from the chairmanship of the Subcommittee and praying that the Holy Spirit will guide another dedicated disciple in leading these endeavors in the coming years; and,

Whereas, we received an impassioned and enthusiastic report from the National United Youth Association as delivered by its president Jorge Hernandez Arjona, and now pledge our support to National United Youth endeavors, and are zealously committed to work for growth or establishment of youth groups within our parishes, and for increased attendance at the biennial National Youth Convocations for which the Polish National Union of America has announced its generous establishment of scholarships to provide financial assistance to youth who wish to attend the Convocations.;

Therefore, fervently praying that Almighty God, One in the Blessed Trinity, through the prayers of Our Lady, St. Stanislaus and all the Angels and Saints, will bring forth abundant fruit from the proceedings of this XXVI General Synod, and as we now prepare to return to our parishes and build up Christ's Church by executing its work, we hereby resolve:

To continually draw our strength from the Most Holy Eucharist and the whole Sacramental life of the Church; to seek the true enlightenment that comes to us from the Sacred Scriptures and through the holy teachings of the Church; to selflessly embrace the sacrificial work that Christ has entrusted to our care by fulfilling His Two Great Commandments of Love; to faithfully walk the pathway of Christian discipleship as marked out by the pristine faith of the Undivided Church of the first millennium; and to plainly show the Polish National Catholic Church to be an integral part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church founded by Christ and professed within the Creed, by bold witness of our words, by the shining example of our compassion, mercy and charity, and by our own lives of true and abiding holiness.

Respectfully submitted on this 21st day of October in the year 2022, by the Resolution Committee of the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Liz Kaniewski – Western Diocese
Marilyn Folcik – Eastern Diocese
Jorge Hernandez Arjona – Central Diocese
Rev. Dr. Scott Lill – Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese

This Resolution was unanimously accepted on October 21, 2022 by the delegates of the XXVI General Synod gathered in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



Bishops of the Union of Scranton

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton PA

Bishops of the Union of Scranton following the Holy Sacrifice of Mass to open the XXVI General Synod at St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Cathedral in Scranton, PA on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Pictured are: Bishop Ottar Myrseth (Nordic Catholic Church (NCC)), Bishop Paul Sobiechowski (Eastern Diocese, Polish National Catholic Church (P.N.C.C.)), Bishop John Mack (Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese, P.N.C.C.), P.N.C.C. Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky (also Canadian Diocese Administrative Bishop), Bishop Bernard Nowicki (Central Diocese, P.N.C.C.), Bishop Jarosław Rafalko (Western Diocese, P.N.C.C.), Bishop Roald Flemestad (NCC), P.N.C.C. Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert M. Nemkovich



National Commission on Liturgy Meeting

Scranton, PA

The National Commission on Liturgy of the P.N.C.C. met at the National Church Center in Scranton, PA on Monday, September 19 - Wednesday, September 21, 2022.



First row: Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski; Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr. (Chair); Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky; Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki; Second row: Rev. Jason Soltysiak; Rev. Carmen Bolock; Very Rev. John P. Kowalczyk, Jr.; Rev. Antulio A. Alvarado

Future Direction October Message

The Eucharist in the Declaration of Scranton

During October, as we continue our focus of Being Eucharistic People, we reflect on St. Clare of Assisi and her love of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Enjoy the excellent video message by Clare Lill of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at: [PNCC Future Direction YouTube Channel](#).

Scripture: Philippians 3:8-14, Matthew 19:27-29


St. Clare of Assisi came from a wealthy family which was devoted to our Lord within the Church. Tradition tells us that, after hearing St. Francis preach, she felt God's call to follow Jesus in a way similar to Francis' and embrace a life of detached poverty, simplicity, chastity, and prayer. Her family was against this, but she firmly held onto the call of the Holy Spirit and pursued this vocation along with other women whose leader and example she became to the point that they referred to her as "alter Franciscus"—"another Francis."

When St. Clare's life became challenging or overwhelming, when she grew tired or even afraid, she ran into the arms of Christ in the Eucharist. In this way, she is a wonderful example to all of us as disciples of Jesus, Whenever the unique pathway of discipleship that God has set out in front of each of us becomes rocky or ridden with holes, and we feel like we can go no further and might even like to give up, we can go to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and receive our strength. St. Clare, pray for us!

Prayer of St. Clare of Assisi to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

I come, O Lord, into your sanctuary to see the life and food of my soul. As I hope in You, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to your holy mountain. Permit me, O Divine Jesus, to come closer to You, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of your majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge your infinite love; that my memory may dwell on the admirable mysteries renewed here on the altar every day, and that the sacrifice of my whole being may join your own. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi, pray for us!

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Oración de Santa Clara de Asís a Jesús en la Eucaristía</i></p> <p><i>Vengo, oh Señor, a tu santuario para encontrar la vida y el alimento de mi alma. Como yo espero en Ti, oh Señor, inspírame con la confianza que me lleva a Tu santa montaña. Permíteme, oh Divino Jesús, acercarme a Ti, que mi alma entera pueda rendir homenaje a la grandeza de Tu majestad; que mi corazón, con su más tierno afecto, pueda reconocer Tu amor infinito; para que en mi memoria habite los admirables misterios aquí renovados sobre el altar todos los días y que el sacrificio de todo mi ser pueda unirse al tuyo. Amén.</i></p> <p><i>¡Santa Clara de Asís, ruega por nosotros!</i></p> |  |
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Every weekend this month, get to Mass early or stay a while after Mass and pray to our Lord Whose true and abiding presence is in the tabernacles of our churches.

Schedule: October is also the month of the Holy Rosary, so schedule a time for the members of the Parish Family to gather in church and pray the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Have a collection or drive to help the victims of Hurricane Ian.

May God bless you; may our Lord calm the storms of life, may our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph intercede for us, for those devastated by Hurricane Ian and all facing Christian Persecution and violence in our world. As we continue to celebrate Being Eucharistic People and also this month the Solemnity of Christian Family – let our discipleship reflect our love of God, Church and Family and the importance of receiving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Holy Communion!

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† śp. Dr. Joseph Wieczerzak (PhD)



Dr. Joseph Walter Wieczerzak (PhD) was born January 1, 1931, in Newark, NJ, he passed away peacefully on September 10, 2022, at 91 years old, in Greenwich Ct.

He is survived by his son Christopher Joseph Wieczerzak of Passaic NJ, daughter Barbra Margaret Reilly and her husband James of Katonah, NY & nephew Raymond Jandura and his wife Lori, and great nephews Stefan & Charles of Mt. Olive, NJ.

He is pre-deceased by his parents Stefan & Lottie Wieczerzak, sister Irene Jandura and Brother-In-Law Victor Jandura.

Dr. Wieczerzak attended Stuyvesant High school as a science major graduating 1946. He later graduated from Brooklyn College with a BA in 1952. After which he was a Sargent in the US Army as a translator during the Korean conflict from 1952 - 1955. Under the GI Bill, Dr. Wieczerzak earned his MA & PhD in European History from NYU . He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was fluent in several languages.

His distinguished career included tenure as a European History Professor at Bronx Community College for over 20 years. He was also Editor in Chief of the Polish Review for 17 years. He held many distinguished positions with the Kosciusko Foundation, PAHA, and the P.N.C.C. where he served many years as Dean of Students at the Savonarola Seminary in Scranton, PA . He was also honored with a City of New York Commendation in 2008, for inspiring generations of students at Bronx Community College, for highlighting vital issues as editor emeritus of the Polish Review; for chronicling important chapters in history, particularly the Polish immigration to the United States during the 19th century; and for his lasting contributions to the Polish American community & New York City.

He was author of several books, which reside in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Including a book of biographical "Essays on Bishop Francis Hodur", "A Polish Chapter In Civil War America" and was the subject of a book titled, "Essays In Honor of Joseph Wieczerzak" by Theodore L. Zawistowski

Donations in memory for Dr. Wieczerzak can be made to: Homes for our Troops

† śp. Ernest J. Gazda, Jr.



Ernest J. Gazda, Jr. died peacefully Friday morning, Sept. 30, at his home in Taylor, Pa., after a long illness.

Born in Scranton on May 7, 1941, to Attorney Ernest J. Gazda, Sr. and Helen Slominski Gazda, he attended the Taylor, PA, public schools, graduating as valedictorian of the class of 1958. After a year of prep school at Blair Academy, he earned a BA from Marietta College in 1963. In college he was elected sophomore class president and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He attended Cornell Law School and, after earning his JD in 1966, he joined his father's law firm in Scranton (Gazda and Cottone, then Gazda and Penetar). At that time he also enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, 109th Infantry. He was a member of the Lackawanna Bar Association, served as assistant district attorney and as honorary co-chair of the LBA Interfaith Prayer Service, which presented him with an award in May 2019. In addition, he served on the U.S. Attorney Nomination Committee and the Pennsylvania Bar Association Merit Selection Committee. A well-known and respected attorney in Lackawanna County, he retired in 2018 due to illness.

Mr. Gazda was a devoted member of and an advisor to the Polish National Catholic Church. He served for many years as a member of the Supreme Council of the P.N.C.C., the Constitution Committee of the P.N.C.C., and the Parish Committee of the St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton. He served as attorney for the Polish National Union of America, and he also assisted with legal matters for the Spójnia, Inc. retirement home, the Manor at Waymart.

Mr. Gazda was a dedicated Freemason and he advanced to the highest ranks throughout his adult life. His commitment to public service began to develop in his teens when he joined Bill Scranton on the campaign trail, serving as his introducer as they canvassed house to house to persuade people to vote for Bill for Congress. Later, he was a member of numerous boards, including, among others, those of the Third National Bank of Scranton, the County of Lackawanna Transit Authority (COLTS), Keystone College, Elk Mountain Ski Resort and SKM Industries.

Throughout his life he enjoyed fishing. His passion for boating took another form in college. Although football and basketball were his main sports in high school, at Marietta he joined the crew team and proudly rowed varsity when they won the Dad Vail Regatta in 1963. During his illness, he dreamt of being back on his boat, heading out to sea.

Mr. Gazda is survived by his loving sister, Elaine Gazda (McIntosh); and his adoring niece, Karina McIntosh, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; as well as many caring cousins and their families. During his last four years his devoted cousin, Gloria Thiel, was his principal caregiver, and in his final year he enjoyed the company of wonderful aides who went above and beyond in their caregiving: Carmine, who amused him by calling him "Boss," Amy, Jennifer, Bertha and Kristin. He will be missed by them all.

The funeral was celebrated at St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Cathedral, Scranton, by the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky. Interment, parish cemetery, Kane Street, Scranton.

The Second Eucharistic Prayer – It Is About You

Rev. Jim Konicki

In celebrating the Contemporary Form of the Holy Mass clergy tend to default to the Second Eucharist Prayer based on the Canon of St. Hippolytus. There can be several (perhaps even funny) reasons for this. It may be because it is the shortest of the Eucharistic Prayers – hey we get Mass done quicker. It may just be habit, an easy enough go-to. It may be its antiquity (very well preserved in its entirety in our Church).

It does so happen that we can get through this Canon rather quickly, and when moving at pace we may miss the import of the words we are praying. Even though short, there is much beauty in this Eucharistic Prayer and there is deep significance for every one of us. Let's reflect on that.

This Canon begins with a thanksgiving to the Father for sending His Son for us (yes – Jesus came for me). As some modern commentator's state: God would do this even if I were the only person to ever exist.

God did not just intervene in human history. He fully entered my history to save and redeem me. He was sent by the Father to show me how I am to live. The Canon also notes the urgency, for I am living in 'these last days,' both my own and in expectation of the immanent return of Jesus in glory at the end of time.

God is in it to win it – in history and the world to win me for Himself and to win for me.

Because Jesus is in constant loving relationship with the Father, He responds to the Father's ask, He goes. The Father is well pleased in Him.

Then we get to the core matter: Jesus fulfills all the Father asks, going to suffering and cross. In doing so He is aiming to gain me. He offers me the grace to comprehend what has happened and how key this is to my living life eternally in joy. He calls me to live a holy life in union with Him and all His holy people.

Consider what I gain in accepting the complete sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross; what comes from my regeneration in Jesus:

- The suffering of sin has been taken away from me. I am free.
- I am no longer chained, restricted, or held back in a dark place.
- Hell has been crushed and is indeed a very small place.
- I have a covenant with God – all His promises are assured.
- I share in Jesus' resurrection.
- I have light.
- Death is no more.

Finally, at the key moment, Jesus takes the bread and cup and hands us His body and blood. Jesus says: Take and eat: This is my body which is **broken for you**.

Everything I thought broken in me is indeed gone. Jesus took it all on Himself and eliminated my brokenness. We are whole and complete as the regenerated of the Kingdom. Jesus accomplished all this for me, and I must believe this. Again, all Jesus accomplished has been done for me. So, we end praying: 'strengthen my faith in the truth.'

Just think – God did all this for me. All the happiness I feel because of God's great love toward me becomes a resolve to share that Good News. Look at all God has done. We can confidently say, He did it for me and did it for all who believe in Him.

Yes, Jesus' all is about me, and I am His. Let us revel and rejoice in the truth of Jesus' salvation accomplished in and for me. It is that personal.

If the power of all God has done for you moves you to bring this message to others as a priest or deacon of our Holy Church, please call or text me at 518-522-0944 or E-mail me at frjim@holynamencc.org.

Savonarola Theological Seminary Orientation and Classes

Scranton, PA

In September, orientation and classes were conducted at our Savonarola Theological Seminary in Scranton, PA. Classes were conducted by Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky (Rector), Rt. Rev. Jerry Rafalko, Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid (Vice-rector), Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, Jr., Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr. and Deacon James Ploskonka.



From left: Seminarian Sean Dodd, Rev. Carlos Aranda, Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, Rev. Nazario Salas, Rt. Rev. Jerry, Rafalko, Rev. Gabriel Flores Zavala and Deacon James Ploskonka



Front: Seminarian Sean Dodd, Rev. Nazario Salas; Middle: Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., Rev. Gabriel Flores Zavala; Rear: Rev. Carlos Aranda, Deacon James Ploskonka

Y.M.S. of R. Golf Tournament 2022

St. Mary's Parish, Parma, OH

The first weekend of September 2022 brought excitement, action, people and tremendous spirit to the people of the Polish National Catholic Church in Parma, OH.

Branch #29 of the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection (Y.M.S. of R.) played host to the 8th Annual P.N.C.C. National Y.M.S. of R. Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 3rd at the Briarwood Golf Course in Broadview Heights.

Planning began months earlier, when Branch #29 was tabbed to play host, as it did for the first 2 tournaments. The branch began to reorganize while planning the event, allowing us to be fully prepared to operate and host visitors from across the Polish National Catholic Church.

George Bennett and Bruce Bogzevitz were in charge of the golf-course event planning. Many visits, calls, and emails were made to find an appropriate venue and date. Chuck Repede, Fr. Jason, Mark Avondet, and Gene Stepanik also offered support in the planning process for the event and dinner.

Friday afternoon, the hospitality room at the hotel was stocked and visitors began coming in, partaking in the array of food and drink available.

The following morning the registration process was headed up by some cheerful volunteers from the parish. After everyone arrived, Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky led us all in a prayer and well wishes while Bishop Jerry Rafalko offered comments and blessing as well.

After hearing some rules and regulations, the golfers were off.



A hot dog, drink, bag of chips at the turn and 18 holes later, the golfers regaled each other with stories of long putts, lucky shots, long drives, and more.

Later on a happy hour and dinner were held at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall. The dinner was opened up to members of the parish as well, and many signed up for this banquet for the golfers, family, and friends.

Once everyone was satiated by the delicious Italian dinner, awards were given out, as well as door prizes for each golfer, the kids and a few other special guests in attendance.

His Grace, the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky as well as His Excellency, the Rt. Rev. Jerry Rafalko, offered words for everyone as we awaited a delicious dessert. Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Chancellor of the P.N.C.C. Western Diocese, made his presence felt at dinner as well as he did on the golf course!

Dinner was concluded and a rousing ovation given to the kitchen staff and all others who helped in the preparations.



Branch #29 and St. Mary's Parish looks forward to hosting the Golf Tournament next year as well. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th – more details to come in the new year!





Highlights of the 2022



Y.M.S. of R. Golf Tournament



Central Diocese**Dożynki Harvest Festival
Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA**

The 46th Annual Dożynki Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 on the Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish grounds. The Festival was opened by the blessing of the Harvest Wreath. The Festival featured Polish and American food, live polka music, a big raffle, basket raffle, instant bingo, book sale, and games.

We would like to thank all our volunteers, children, and especially the patrons who came and supported us on this rainy day!



Confirmation at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Dupont, PA

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to Merrit LUKE Nash, Maci VALENTINA Piccolino, Mia APOLLONIA Piccolino and Hannah GRACE Yuschovitz by The Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, bishop of the Central Diocese P.N.C.C. on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, pastor, was the teacher of the confirmation class.



St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish Resumes One Hot Meal Program

Scranton, PA

On Saturday, September 3rd, One Hot Meal was back at the Cathedral Youth Center in South Scranton, PA. Prior to Covid, individuals were able to come and sit and have a delicious meal in the beautiful, cool in the summer/warm in the winter facility, or have an option of a takeout meal.

This first time back the meal was takeout only, but it was as successful as ever! A delicious meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots and cookies was served.

Thank you to the helpers who made the return of One Hot Meal at the Cathedral Youth Center a possibility!

You can find out more information on this wonderful program at [One Hot Meal - Saint Stanislaus Cathedral - PNCC \(saintstanislauspncc.org\)](http://OneHotMeal-SaintStanislausCathedral-PNCC.saintstanislauspncc.org).



Robert Karoscik Ordained Deacon by Bishop Bernard Nowicki

St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA

On Saturday, September 24th, St. Stanislaus Cathedral had the honor of hosting the ordination of the newest Central Diocese deacon, Robert Karoscik.

Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki celebrated the Mass and imparted the Sacrament upon Deacon Karoscik. In the sanctuary were Very Rev. Lucian Urbaniak, Rev. James Konicki, Rev. Carmen Bolock, And Deacon William Gaydos. Seated in the church was Very Rev. William Chromey and Deacon Jim Ploskonka. Deacon Robert's daughter, Krystle, read the lessons for the Mass and David Humphreys read the Mass intentions.

Congratulations to Deacon Bob Karoscik and may God bless him in his future endeavors in the Church.



Rev. Jim Konicki, Deacon Robert Karoscik, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Deacon William Gaydos, Very Rev. Lucian Urbaniak, Rev. Carmen Bolock

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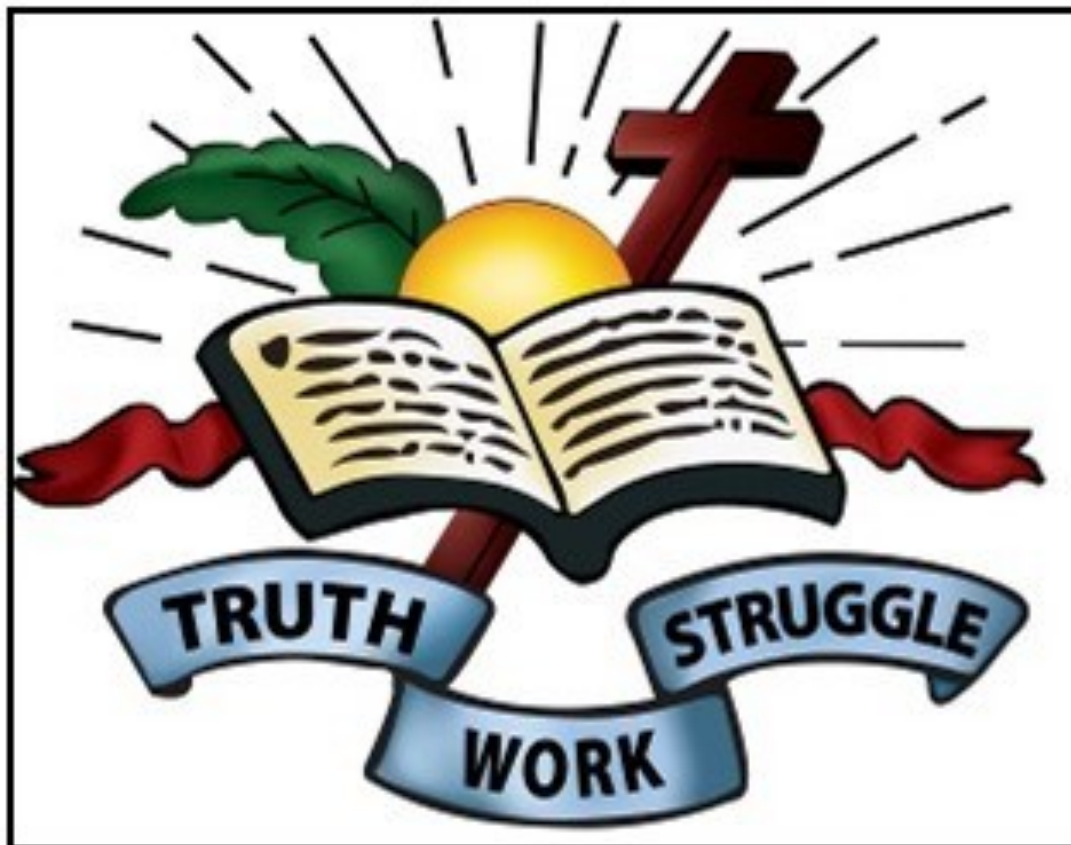
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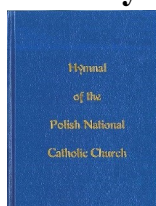
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