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Advent – A Time to Prepare

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

As we now enter into this Advent season, the beginning of a new liturgical year, we have a wonderful opportunity to turn over a new leaf in our spiritual and religious life. During this past year within our Future Direction program we have all been charged to accomplish five themes for ourselves and our parishes. Advent allows us to take up these goals anew.

One aspect of this program for the Church is for each of us, both individually and together as parish communities, to take seriously “increased spirituality.” This Advent season, as a season to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, is one in which we can daily put spiritual practices into our life that will allow us to grow closer to Jesus and therefore to be prepared for His coming.

St. Paul speaks to this reality in his letter to the Romans that we read on the first Sunday of this Advent season. St. Paul tells the inhabitants of the city of Rome and us as well: “You know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight.” (Romans 13:11-13a)

We certainly do know the times in which we are living. For all people, especially those who faithfully follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there is difficulty and oftentimes ridicule. These are difficult times when much of the surrounding culture has turned away from Christian life and Christian faith.

And yet, as followers of Jesus, we also know where we stand. It is for this reason that we know that when the culture moves away from our Lord, it wanders off from the source of light and goodness. We, especially during this Advent season, know that the source of light, of holiness and of goodness, is being aligned with Jesus. And in order for us to do this we must train ourselves in spiritual practices.

Penitential seasons, like this Advent, allow us the time to accomplish this work within our lives. It certainly begins with the celebration of Holy Mass throughout this Advent season. If you have been lax in your Mass attendance, Advent is an excellent time to recommit yourselves to faithfully coming to worship God, participate in the Sacrament of Penance, and receive our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ present in Holy Communion. During these moments of prayer and worship we can begin to ask Almighty God to get us ready.

Ready for what you ask? I suppose we can begin with being ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at His Nativity, but it is so much more as well. Since Advent is the season of expectant waiting, within it we are really getting ourselves ready for a number of things. Yes, it begins with the celebration of the Lord’s birth at His Nativity, but we are also aware that Christ has promised another coming, and this one will be to judge the world.

In the Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent we read: “The coming of the Son of Man will repeat what

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happened in Noah's time. In the days before the flood people were eating and drinking, marrying and being married, right up to the day Noah entered the ark. They were totally unconcerned until the flood came and destroyed them." (Matthew 24:37-39) The word that always stands out here is "unconcerned." The season of Advent helps us to not be unconcerned and instead concern ourselves with spiritual preparation.

There are certainly too many people whose approach to their religious and spiritual life is summed up in the word, "unconcerned." So we must ask ourselves, what exactly are we to be concerned about. It is here that we seek to increase our spiritual lives. It begins with examining our daily living and how we are conforming our own lives to the life of Jesus. We have been encouraged to pray the "Prayer before Holy Mass" each and every time we come to Church on Sunday. A portion of this prayer implores God, "may the Sacraments I will receive, the prayers I will say and the hymns I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do." (PNCC Prayer Book) But of course it is not enough just to say these words. We must reflect upon them in our hearts, seek to make correction through the Sacrament of Penance and Penitential Devotions and then truly amend our lives.

The Church gives us this Advent season, as a penitential period, to begin to become concerned about how we are presently living our lives and then through reflection and Penitential practices to make real changes. The goal is again said within the prayer, "bring us closer to Jesus."

We must strive to grow closer to Jesus, especially within these times of preparation, because we must acknowledge the reality that our Lord Jesus Christ is coming. Our faith tells us that He is coming in the commemoration of His Nativity; it tells us that He will one day come to judge the living and the dead as we confess within the Nicene Creed. But He also comes to us each and every time we gather for worship, each and every time we hear His word, each and every time we receive Him in Holy Communion, each and every time we serve others in His name.

Jesus is certainly coming to us in so very many ways. So the question is do we see this, and more importantly are we concerned about making these encounters a daily reality of our lives.

I certainly realize that in these weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday we will all have much preparing to do for the secular celebration. But I encourage you to concern yourselves with the spiritual preparations as well. Don't just spend time cleaning and straightening your home for the guests that will visit; clean and straighten your life in the Sacrament of Penance for the most important guest, our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't just spend time buying gifts to present to the ones you love, also spend time giving the gifts of your time, love and devotion to the One Who truly loves you in heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't just spend time and effort on the delicious meals that you will share this season, but come to share our Lord's banquet that is offered to us within the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

All of these secular things are certainly important as we gather as family, friends and parishes in the coming weeks, but don't allow that to make you unconcerned about the spiritual aspects of your life and preparation in these weeks ahead.

I've often found that during these weeks leading up to the Nativity of our Lord, many people will ask the question, "Are you ready for Christmas?" I think that as we concern ourselves with the important aspects of preparation in this Advent time maybe the better question would be, "Are you ready for Christ Jesus?"

As we prepare in this Advent season of hope and expectation, let's be ready to meet Jesus, at His Nativity, and the judgment and each moment that He comes to us. "Are you ready for Christ Jesus?" Let this Advent season allow us to begin to answer "yes."



Synod Minutes
XXVI General Synod
Polish National Catholic Church
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Synod was called to order by Prime Bishop Mikovsky, who led us in Opening Prayer.

- 1) Greetings and Overview (7:12 pm)
- 2) Appointments of the Synodal Committees for the XXV General Synod (*list will be provided*)
- 3) The electronic voting process was explained by Mark Phillips from ARS Inc. A test vote was taken.
- 4) Report of the Mandate Committee was given by Delegate #226 Wanda Stash.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
1	Delegate #151 / Delegate #31	To accept the Report of the Mandate Committee
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

Roll call conducted by #151 Kathy Yanick– Total Delegates 135. A 2/3 vote requires 90 votes.

a) Oath of Delegates was administered by Prime Bishop Mikovsky.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky opened nominations for Bishop.

Delegate #65 asked how many candidates there were previous to the Synod. Prime Bishop reported there were 4 priests nominated who all declined the nomination.

Delegate #71 nominated Very Reverend Robert Pleczkowski. He accepted the nomination.

Delegate #97 nominated Reverend Jason Soltysiak. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #156 nominated Very Reverend Charles Zawistowski. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #65 nominated Reverend James Konicki. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #90 nominated Reverend Doctor Scott Lill. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #113 nominated Very Reverend Jarosław Nowak. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #53 Very Reverend John Rencewicz II. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #10 Reverend Alfonso Castillo. He respectfully declined.

Delegate # 65 nominated Reverend Jason Soltysiak. He respectfully declined.

Delegate #12 nominated Reverend Michael Selep. He respectfully declined.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
2	Delegate #144 / Delegate #124	To close nominations for Bishop
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

Delegate #63 raised a point of order regarding the acceptance of the Synod appointments.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
3	Delegate #52 / Delegate #76	To accept the Synod appointments
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote.		

The Synod was recessed at 8:00 PM.

Synod Minutes
XXVI General Synod
Polish National Catholic Church
Wednesday,, October 19, 2022

Synod was called to order by Prime Bishop Mikovsky. Bishop Nowicki led us in Opening Prayer.

- 1) John Andrzejewski made a few announcements.
- 2) Bishop Chandler Holder Jones, from the Eastern US Anglican Province of America extended greetings.
- 3) Rt. Reverend Paul Hewett, from the Catholic Church of Epiphany, Anglican Catholic Church, extended greetings.
- 4) Bishop Ottar Myrseth, from the Nordic Catholic Church, extended greetings.
- 5) Very Reverend Robert Pleczkowski withdrew his nomination for Bishop.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky administered oath of delegates for those who were not present Day 1

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
4	Delegate #108 / Delegate #139	To approve the agenda.
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

6) Report of the Mandate Committee

Prime Bishop: 1
 Buffalo-Pittsburgh: 1 Bishop/10 Clergy/15 Lay
 Central Diocese: 1 Bishop/18 Clergy/26 Lay
 Eastern: 1 Bishop/9 Clergy/10 Lay
 Western: 1 Bishop/12 Clergy/13 Lay
 PNU: 5
 Organizations: 8
 Supreme Council: 19
 Commissions: 1
 Total Delegates: 151
 2/3 Majority: 101

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
5	Delegate #156 / Delegate #151	To accept the Report of the Mandate Committee
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

7) Report of the Rules & Regulations Committee

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
6	Delegate #65 / Delegate #91	To accept the Synod Rules and Regulations
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

8) Acceptance of the XXV General Synod Proceedings

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Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
7	Delegate #31 / Delegate #21	To accept the XXV General Synod Proceedings
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

9) Report of the Prime Bishop

Prime Bishop Mikovsky yielded the chair to Bishop Mack.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky emphasized that we need to re-evangelize internally post-COVID.

Bishop Mack yielded chair back to Prime Bishop Mikovsky.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
8	Delegate #76 / Delegate #67	To accept the Prime Bishop Report
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

10) Reports of the Diocesan Bishops

- a. Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese – Bishop Mack gave a short summary of the creation of the Las Vegas parish. The Saint Casimir's Parish in Rochester, NY has been closed. Prime Bishop Mikovsky yielded chair to Bishop Nowicki.
- b. Canadian Diocese – Prime Bishop reported. There are 4 Parishes and 4 missions. The parishes are very small. They have about 200 parishioners within the Diocese. Bishop Nowicki yielded chair to Prime Bishop Mikovsky
- c. Central Diocese – Bishop Nowicki highlighted the need for vocations. Desired to spend more time with other parishes. He mentioned the enlivenment program.
- d. Eastern Diocese – Bishop Sobiechowski echoed Bishop Nowicki about splitting effort between being bishop and parish pastor. Thanks to his wife for her many efforts. Thanks to fellow bishops. Money from sale of New London Parish property disbursed throughout diocese. Working with a sub-deacon within the Diocese. Delegate #85 had questions regarding Strategic Planning Commission tasked with development of program to set goals and implement to parishes. Development of paid person to implement program in Diocese. Delegate expressed family and marriage as an important part of Priesthood.
- e. Western Diocese –Newest Bishop, added one priest and mission parish in Marathon, Florida. Another priest will be coming from Poland soon. Expressed thanks to his wife for her work. Noted work of the Las Vegas Parish.

Prime Bishop commended the Bishops.

Discussion on the Bishops' Reports.

Delegate #11 Many nationalities in parish. Looking for Mass books in other languages. Prime Bishop Mikovsky commented on challenges on translation to Spanish and modern Polish. Suggested bibles in native languages

Delegate #93 Inclusion of women in priesthood Prime Bishop Mikovsky emphasized our current practice is based in catholic doctrine.

Delegate #221 Guest comment on Vocations

Delegate #92 emphasize universal language of love, just smile. Suggest using images from their heritage.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
9	Delegate #20/ Delegate #97	To accept reports of Bishops
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

Scheduled break at 10:05AM – Resume meeting at 10:40AM

Remarks from Prime Bishop Emeritus Nemkovich.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky requested recognition of all military chaplains and those who serve.

11) Election of Bishops

- a. Delegate #56 questioned what will happen if there are no bishops elected at this session. Motion to reorganize
- b. PRIME BISHOP MIKOVSKY commented on some of the concerns. Other discussions to challenge Bishops and Council to complete
- c. Delegate #3 commented on assumption that person nominated would be good to move. Not a role of this delegation.
- d. Delegate #56 refuted comment on the specific person. reiterated
- e. Delegate #65 out of order, no 2nd prior to discussion
- f. Delegate #53 second of motion
- g. PRIME BISHOP MIKOVSKY - Synod cannot appoint priests or bishop. 2 parts of the motion are unconstitutional.
- h. Delegate #97 amendment to have Bishops and Supreme Council resolve
- i. Delegate #3 amend to nonbinding motion or vote down
- j. Delegate #146 to read the original motion
- k. Delegate #79 use Constitution
- l. Delegates #56 and #53 agreed to retract original motion and restate the motion
- m. Delegate #131 question of parishes who were in other dioceses. PRIME BISHOP MIKOVSKY commented.
- n. Delegate #66 asked is there a time frame assigned? PRIME BISHOP MIKOVSKY suggested by next synod.
- o. Delegate #20 suggested having Spanish speaking parishes under one Bishop
- p. Delegate #113 Length of time questioned. Could a special Synod be called?
- q. Delegate #4 expedite to fill positions
- r. Delegate #5 question of eligibility especially related to divorce. Part of our doctrine.
- s. Delegate #76 There has been suggestions to fill vacancies. What are they? PRIME BISHOP MIKOVSKY is in Scranton, possibility of Bishop Nowicki staying for a while, nothing is official.
- t. Delegate #53 Immediate reorganization by location to assist Bishops with serving parishes
- u. Delegate #108 Reading of the motion for clarification
- v. Delegate #65 Question of why Bishops were not elected during Synod
- w. Delegate #139 Statement of purpose of Synod and his experience. Three Synods discussed lack of priests and now lack of Bishops. Declining membership is important for financial success of priest and parish.
- x. Delegate #113 restructuring strongly considered and keep parishes updated
- y. Delegate #3 Comment of impending retirements of current Bishops
- z. Delegate #91 Amendment on motion long range plan presented to Diocesan synods in 2 years
 - Delegate #66 second to amendment
 - Delegate #53 still too long
 - Delegate #4 could be sooner
 - Call for vote on amendment passed at 63%
 - Delegate #131 amendment to have preliminary reports from Supreme Council. No second
 - Delegate #130 What happens if synods reorganized prior to synod?
 - Delegate #78 Constitutionality of Restructuring
 - Delegate #20 Call the question
 - Delegate #31 second to call question

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- Vote to finish debate 102 yes, 22 no, 1 abstain motion passed
- Vote on Motion 11.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
10	Delegate #56/Delegate #53 Amended	The Supreme Council with the Bishops to reorganize the dioceses of the P.N.C.C. Propose that long range plan for reorganization of the diocese be presented to Diocesan Synods in 2 years.
Motion Result: 96 for, 27 against, 4 abstain Motion passed.		

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
11	Delegate #20/Delegate #31	Call the question for Motion 10
Motion Result: 102 yes, 22 no, 1 abstain motion passed		

Delegate #113 Roll call of delegates was not taken today. Will do after lunch

Delegate #53 Question of how votes are tallied

Very Reverend Charles Zawistowski offered grace prior to lunch

Lunch break 12-1 PM

Resume meeting at 1:15 PM

12) Reports of Standing Commissions

a) History & Archives Commission

Prime Bishop gave report. Items of historical value accepted. Need volunteers who are interested in seeing that history of the church is maintained.

b) National Committee on Liturgy: Comments by chair, Father Sr Nemkovich. Recognized Commission members and those who have passed. Translations of liturgy especially in Spanish and contemporary Polish. Revise rituals. Word of God Sunday on Sunday after Corpus Christi Sunday.

- Delegate #141 Word of God Sunday readings to organists, cantors etc. Use Sunday Cycle readings
- Delegate #20 Spanish materials for Mass books etc. They are in future

c) Church Doctrine Commission: Prime Bishop reported on Commission. Addressing gender with an Ecumenical document. Qualification of P.N.C.C. bishops. Moral ethics questions and how to respond. Dialog with other denominations. Veneration of the Saints.

d) National Scouting Commission Delegate #206, Fr Carmen Bolock, and Delegate #35, Rev Adam Czarnecki, explained program

- Delegate #155 Questions regarding national scouting organizations and if that affects our awards. Has not been an issue for P.N.C.C. Scouting Sunday 2nd Sunday in February.

e) National School of Christian Living, Delegate #155, Fr. Sr. Charles Zawistowski. Corona impacted program. Worked to have assignments via email. Mini-course completed on reverence, working on post confirmation curriculum. SOCL not only for children, including some programs for adults.

- Delegate #56, Vacation Bible School materials. Parishes using other materials. What are some things to help you? Creating materials for youth, educating new and old members specific to P.N.C.C.
- Delegate #65, Invitation for Commission to attend KURS
- Delegate #100, How do parishes access the information and materials? Send a notice to all parishes with materials that are available
- Delegate #26, SOCL important to Hispanic parishes. Continue to translate sacraments.
- Delegate #221, Language is 'old'. Need to update and make pertinent. Historically done by lay teach-

ers, they need help.

- f) Sacred Vocations Commission, Delegate # 71, Rev. James Konicki. People are coming to the P.N.C.C. because we represent the pristine Catholic faith. Seminary reopened in June. One student in 3 year program, 2 next year, 16 expressed interest in priesthood. Two deacons ready for Orders.
 - Delegate #10, Question of financial support for seminary. Because of endowments etc. no tuition or housing cost for students. Offer jobs as needed for support. Other seminaries are available for degree, etc.
 - Delegate #85, Support for giving sermons, etc. Studies in Homiletics and Pastoral Care are included. Marketing will be considered.
- g) Future Directions- Delegate #98, Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich. Discipleship as theme. 5 directives: growth and membership, increased spirituality, lifelong learning, sacred vocations, and community involvement and presence. Thanked everyone for all their help with this Commission. Fr. Sr. Rob is stepping down as chair. Prime Bishop gifted him a stole with the disciples on it in recognition.
 - Delegate #88, commented on the emails and posts, especially outreach projects of discipleship.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
12	Delegate #75 / Delegate #68	Motion to accept the reports of the Standing Committees
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

Greetings from Most Rev. Roald Flemestad, Nordic Catholic Church.

13) Reports of the Standing Organizations

- a) National Women’s Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Report submitted by President Cheryl Weinhold. Report given by Delegate #12, Virginia Barrick. Altar care book completed. ANS Convention Procedure booklet for organizing conventions. National ANS Convention is May 19-20, 2023. Polka magazine changed to digital version. Publication is on hold.
 - Delegate #88, Encourage attendance at ANS National Convention in Eastern Diocese May 19-20, 2023
- b) National United Choirs
 - Music Commission Report, Delegate #58, Update of Liturgical music, translate Polish Hymns into Spanish.
 - Music Scholarship Delegate #18, Had 10 applicants for scholarships. Provide scholarships for paid private lessons for students who assist parishes. Youth and adults may apply.
 - Delegate #88, How much money have we given out over time? Since 1966, \$340,845 has been awarded.
 - Delegate #100, Initial reason was to develop organists. Some parishes are using CDs etc. Could developing organists be addressed? Training for organists who are not from the P.N.C.C.
 - Delegate #58, Music Minister Handbook is available. CD’s available for Parishes.

Recess for transportation to Cathedral for Synod Mass at 3:07.

Holy Mass at St Stanislaus Cathedral, followed by group picture then dinner.

Meeting resumed at 8:18PM

Diocesan Caucuses will be held this evening.

Minutes of Tuesday October 19 minutes approved.

Motion #	Made by / Seconded By	Motion
13	Delegate #112 / Delegate #71	Motion to accept minutes from Day 1 of Synod
Motion Result: Motion carried by voice vote		

Adjourn meeting with caucuses at 8:25PM

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**Sermon Preached at the Opening Mass
XXVI General Synod
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October 19, 2022
Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki, DD
Bishop Ordinary, Central Diocese P.N.C.C.**

My brother bishops, ecumenical guests, delegates to the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church, my dear brothers and sisters.

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to Saint Stanislaus Cathedral, the place where it all started, or perhaps more correctly, what ended up being our place after it all started 125 years ago in this city.

Your familiarity with the history of our beloved Church does not require me to give an extensive recounting of the details of its organization by Father Francis Hodur, except to say, that more than just the four walls of this temple, and much more than these walls and roof, our whole Polish National Catholic Church as an institution is that church

“... which for us became a treasury
Pouring gifts of faith and courage ”

And that's why “In it is our hope forever,” just as we affirm in the second verse of the Hymn of our Church, with which you're all, again, very familiar. Let's recount some of those gifts for us that came pouring out of that blessed treasury.

First and foremost is the Church's objective “ ... which is the salvation and sanctification ... of people ... [That] sanctification is realized in following the guidance of the Church and in using the spiritual means which the Church receives from God through Jesus Christ our Lord ...” This description is part of the Preamble to the P.N.C.C. Constitution and Bylaws.

Another gift that came pouring out of that blessed treasury is a religious and social haven for Polish immigrants as they sought to assimilate into a foreign and hostile environment.

And that gift was followed by the freedom to express the rich Catholic heritage of liturgy and hymnody in the native tongue of these Polish immigrants. This freedom was withheld from them in the Roman Church by its bishops and clergy who were unsympathetic to this need.

Don't forget about the establishment of a robust and protective fraternal organization, Spójnia, to shield these immigrants from Roman Catholic retaliation meted out against them for aligning themselves with the P.N.C.C.: their insurance policies were summarily canceled.

And in this Church women were granted suffrage well before they gained the right to vote in secular society.

Further among those gifts pouring out of our treasury is the participation of lay people in church governance, as they collaborate with the clergy in a process of ecclesiastical democracy which is different from civil democracy. This process welcomes the laity into some of the administrative and legislative processes of the church.

I think you can readily see from my catalogue of the gifts of “faith and courage,” that our Church was originally organized more for cultural and administrative reasons than doctrinal and theological goals. Those came later.

There never was any desire, at first, to leave the Roman Church except for the problem of the cultural insensitivity within that Church. If all of you were Roman Catholic today raising those same grievances from the 19th century, our church would not need to be organized today. You have only to observe the many religious and cultural accommodations accorded the Hispanic demographic within the Roman Church today to see this would be the case.

It's also evident that today our church is not the same church of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Polish immigrants today don't struggle here against a foreign and hostile environment. The need for the Polish language in our parishes has long since disappeared.

Women have the vote in this country, laymen participate in church administration, and the congregations themselves, not the bishops, are the proprietors of their parish assets.

These current facts lead us to consider the following questions: Since we're no longer burdened by these 19th century realities, then what are we about as a religious denomination? If many of those reasons that caused us to separate from the Roman Church no longer exist, then how do we understand our church's purpose today? And how do we exhibit today the same distinctiveness as a Church that we had back then because of that separation?

In order to answer these questions for myself, I had to ask myself two other questions, the ones I call my seminal questions. And they are these:

Does American Christendom need the Polish National Catholic Church?

Is American Christendom in any way diminished by the extinction of the Polish National Catholic Church

It's very possible that visitors to our parishes may not see many differences here when we're compared to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or the Roman Catholic Church for that matter. All these use the language of the people; they all have the laity involved in church administration. Some of them have a married clergy; and they all have excellent and sophisticated ministries that serve and meet the needs not only of their faithful but the needs of the larger communities around them.

The P.N.C.C. was once unique in seeking to serve, in the manner that it did, the spiritual, social and cultural needs of a segment of the American population that was beginning its assimilation into a new homeland, the USA.

But now, in these times, is there anything unique about our Church? Is there still a specialness of purpose, a particular mission our Church can offer others that goes beyond the confines of an ethnic enclave? Indeed, does American Christianity even need us? And is American Christianity diminished in any way if we disappear from it? Do we matter at all on the religious scene in this country or in the world?

Well, something interesting was revealed to me in the reasons I gave for answering 'yes' to those seminal questions. I came to realize I belong to a very special and unique Church of international proportions including the lands in Scandinavia. I belong to a non-papal, truly Catholic Church, and so do you. This is my testimony now before all of you delegates.

I belong to a church without an infallible bishop in Rome who claims universal jurisdiction over the whole globe and supremacy over all Christian believers on it; and despite my Polish National Catholic Church affiliation, I am still a faithful Catholic Christian in the absence of a pope. And the Roman Church itself acknowledges my Catholic pedigree, and yours, too.

I belong to a church that preserves the pristine faith and doctrine of the undivided Christian church.

I belong to a church that has received that mantle of Catholic purity which was abandoned and renounced by the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht because of its apostasy and heresy. That Union, to which we belonged in years past, has relinquished its pride of place in the non-papal Catholic world due to its disfigured sacramentology which endorses homosexual marriages and women priests.

That Union, having deserted its Catholic purity, is now superseded and replaced by the entity to which I not only belong, but as a bishop have signed attestation to, and to which Bishop Ottar of Norway has likewise this day attested with his own signature. That entity I speak of is the amalgam of churches known as the Union of Scranton. The Union of Scranton has restored the true Old Catholic Church on this continent and abroad today.

It's a true thing that the context, the setting, for the mission of our Church has changed from the 19th century to the 21st. However, today, you, as Polish National Catholic Christians, are able to offer American Christendom a truly Catholic church which is free of the entanglements and misconceptions of the papacy; and you can offer it to any and all ethnic groups who would seek your treasured understanding of Catholic purity.

And yet, there's a similarity between where we stand now and where Bishop Hodur stood at the end of the 19th century: we, too, are on the brink of the unknown as he was. Bishop Hodur didn't know then exactly what

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Future Direction November Message

Saints Cyril & Methodius

During November as we continue our focus of Being Eucharistic People – we reflect on Saints Cyril and Methodius “*the Apostles to the Slavs.*”

Scripture: Mark 6:34-44



Reflection Prayer

St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius were born in the early 9th century in what is today Greece within a devout Christian family. They both dedicated their lives to Christ within the Church living this out many different ways - including Cyril's being a professor in a University and Methodius becoming the abbot of a monastery - but they are best known for being “the Apostles to the Slavs.” Called by the Holy Spirit and sent by the Church as missionaries to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of Eastern Europe, the brothers traveled to what was then called “Great Moravia” which included territories that are today part of Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Serbia. There they had great success in founding churches and training new clergy, preaching to the people, baptizing them and feeding them with the Body and Blood of the Lord. In order to translate the Scriptures - starting with the Gospels and the Psalms - and liturgical texts of the Church into the language of the Slavs, they even devised an alphabet. Although it has passed through some stages of development over the many years, is still used today in many languages.

The spiritual (and even cultural influence) of these brothers on so many of us within the Polish National Catholic Church cannot be overstated. It is as if Jesus saw so many people hungering for Him, and asked Cyril and Methodius to go and feed them on his behalf, and because they willingly and sacrificially did, the Slavic people have been encountering Christ in the proclamation of the Word and in receiving Him in the Most Holy Eucharist for over 1,150 years! St. Cyril and St. Methodius, pray for us!

Action Item

Follow the loving and courageous example of “the Apostles to the Slavs” and share your own faith with some else in this simple way: Invite them to come to Mass with you.

Praying As We Dress

Rev. Jim Konicki

In one of the more recently used weekday readings we hear St. Paul telling us about the Armor of God. You can find the passage in Ephesians 6:10-18. Those who go back away with National Youth Convocations may remember the Armor of God as one of the Convo themes.

It is fitting (get the pun) that we dress ourselves in the Armor of God because we must be continually prepared to do battle, both against the temptations that affect us personally and the evils in the world – a culture of hopelessness, despair, and death. Putting on the Armor of God brings into our minds recognition of the fact that we belong to God, we are part of His special forces against evil.

Try this. Over the next few days, read the passage from Ephesians as you dress. Pray that God encompass you as you go about your daily activities. Know that He has wrapped you in His Armor. Think that in each moment you are taking a stand for God and God's way. Know that you are clothed by God in the very baptismal garment, the white robe, that is yours forever. Let that come across in the peace of God you offer – that thing both on the inside and outside of you – that brings others to Christ.

For clergy, we have a special set of prayers that we are to offer as we vest for Holy Mass. Fr. Jason Soltysiak did a wonderful series of YouTube videos about the stuff priests wear for Holy Mass: The Amice, Alb, Cincture, Stole, and Chasuble, plus lots of other cool information (check it out). Do all priests wear all these for Holy Mass? No, some have become sort of optional. Do all pray as they vest? Perhaps not. But, I would call to your attention the great benefit of each vestment specifically because of the prayer that goes along with them.

In wearing each vestment, we recall the Armor of God, we consider how we have fallen short (a way of examining one's conscience), and we connect to the great promise Christ's sacrifice holds for us as clergy and as the people of God.

I will not go through them all (p.s., There is a seminary course for that), but will sample a few:

The Amice is a small rectangular linen cloth that ends up tucked into your shirt or cassock collar and drapes over your shoulders. Nice side benefit – helps prevent ring-around-the-collar on your Alb and Chasuble. You place the Amice on the back of your head and slide it down praying: *Place upon my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation so that I may be able to overcome every evil temptation.* There's the helmet from the Armor. I am reminded to not just resist temptations – and we all have our own particular ones – but to overcome them with God's help.

The Alb is the white garment priests, deacons, and even altar server's wear. Why? Because it is every Christian's right to wear the Alb. It represents our baptismal garment – the garment we will carry into and wear before the Throne of God. Putting it on we pray: *Cleanse me, O Lord, from my transgressions, purify me by the blood of the Lamb and grant, that being clothed in the garment of innocence, I may enjoy everlasting happiness with You.* I know I need cleansing and purification as I examine my conscience. I am reassured that Christ's sacrifice, His blood, has indeed cleansed me and will bring me to everlasting life.

The Cincture is a sort of rope or cloth belt. Putting it on we pray: *Gird me, O Lord, with the belt of faith and courage and fortify me against unholy desires that could overcome me.* God gives us the faith and courage we need to do battle against evil. The Armor of God helps us because otherwise we would be overcome and crushed by the Enemy.

Finally, the Stole, the symbol of priestly authority. *As I draw near to Your sacred mystery, O Lord, grant that I may offer this Holy Sacrifice to Your greater glory, the benefit of Your Church and the salvation of my soul.* I must be cognizant of what I am about to do and why. It is not just for me. I am encountering the sacredness of God's mystery – beyond my comprehension and doing all for God's glory, the Church (the whole capital 'C' Church – every one of us), and finally for my own salvation. I better be doing this willingly and worthily.

There are more, prayers for the Chasuble, Dalmatic (for Deacons), and even the Maniple if you are 'old-school.' There are variations on all these prayers, slightly different stylistically. That is not the important thing. What is key is that no matter what we are to do we take the time to prepare ourselves by prayer and examination. Prepared and clothed with Christ, we stand firm against the evils that assail us and our world.

Are you prepared to take up the Armor of God in a special way as a priest or deacon in the Holy Church? If so, please call or text me at 518-522-0944 or E-mail me at frjim@holynamenc.org.

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United Y.M.S. of R. Winter Clothing Drive

Greetings to all on behalf of the entire United Y.M.S. of R. Board. The United Y.M.S. of R. Board is once again calling on all parishes and Y.M.S. of R. Branches in the P.N.C.C. to *be* Christ to your community.

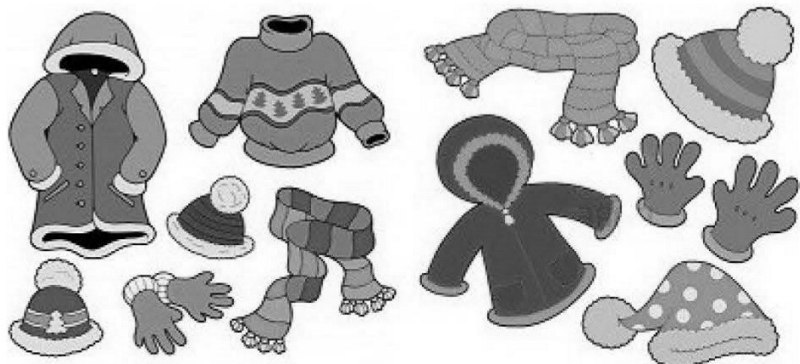
We are once again calling for a winter clothing drive at each of our parishes. Over the last few years of doing this, the response from our Church has been wonderful and increasing. A number of the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church belong to areas that experience difficult winter weather. The Board thought a Church-wide drive could accomplish something that not only helps each local community but reflects the mission of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Though a reason to be charitable is never needed, we have decided to reward the parish that collects the most. An informative table on the right sidebar of the flyer (see next page) have scoring information. The winning parish will receive a monetary gift sponsored by the United Y.M.S. of R. Board, in hopes of being used to promote a fellowship activity in that parish. 1st place will receive \$200.00, 2nd place \$100.00, and 3rd place \$50.00.

The drive begins November 13, 2022, and concludes January 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Please post the flyer in areas of your church for collection. You will need to appoint a chairperson and gather volunteers to organize the drive. As you receive clothing items, please donate them to local charitable agencies; be sure to tally what you collect and confirm your final tally with President Nick Kazinetz after January 8. In the event you have some clothing that we have not categorized, please use your best judgement. We would love to have pictures to post on our UNITED Y.M.S. of R. Facebook page and in Rola Boza. For further information or to email pictures, please contact your diocesan representatives on the flyer or President Kazinetz at (570) 604-2620 or nkaz20@aol.com. May the items you collect reflect the love of Jesus and the call of His gospel to continue His holy mission.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Lord,

The United Y.M.S. of R. Board





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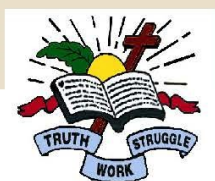
Needed: Articles of clothing to help dull the winter chill.

Your Reward: A good deed that reflects the love of Jesus.

Church Reward: Monetary Check to host a social gathering at your parish to spread fellowship.

1st Place \$200.00, 2nd place \$100.00, 3rd place \$50.00

The drive begins November 13, 2022, and will conclude January 8, 2023.



Winter Clothing Drive

Top 3 Parishes with the most points wins a cash prize!

The Scorecard

Coats:	25 points
Sweatshirts:	15 points
Pants:	10 points
T-shirts:	5 points
Winter hat:	5 points
Gloves:	5 points
Underwear:	1 point
Undershirt:	1 point
Socks:	1 point per pair

Monetary donation:

\$1 = 1 POINT

Ex. \$200 = 200 points

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For more information, contact your diocesan rep:

Buffalo-Pitt: Bob Giczowski & Dave Pecynski

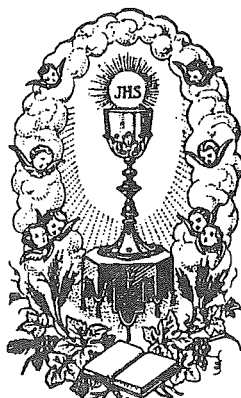
Central: Andrew Humphreys

Eastern: Fr. Tom Walsh

Western: Dcn. Jim Ploskonka

National SAMBS Convention Scheduled – Save the Date

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT



The Eastern Diocese (ED) Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS), aka ANS (Adoracyi Najświętszego Sakramentu), will host the National SAMBS convention on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 2023 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT.

An exciting program is planned with a dynamic local speaker, Rev. Vicki Triano, of Christ Community Church. Our theme and activities are still being planned.

Sisters of the ED SAMBS are diligently working on lodging and meal plans. Guests will stay at the Courtyard by Marriott on West Street, directly off Route I-84. The number of participants will determine where meals and activities will take place.

For those who wish to stay a few more days in Central Connecticut, a list of local places of interest will be available and will be updated as we get closer to the date. This way you can check out the spots that may be of interest to you. For questions or more information contact Marilyn Folcik at 860-584-4606 or marilyn4412@comcast.net.

Please put these dates on your calendar to spend some time in prayer and fun with the good sisters of the SAMBS.

Submitted by Marilyn Folcik

Important News from the National United Choirs



The Convention and Music Workshop of the National United Choirs of the P.N.C.C. will be held beginning Wednesday Aug 9, 2023 with the Convention Mass at Holy Mother of Sorrows in Dupont, PA followed by supper and convention in the Parish Hall.

The music workshop will take place on August 10 and 11 in the Parish Hall.

Accommodations will be at the Springhill Suites - Montage at \$97.00 per night. The group name to use when making reservations is P.N.C.C. Choirs.

More information will be forthcoming after the Holidays.

Mark your calendars now! We would love to see singers and organists from each diocese, even if you have never attended or its been a long while since you attended.

Submitted by Lydia Hohn

2023 P.N.C.C. Liturgical Reference Calendar (Ordo) Order Form

The 2023 Liturgical Reference Calendar – Ordo is now available for ordering. The cost of the Liturgical Calendar is \$12.75 per book for pick-up orders or \$16.25 per book for mail orders to U.S. (Please note that additional shipping costs may accrue for large volume orders to the U.S., depending on weight and distance shipped. Additional shipping costs will be invoiced accordingly.)

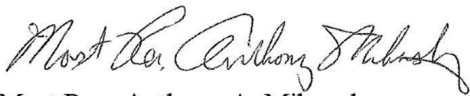
The cost of the Liturgical Calendar is \$12.75 per book, PLUS SHIPPING COSTS for mail orders to Canada. (Please email secretarytopb@pncc.org for Canada shipping costs prior to ordering your calendar(s).)

To order your 2023 Ordo(s), please fill out the order form, below, and mail it with your payment. **Your paid Ordo(s) will be shipped to you as soon as they return from the printer.**

PARISHES/CLERGY WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A COPY OF THE ORDO PRIOR TO PAYMENT. No phone orders or email orders will be shipped until full payment has been received.

We appreciate your support for this very important P.N.C.C. liturgical reference calendar.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky
 Prime Bishop
 Polish National Catholic Church

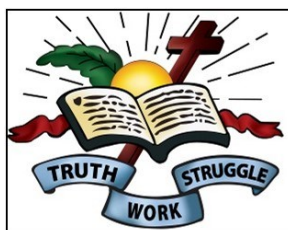
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The Polish National Catholic Church – L R C
 Attn: Secretary to Prime Bishop
 1006 Pittston Avenue
 Scranton, PA 18505-4109

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2023 P.N.C.C. Home Liturgical (Wall) Calendar Order Form

The Polish National Catholic Church will have full color 2023 home liturgical calendars for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. This calendar with original photographs for each month includes information concerning P.N.C.C. holy days. We urge you to order calendars for your parishioners as soon as possible because our supply is very limited.

Calendar prices have again increased this year due to an increase in paper and printing costs. Shipping costs have also changed. The chart below can be used for calculating your costs.

Quantity	<u>Cost per Calendar</u>	<u>Calendar Cost Subtotal</u>	<u>U.S. Shipping</u>	<u>U.S. Total</u>	<u>Canada Shipping (USD)</u>	<u>Canada Total (USD)</u>
1	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$2.50	\$8.00	\$5.80	\$11.30
2	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$3.50	\$14.50	\$7.05	\$18.05
3	\$5.50	\$16.50	\$3.50	\$20.00	\$22.10	\$38.60
4	\$5.50	\$22.00	\$4.25	\$26.25	\$22.10	\$44.10
5	\$5.50	\$27.50	\$4.25	\$31.75	\$22.10	\$49.60
6	\$5.50	\$33.00	\$4.25	\$37.25	\$33.65	\$66.65
7	\$5.50	\$38.50	\$4.85	\$43.35	\$33.65	\$72.15
8	\$5.50	\$44.00	\$4.85	\$48.85	\$33.65	\$77.65
9	\$5.50	\$49.50	\$4.85	\$54.35	\$33.65	\$83.15
10	\$5.50	\$55.00	\$5.50	\$60.50	\$45.40	\$100.40
11+	\$5.50	\$60.05+	*Depends on package weight & recipient's geographic location*		*Depends on package weight & recipient's geographic location*	

*An invoice for shipping costs will be included in your shipment.

PLEASE NOTE that an additional \$30.00 is required for ad setup for a sponsor (quite often a funeral director) and specific parish information regarding Sunday services, telephone numbers, name of pastor, etc.

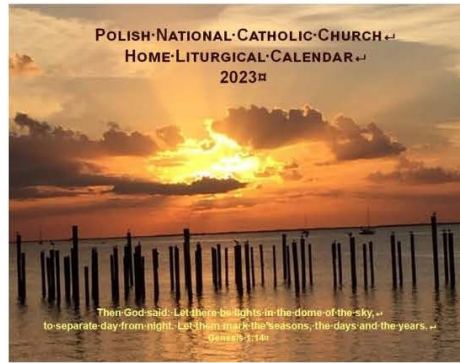
Please place your order and send in your payment so that we can ship your calendars to you before the New Year. Hurry and get your orders in because this year's stock is even more limited, and once we have run out of stock, no more will be printed! The calendars will be shipped as soon as they arrive from the printer.

Thank you for your continued support of this Church-wide endeavor. If you pick up your order at the National Church Center, there will be no shipping charge.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony A. Mikovsky
Prime Bishop
Polish National Catholic Church

(Order form on next page.)



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Only paid calendar orders will be shipped.

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Address					
City, State Zip Code					

***PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot predetermine the cost of shipping on orders of 11 or more calendars because this cost is calculated by weight and geographic location of recipient. You will be invoiced for this cost in your shipment.

Central Diocese

October at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Dupont, PA

Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish held the annual Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St Francis (October 4). Special thanks to Lois & Denise for making homemade treats for dogs and cats.



Seated: Gianna, Angelo and Jackie Conforti; Standing: Joyce Jopling, Linda Falzone, Janet Thomas, Josh Bilinski, Debbie Bilinski, Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid and Dave McHugh

Many Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish parishioners attended the Holy Mass to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church at St Stanislaus Cathedral on Saturday, October 22, 2022.



First row: Joyce Jopling, Rose Kazinetz, Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid, Donna Micka, Al Micka; Second row: Jessica Kazinetz, Gianna Conforti, Jackie Conforti, Mary Jo Searfoss, Lois McHugh, Jan Cwikla; Third row, : Nick Kazinetz, Angelo Conforti, Paul Kazinetz Jr., Frank Stash, Wanda Stash, Debbie Bilinski

Parishioners from Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish received a plaque and a gift from the Dupont Lions Club.

Bob Price, President of the Dupont Lions, presented this award to Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid and our parish in recognition and appreciation of our parish's continued support and service to our community with the monthly food distribution.



Lois McHugh, John Bondurich, Al Micka, Bob Price, Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, Carol Bondurich, Dorothy Kishel Joyce Jopling

Mat/Blanket Ministry Group competed recently some plastic mats. Most of the mats are donated to the homeless in this area. The group's volunteers are from our church and many other denominations from all over the Wyoming Valley. Anyone can join. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall.



Seated: Ruthie O'Dell, Donna Micka, Beth O'Boyle, Warren Pollard, Marilyn Querci, Corky Kruppa, Dorothy Kishel; Standing: Lois McHugh, Pat Welter, Maria Bianco, Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid, Linda Falzone, Marlene Kozlowski, Patty Orlando

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid

St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish Celebrates Bishop Bernard & Barbara Nowicki Scranton, PA

Following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on November 6th, St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish's Parish Committee, the Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and parishioners honored their pastor, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, with a surprise celebration in honor of his 10-year Anniversary of Consecration to Bishop and his 10-year Anniversary of being the Central Diocese Bishop and pastor of St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish.

Because of the busy autumn that Bishop and the parish had preparing for and hosting the recent XXVI General Synod, Bishop's actual anniversary date, September 14th, swiftly and silently passed without any mention.

In addition to this belated anniversary celebration, the parish also celebrated Bishop and his wife, Barbara, on Bishop's retirement and their all-too-soon departure from the parish (although an exact moving date is yet to be determined). The parish presented them with a cake to commemorate their New Beginnings and wished them Sto Lat!.



Eastern Diocese

2022 EASTERN DIOCESE PNCC WINTER YOUTH GATHERING

When: Tuesday - Wednesday - Dec. 27 & 28, 2022
begins at 2:00 pm Tuesday and ends Wednesday afternoon

Where: Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA

Be ready for some fun!!



Cost - \$25.00 per person - To register please contact:

Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich - Robnem21@aol.com

Come see your friends in Christ over the Christmas Vacation



October Activities at Blessed Trinity Parish

Fall River, MA

On October 1st Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich, pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA, commemorated St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of Animals.



Also on this date the parish performed a discipleship outreach to feed and provide some new socks to the local homeless.



After Holy Mass on October 9th, the Solemnity of the Christian Family, Fr. Sr. Rob blessed 50 prayer blankets for local veterans as well as homeless brothers and sisters so that they can keep warm this winter.



Twenty-five of the blessed prayer blankets were given to the Veterans Association of Bristol County Massachusetts on October 11th.



Also on October 11th, numerous bags of food were given to the Fall River Police Department's Fast Program & another 20 prayer blankets were given to the Fall River SSTAR Project Aware. Both of these will help the local unsheltered brothers and sisters



(Sermon Preached at the Opening Mass XXVI General Synod- Continued from Page 11.)

waited for him and his people, just as we are untested in meeting the onslaught of threats to Christianity in these times.

Instead of defending ourselves from the Roman Church as before, today we can actually make common cause with that Church in the battle against the forces of secularism; and against the pernicious woke ideology infecting this culture, as it cancels and censors conservative people and their viewpoints, and as it teaches that when you and I stand up for the biblical truth that God created only two genders they say we're actually spreading hate speech because we're too bigoted to acknowledge there are more than just two genders today and too bigoted to use the many pronouns for them beyond 'he' and 'she'. We're also struggling with materialism, with egocentrism and the abandonment of Godly values.

For these reasons you, delegates to this 26th quadrennial, in the face of this antichristian onslaught, must lead your respective parochial constituencies in proclaiming our Church's existence broadly throughout the land, even if such a proclamation comes at great personal cost and much sacrifice to yourselves. And if it does come to that, just remember your great grandparents also paid dearly and made great sacrifices, like mortgaging their homes, to establish this Church in the first place.

All of you with your parishes back home, must proclaim across the land the uniqueness of your Polish National Catholic Church for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is present to everyone in his sacraments; for the sake of God's Christ and our Lord, who suffered, died and was raised from the dead that we might be saved: saved for the purposes of almighty God, and saved from the pain of separation from God in hell.

Truly, ours is that church

".... which for us became a treasury

Pouring [out] gifts of faith and courage:

In it [will be] our hope for the 21st century and forever."

So let's share it with everyone – in many, many Spirit-filled ways.

Amen

