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Aware, Alert and Well Prepared

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky

As we approach the end of our liturgical year, the Church focuses our attention on the final teachings of our Lord concerning the ultimate destination of us as His followers. The Gospel readings from these Sundays come from the teaching and parables of Jesus during the final week before His passion, death and resurrection.

During the last two Sundays before the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King, we encounter two parables taught by our Lord during the days before the Last Supper and His passion. While certainly all the teaching of Jesus are important, these final words to His disciples are ones which get us ready for the ultimate reality of our salvation and what we are to be doing as we seek to unite ourselves to our Lord.

We first encounter the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open for us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (*Matthew 25:1-13*)

We are reminded from this parable that a necessary attitude for the follower of Jesus Christ is to be aware, alert and well prepared. Within the parable the wise bridesmaids were thinking ahead when planning to attend the wedding. It was certainly the case for such weddings that no one was sure exactly when the bridegroom would finally show up. If he was delayed, then preparations had to be made for that reality. Maybe the foolish bridesmaids were only thinking of the joyous party to come; maybe they were just lazy; maybe they thought someone else would take care of the matter. Ultimately, it really does not matter, because we certainly know that they were unaware of the situation and therefore they were unprepared.

As Christians and followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are faced with a similar situation. We are in a time of waiting. Our Lord has offered to us the promise of salvation to be found within His Holy Church, and yet the final consummation of the end has not yet arrived. We are like the waiting bridesmaids. So, the question put to us all is then the same: are we aware, alert and well prepared?

First, we must be aware. And this awareness extends to our personal spiritual lives as well as to the world and culture that surrounds us. Are we evaluating the health of our own spiritual lives? Are there places within your own spiritual life that need to be strengthened?

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Hopefully each and every one of us can confidently say that this is true. Certainly, all of us could be more devout and more diligent in our moments of prayer. We could be more faithful in our attendance at Holy Mass and the devotions of the Church. But there is also an awareness that needs to extend to the world around us. Do you see those with whom you share a faith journey that need your help and support? Do you encourage others in their journey of faith as they seek to more strongly encounter our Lord? Do you help to meet the needs of your own parish church? Do you support the work of Christian charity within your own neighborhood and country?

Second, we must be alert. The dictionary definition of alert is to be 'watchful, attentive, quick to notice, understand and respond to change.' These adjectives should certainly apply to the Christian life. We are to be watchful for those around us who need our prayer or our help. We should be attentive to the needs of others. We are reminded in the Letter of James, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you have faith but do not have works? … If a brothers or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?" (*James 2:14-16*) As Christians we should be quick to notice the needs around us and then respond to those needs with loving care.

Lastly, we are to be well prepared. In the parable of the ten bridesmaids, this occurs when the wise bridesmaids think ahead and bring with them extra oil, not knowing what might happen. In the second parable that we will encounter during this time, the 'Parable of the Talents' we also see that being well prepared is not just having the right things but putting them to good use.

In the parable we hear, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability." (*Matthew 25:14-15*) This is the reality within which we all find ourselves. Each of us has been entrusted with much. Yes, we can all find someone who has more, just like the servants in this parable, but most of us can acknowledge that we have been truly blessed in our lives.

But we know that the parable ends with the master rewarding those servants who put his blessings to good use. To the one who was given five and makes five more he says, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." *(Matthew 25:21*) He says the exact same thing to the one who was given two talents and made two talents. The only one that is chastised is the one who did nothing. To this one the master says, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? … So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents … As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (*Matthew 25:26, 28, 30*)

Here we are reminded that a strong part of being aware, alert and well prepared is then putting all of this into action for the building up of the Kingdom of God and serving God and our brothers and sisters. It is with all of this in mind that we are then able to approach the final celebration of our liturgical year which is the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is in that celebration that we will continue in this portion of Scripture to encounter the great reality of our charity and service to others. It is there that our Lord gives an answer both to those who are putting their faith into action and those who are not. To the first group Jesus says, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me." (*Matthew 25:40*) To those who neglected those around them Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me." (*Matthew 25:45*)

So my brothers and sisters, as we approach the end of our liturgical year and a consideration of our final destination and the final goal of our lives, let us remember to be aware, alert and well prepared to meet our Lord at any moment. And while we are waiting, let us put our blessings into action to serve our Lord and each other.

The Resolutions of the XXVII General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church

Whereas, we the delegates to the XXVII General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church—chosen representatives of the holy People of God—have joyfully gathered under the leadership of our Prime Bishop and Bishops in Manchester, New Hampshire, from the 28th through the 30th days of September in the year 2026;

Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, was truly present in our midst through Word and Sacrament during the celebration of the Holy Mass, as concelebrated by our Prime Bishop and Bishops at Holy Trinity Cathedral, and we proclaim this as the most important aspect of the great work of these blessed days;

Whereas, the Bishops of the Polish National Catholic Church in attendance—the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Right Reverend John Mack, the Right Reverend Paul Sobiechowski, the Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki—were joined by the Most Reverend Ottar Myrseth, Bishop of the Nordic Catholic Church who brought greetings from our brothers and sisters in Europe, thus showing the unity and charity that subsists within the Union of Scranton;

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

Whereas, we were tasked with electing bishops for the Church and, with thoughtful discussion and prayerful consideration, elected the Very Reverend Charles Zawistowski for consecration to the episcopacy of the Polish National Catholic Church;

Whereas, the Polish National Catholic Church, the Sacred Vocations Commission, and the Savonarola Theological Seminary joyfully celebrate that the initiatives of the past years, such as the Prayers of the Faithful for vocations, are bearing fruit in the form of increased vocations, bringing forth more men to carry on the work of the Church through the priesthood and diaconate;

Whereas, the Polish National Catholic Church was organized upon the principle of Christian justice in the defense of Polish immigrants against prejudice and the promotion of the dignity of every human person, and whereas today, our Hispanic clergy and Hispanic parish members are living in fearful distress due to aggressive immigration enforcement and even the separation of families;

Whereas, we received a joyful and uplifting report from the National United Youth Association as delivered by its president Eliana Patay, who challenged us to be more compassionate and welcoming to all people who come through the doors of our parish churches, seeking to join their hearts and hands to ours in the worship of God and the service of others;

Therefore, humbly asking Almighty God, one in the Blessed Trinity, through the prayers of Our Lady, and all the Angels and Saints, to bring forth an abundant harvest of grace from the proceedings of this XXVII General Synod, and as we now return to our homes and parishes to build up the Church by implementing its work, we hereby resolve:

To continually draw our life from the Most Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments of the Church; to faithfully engage in lifelong learning about our faith through regular study and reflection upon Sacred Scripture and the holy teachings of the Church; to lead our parishes in becoming ever-more welcoming so that we may lovingly accompany everyone who comes to our Church truly seeking God; to offer, as best we can, both spiritual and material support to our Hispanic clergy and laity throughout the whole Church; to foster a climate of respect for our clergy and the encouragement of future vocations to the ordained ministry within our parishes and our

homes; to spiritually support our new Bishop-elect as he now prepares in earnest for his imminent consecration and the assuming of the pastoral care of one of our dioceses; and to show forth the Polish National Catholic Church as the Body of Christ—One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic—founded by Him and called to be the great teacher of human society, destined for the fullness of perfection in Heaven, by the bold testimony of our words, the radiance of our compassion and charity, and by our constant striving for holiness within the life of discipleship.

Respectfully submitted on this 30th day of September in the year 2026, by the Resolution Committee of the XXVII General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church.

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Accomplishments of the 27th General Synod of the PNCC held in Manchester NH,

Sept 28-30, 2026

1. **Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky was re-elected to another 8-year term as the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church.**

At the 2022 General Synod, which was held in Scranton, PA, the two term limit on the service of the Prime Bishop was removed. Because of this Prime Bishop Mikovsky was able to run again for the Office of Prime Bishop. He was elected once again to this position and will serve until the XXIX General Synod in 2034.

2. **Fr. Sr. Charles Zawistowski was elected as a Candidate for Bishop of the PNCC. He was appointed to the Western Diocese by Prime Bishop Mikovsky with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. The Consecration date was set for October 28, 2026.**

Fr. Sr. Charles Zawistowski, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in South Bend, IN, was elected by the Synod delegates as a Candidate for Bishop. This was the conclusion of a long process which began in the summer of this year and concluded at the Synod. He was consecrated as a Bishop of the Church on the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, October 28, 2026, at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. Prime Bishop Mikovsky, with the concurrence of the Supreme Council, appointed Bishop Zawistowski as the Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese as of that day as well.

3. **The Synod heard reports from the National Youth Commission and the National United Youth Association that Convo 2026 was a great success with the NUYA electing new officers and holding their first post-Convo meeting to bring the youth of our Church together and moving forward after struggling through the COVID era.**

Energetic and hopeful reports were given to the Synod by the National United Youth Association President, Eliana Patay and also by the National Youth Commission. The youth programs of the Church have been struggling to reinvigorate themselves following the difficult times of the pandemic and it was wonderful to experience the excitement of the National United Youth Association President as well as the successes of the recent Youth Convocation this past summer in New Hampshire.

4. **The Synod formed a National Technology Commission (Digital Commission) to unify the Church's efforts in reaching communities through social media with a more consistent look and message across all parishes and dioceses.**

As more and more parishes are using social media to better announce the Gospel message and their parish work to their local communities, it was the decision of the Synod to form a National Technology or Digital Commission to aid the National Church, each Diocese and also the parishes in this work. This new Commission will soon begin the work of examining what is needed within the digital space and how best this can serve the needs of the Church.

5. **The Synod resolved to pray and support our Hispanic brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in the United States for seeking a better life for themselves and their families.**

As the number of Spanish speaking parishes of the PNCC continues to grow, we give thanks to Almighty God for their witness to the Gospel of Christ that is lived among us. Knowing the difficulties of immigrant populations

that were experienced by many of the individuals that organized a number of PNCC parishes decades ago, we will pray and strive to support these communities of faith seeking to live their faith daily.

6. **The Sacred Vocations Commission is working on long range plans to continue reaching men to join the diaconate and priesthood. There are currently 5 candidates for the priesthood at the Savonarola Theological Seminary and an increased interest in potential applicants.**

We give thanks to Almighty God as one of the Future Direction goals of Increased Vocations is now bearing fruit with the increase of students at Savonarola Theological Seminary. The Church has also committed to continue in our prayers and support for the Seminary and to continue to encourage men to consider a Sacred Vocation of Priest or Deacon within the Church

7. **Savonarola Theological Seminary and Institute announced an online continuing education program to grow in knowledge and deepen one's faith. The Fall course offering includes topics on Praying Without Ceasing, the Nicene Creed Through the Eyes of the PNCC, Constantine the Great and The Epistle to the Hebrews. For more information or to enroll, contact Father Jim Ploskonka at dr.ploskonka@savonarola.net.**

In the months of October and November, a number of different online courses has begun within the Savonarola Institute, allowing the members of the PNCC to deepen their knowledge of the faith and to share this knowledge with others. Other courses will be announced in the future through the pages of God's Field and through the Church's social media pages. We encourage the parishes to announce this within their bulletins so that any interested individual may take part in the educational ministry of the Church.

8. **The Constitution Commission provided new updates to the PNCC Constitution, By Laws and Code of Faith to keep us current and moving forward from an organizational standpoint. All updates were approved by the body.**

The Church's Constitution was amended to allow for the better operation of the National Church, each Diocese and the parishes. Allowance was made for the possibility of Dioceses being run by Diocesan Administrators, which has occurred over the past number of years, and the possibility of a Diocesan Bishop remaining in office past the age of 75 if they are able. A number of financial amendments were also passed.

9. **The Mission & Evangelism Commission had breakout groups with parishes sharing many ideas on how to increase membership and attendance.**

While the Nomination Commission was meeting during the Synod, the Mission and Evangelism Commission gave its report and the Synod delegates spent time in evaluating the evangelism programs of the parishes throughout this Church. This information will be collected, organized, tabulated and distributed to each parish, so that they may consider evangelism programs that have met with success in other areas of the Church.

10. **One of the Constitutional changes approved eliminated the confusing 6% method of calculating a parish's obligations to the National Church. All parishes will now be required to remit $200 per parish member as their obligation on an annual basis. ($40.00 for this is to replace the 6% Fund.) Other Synodal or Constitution Collections will still be collected as usual.**

With the support of the Supreme Council, the 6% Fund Levy on individual Sunday and Holy Day donations to parishes was removed from the financial section of the Constitution. This collection has always caused much

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confusion in determining what exactly is owed to the National Church offices. To cover this amount the General Fund Obligation was increased $40.00. That Obligation was increased by another $60.00, driven by the increased amounts that are reimbursed to parishes for Clergy Hospitalization and the funds needed to support the Clergy Pension.

11. The Supreme Council with delegates and clergy from each Diocese was elected for the next 4 years with a mix of returning delegates and several new representatives.

The new members of the Supreme Council, made up of both clergy and laity, were elected to serve the Church for the next four years from 2026 to 2030. There are a number of new representatives which will allow new ideas to be heard, while the returning representatives will give continuity to our ongoing efforts throughout the Church. Please remember to pray for your representatives on the Supreme Council of the Church and share your ideas and thoughts with them so we can all better serve God and His people.

2027 Liturgical Reference Calendar (Ordo)

We are now accepting orders for the 2027 Liturgical Reference Calendar (Ordo). The cost of the Liturgical Calendar is **$14.00 per book for pick-up orders or $20.00 per book for mail orders to U.S.** *The cost of the Liturgical Calendar is $14.00 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).)*

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Supreme Council Meets Following the XXVII General Synod

Submitted by Michael R Mietlicki
Secretary of the Supreme Council

After the XXVII General Synod adjourned, the Supreme Council held its first meeting to reorganize for the 2026–2030 term.

In addition to the Prime Bishop, Bishop Mack, Bishop Sobiechowski and Bishop-elect Zawistowski, the following members were either elected by diocesan caucuses at the synod or appointed by the Prime Bishop for the 2026-2030 term. The members were sworn in by Prime Bishop Mikovsky.

Representing the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese
Rev Mark Swoger
Diane E. Cheek
Robert T. Giczkowski

Representing the Canadian Diocese
Rev Zbigniew Kozar
Wojciech Goraczko

Representing the Central Diocese
Very Rev. Marian Pociecha
Paul Gorgol
Judith Snyder

Representing the Eastern Diocese
Very Rev Robert Nemkovich Jr.
Raymond Pieczarka
Laurel Curylo

Representing the Western Diocese
Rev Jose Rojas
Cathy A. Bilinski
Martin Wachna Jr

Appointments of the Prime Bishop
Very Rev Jaroslaw Nowak
Rev James Konicki – Vice Rector of Savonarola Theological Seminary
Kathryn Nemkovich
Michael R. Mietlicki – Secretary of the Supreme Council.
The position of treasurer remains open.

Assignment of Bishop-elect Zawistowski
The Supreme Council concurred with the Prime Bishop's appointment of Bishop-elect Charles Zawistowski as the Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese. His consecration will take place Wednesday, October 28, the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, at St Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Appointments and Elections
During the meeting the following appointments or elections took place:

Prime Bishop appointed Bishop John Mack as the Vice Chairman of the Supreme Council. Upon Bishop Mack's retirement, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski will assume this role.

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Robert Giczkowski was elected as the Supreme Council's representative to the Supreme Tribunal. The Prime Bishop serves as chairman of this tribunal. Other members include Rev Dr Scott Lill, Buffalo Pittsburgh Diocese, Mari Jane Stankowski, Central Diocese, Thomas Corey, Eastern Diocese and Rev Mark Niznik representing the Western Diocese.

Paul Gorgol and Michael R Mietlicki were elected to join the Prime Bishop as Trustees of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Rev James Konicki and Julie Orzell were elected as Signatories of Authority for the financial and investment assets of the church.

The council concurred with the Prime Bishop's appointment of the following individuals to the Spójnia, Inc Board: Very Rev Jaroslaw Nowak, Tim Alexin, Paul Gorgol, Andrew Humphries, Adam Konicki, Michael R Mietlicki, Stacey Shrive, and Mari Jane Stankowski.

Other Matters

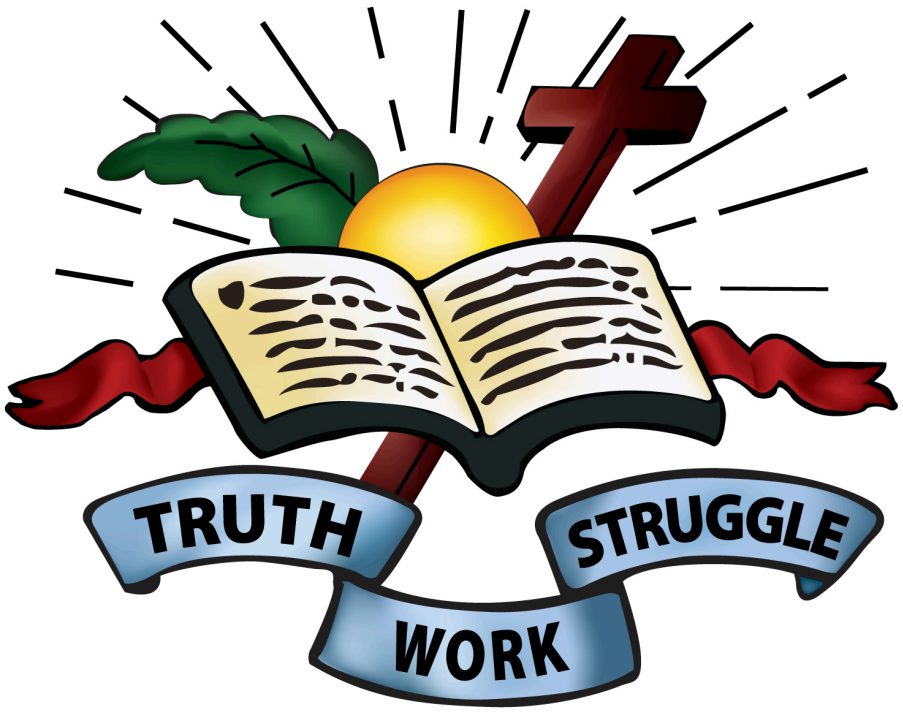
The Supreme Council concurred with the Prime Bishop's request to eventually sell the property of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Nanticoke Pennsylvania.

The status of the Clergy Pension Fund was discussed. This discussion will continue at the 2027 Annual Meeting.

Eastern Diocese Thanked

The Prime Bishop and Supreme Council thanked Bishop Sobiechowski and the parishioners of the Eastern Diocese for their work in hosting an excellent synod.

The 2027 Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council will be held April 27 and 28 in the National Church Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



News from the National United Youth Association

Key Outcomes

The newly elected National United Youth Association (NUYA) board met to establish a connection with the National Youth Commission and brainstorm initiatives to increase youth engagement across the church. The primary focus is the launch of a regular Zoom-based Bible study and the implementation of community service projects.

Decisions & Agreements

- **Bible Study Format:** The group agreed to pursue a regular Bible study via Zoom, likely occurring bi-weekly (every two weeks) to balance schedules and maintain consistency.
- **Clergy Involvement:** It was decided that the Bible study should be clergy-led or clergy-directed to ensure theological accuracy and alignment with church tradition.
- **Communication Strategy:** Instagram was identified as the primary social media platform for reaching youth, supplemented by Facebook, parish newsletters, the Church publication "God's Field" and fliers. Prime Bishop stated that his office can easily email all of the clergy across the church to help in promoting events or to provide updates on the work of the NUYA.
- **Community Engagement:** The board agreed to promote a church-wide "Day of Caring" where youth in parishes across the PNCC perform various acts of community service during Lent or other designated times.

Proposed Initiatives

- **eSports:** A suggestion was made to form gaming teams to attract younger members, with resources available from Fr. Jim Ploskonka and others.
- **School Outreach:** Maya Barker proposed creating physical fliers to put up around school and Christian student clubs to reach youth outside of digital channels and promote them to join our bible study.
- **In-Person Gatherings:** Prime Bishop expressed a desire to eventually organize in-person youth events, potentially in the summer at Spójnia Farm.



Reminiscing About Kurs

Everyone has their summer happy place, a place they can't envision not going to for a summer. For some it's the beach or a lake house, but for me that place is Spójnia Farm and Camp Kurs.

I've been attending Kurs as a camper since 2009, and have been a staff member since 2018. Over the course of almost 20 years now, Kurs and Spójnia Farm is the place where I've met some of my best friends and made lifetime memories.

Being selected as a staff member for Kurs every summer is a true honor. A lot of people don't understand how much behind the scenes work from everyone involved goes into making the week work. It's all worth it however when you see all of the kids laughing, having fun, and even shedding some tears on the last day when they don't want to go home. It makes the lack of sleep during the week and even the occasional injury completely worth it.

Being around for a long time- and even getting the chance to be a Spójnia, Inc. employee for several summers- I've had the chance to see Spójnia Farm evolve to an even better place than it was when I was a little kid. From an air conditioned retreat center to a brand new pool to the updated construction of the new Great Hall and United Y.M.S. of R. Game Room, the property truly has it all now.

One thing that hasn't changed however is the peaceful feeling you get when stepping on the property. There's nothing better than just sitting out on the patio in the day taking in the scenery, or at night hearing the many sounds that make up the Spójnia Farm soundtrack.

My friends from high school and college sometimes ask why I spend so much time in the summer at this church summer camp in little Waymart, PA. The real answer is because Spójnia Farm is a second home and I don't think I could envision a summer not being there on the Fourth of July, I honestly can't remember the last Independence Day where I wasn't there.

I encourage anyone, if they're ever in the area, to make a visit to Spójnia Farm, whether you've never been there before or haven't been there in a long time. It will truly be worth your while. I also encourage all P.N.C.C. kids to attend Kurs, it will become one of the best parts of your summer.

I hope to keep spending summers at Spójnia Farm as long as my life allows it, and I hope my future family will be able to do the same and appreciate it as much as I do. It truly is a special place, one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's hidden gems and a place all Polish National Catholics should be proud of.

Submitted by Kevin McConlogue



THE SAVONAROLA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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NEWSLETTER

REPRISE, NO!

As we usually do, our seminarians take a moment to reflect upon their summer experiences. Considering this, is it just a reprise of what has been written (thankfully) in prior years? Certainly not.

This summer has been a hotbed of activity for our Reverend Deacons in Seminary who engaged in many wonderful ministries. We welcomed a new seminarian. As reported at Holy Synod, we are working with a large number of men who are seeking incardination into the Polish National Catholic Church as well as those desirous of entering the seminary and those now in the diaconate program.

This summer we welcomed five men who are now priests in our Holy Church, Fathers Hippolytus Chukwu Njoku (a VA Chaplain), Gerald C. Igboanusi, Kessiena Dennis Obienu, and Augustine Dominic Okon Ibok all Army Chaplains, and Michael Onuoha, a Navy Chaplain assigned to the Marine Corps. There are more to come.

We are experiencing such a wonderful spirit among men who see in the P.N.C.C. a welcoming place to grow in ministry and service. Summer showed forth an abundance of blessings, these men, the rededication of the Seminary, and lots of outreach from men who see in the Church a beautiful expression of the early faith that converted millions. Thus there is no reprise or boring repeat, but rather a living response inspired by the Holy Spirit in service to all the faithful.

Please continue in your prayers for vocations. If you can, please provide support to the Seminary Fund. Faithful P.N.C.C. member's support is vital to keeping the lights on and the seminarians' educational needs met. Donations can be sent to The Savonarola Theological Seminary Fund, c/o The Office of the Prime Bishop, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-4109. God bless your generosity!

Are you, or is a man you know ready to explore a vocation to the diaconate or priesthood, to join those who see in the Church true fulfillment? Reach out to Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944 or E-mail: rev.konicki@savonarola.net.

Remember: We have established a prayer line for the seminary. Send your prayer requests by E-mail to prayer@savonarola.net.

We also established a Seminary website at https://www.savonarola.net, and a Seminary Instagram channel at https://www.instagram.com/savonarola1914/. Check them out.

My Preparation for Seminary
by our new seminarian Jonah Godfrey-Cornish

My name is Jonah Godfrey-Cornish, and I am a new seminarian beginning this term at Savonarola Theological Seminary. My home parish is St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio. Prior to my arrival as a fresh seminarian, I prepared myself over the summer to better ease into the eventual transition. I served as an altar server on Sundays and often multiple times throughout the week to get a better grasp on the liturgical life. This routine aided my ability to ease into the daily nature of the liturgies one attends while at seminary with the help of the pastor of the parish – Fr. Jason Soltysiak – for whom I am very grateful.

I attended the Y.M.S. of R. Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat and connected with many clergymen and laymen passionate about the faith that we hold in the P.N.C.C. while engaging with the designated theme of the retreat. A few weeks after, I served as an assistant to the chaplain – Fr. James Konicki – at Kurs in Waymart where children aged 8-17 spent a week at the Bishop Hodur Retreat & Recreation Center engaging in fun activities and educational experiences.

Through these events, I became much more comfortable with the prospect of entering the seminary due to their spiritual and social underpinnings. My preparation for seminary has helped my transition, though I look forward to the continual formation I will certainly undergo throughout this semester and beyond.

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation
by Rev. Mr. David Dudzinski

This summer was a truly wonderful experience! I had the opportunity to cover several parishes (shout-out to Frackville, McAdoo, and Hazleton!), work in hospice, and begin a nursing home ministry.

These experiences have really helped me appreciate the wonderful little niche we occupy within the Church. Our emphasis on pastoral care, while remaining firmly within the bounds of the Catholic Faith Once Delivered, has allowed me to provide genuine Catholic care to people who might otherwise be neglected by their own traditions.

I'm looking forward to getting back in the saddle and finishing this final year of Seminary Formation at Savonarola!

How I Spent My Summer Break
Deacon Todd Godwin

It's a bit of cliché to write about one's summer break during the first week of a new school year. But that is okay. We follow patterns and routines for a reason. They guide us. We need them.

I spent my summer break tending a garden behind the seminary; and trying, with some success, but resounding success, to get people from the wider community and church community involved. A few stalwart individuals have been helpful. I am very thankful for these individuals and those who made the garden happen.

We had a garden party in the summer in which Lindy Morelli, a Carmelite hermitess, performed some music she herself had written. It was well attended. The themes of the music had to do with Creation, the Garden of Eden, and the fiat of the Blessed Virgin Mary, themes tied in well with the garden project. Most of those who attended were from outside the P.N.C.C.

We are attempting to hold other events at the seminary in order to spread the gospel out beyond the confines of the church. We are called to stand out of the way and let the Lord do His work, and His will, not ours. We have much to offer and pass on to the future generations and to the culture at large. It comes from our service and inclusion.

Everything in the Name of the Lord
Rev. Mr. Jon Johnson

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

This past Summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to spend time assisting in the Eastern Diocese, at the invitation of Bishop Paul Sobiechowski. I've told my family and friends that this was a "Summer Internship," as an internship is defined as a, "short-term work experience that provides practical exposure to a specific field or industry," and indeed, this opportunity brought me lots of practical ministry experience.

I was blessed with housing in Plantsville, CT at the former Rectory of Fr. Sr. Krusienski, which was still furnished and the parishioners made to feel most welcome. I arrived on a Friday evening, with my three cats, Magnum, Scooter and Pippi and my crates of books. The very next day, I traveled with Fr. Justin Daviault to Fr. Christopher Rogalski's parish, Divine Providence in Norwich, and had the opportunity to speak to the ladies of the ANS Society for their Diocesan Convention.

I also had the opportunity to spend time learning with Bishop Paul and Karen Sobiechowski at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester for five days and also with one of my instructors, Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich and his dear wife, Kathy. I also was able to attend the Mission and Evangelism workshop held in St. Joseph's in Westfield, MA the end of May. This was the first time I attended, and all the speakers and sessions were fantastic! July brought the annual memorial for the deceased Bishops and Clergy of the Eastern Diocese at the Cathedral of the Pines in Ringe, NH. I was blessed with the opportunity to serve as the deacon of the Mass and to give the sermon. August brought the Youth Convo at Camp Manodnack in Ringe, NH. Again, all the speakers and sessions were awesome and I enjoyed the experience.

Outside of all the events, there was the opportunity for lots of practical experience, which oftentimes required more traveling about. I had the opportunity to conduct the Service of Worship and Holy Communion at parishes where the pastors were away or on a well-deserved vacation. This was at nine of the sixteen parishes in the Diocese, including Plantsville, Wallingford, Union City, Stratford, Fall River, Central Falls, Northampton, Woonsocket, and Webster. Since I had never been to Rhode Island before, I was able to cross that state off my list of states I had not yet visited!

Besides all the services and events, I also was able to go out on sick calls with Bishop Paul and Fr. Justin, both in homes, in nursing homes and in hospitals. I also was able to assist with a funeral at Plantsville. Certainly, as an organist, I've played for many funerals, but it was a honor to do so at the altar and at the cemetery.

So I give thanks for the many opportunities I had this past Summer for the practical experience I received in the Lord's Service, and I thank the parishioners of the Eastern Diocese, and in particular, Bishop Paul and the parishioners at Plantsville, CT for their very warm hospitality. May God bless all of you richly!

Looking Ahead
Rev. Mr. Joel Smith

As I look ahead to the coming year, my greatest hope is to grow deeper in faith by grounding my life more firmly in prayer, the sacraments, and a daily surrender to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. I want my seminary studies to be more than academic. I hope they will shape both my mind and my heart, so that what I learn about Scripture, theology, and the Church's tradition becomes something I live out, not just something I know.

In my ministry as a deacon, I also want to grow in practical ways: preaching with greater clarity and conviction serving at the altar with reverence, and meeting the people I serve with patience, humility, and compassion. I know I still have much to learn, and I want to welcome the challenges and graces of this season as ways the Lord is shaping me. Above all, I hope this year of growth will prepare me to be a faithful and generous servant, ready to give myself fully to Christ and His Church when I am ordained to the priesthood (God willing), and to help lead others closer to Him



Honoring Our Blessed Mother Mary in October

By Cathy Andersen - All Saints Cathedral Parish, Chicago, IL

I think of October as a transitional month. School has been in session for awhile. The seasons have changed from Summer to Autumn with warmer temperatures becoming cooler ones. Our days seem shorter with darkness coming earlier at night and lingering longer in the morning. We think about the upcoming holidays as decorations for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and/or New Years begin to appear in the stores.

The Church is still in "Ordinary Time" as we celebrate such feast and solemnity days as the Feast of Guardian Angels (October 2), the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary (October 7), the Solemnity of the Christian Family (Second Sunday in October) and the Feast of the Archangel Raphael (October 24). Before we know it, we will enter into the Advent Season anticipating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

October is also devoted to our Blessed Virgin Mary (as was the month of May). There are various ways in which we can honor Mother Mary this month (and always) which might include the following:

1. Pray the Hail Mary prayer daily in your preferred language whether it be English, Polish or Spanish.
2. Pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary which is found in the PNCC "Devotions and Prayers" prayer book.
3. Pray the Rosary by yourself, with others or while listening to the Rosary on line.
4. Search the internet for Mary's Way of the Cross, which is the Stations of the Cross from our Mother's point of view, and pray it during the month.
5. Take a break during your day and listen to the beautiful and beloved song "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" by Carey Landry.
6. Pray The Angelus Prayer which I have included further below.
7. Placing fresh flowers on the Blessed Virgin Mary altar during the month.

I hope you will take time this month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Taking time to slow down this month for additional prayer and meditation may even help you ease into the busyness of the upcoming holiday season!

The Angelus Prayer

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary…

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary…

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Greetings to all on behalf of the entire United Y.M.S. of R. Board. This organization of the Church has remained adamant in our mission to the church to be of service to our parishes, to the National Church, and to be Christ in any community we are able.

To this effect, we have helped to spearhead efforts to collect clothing, to run a spiritual retreat for the men of our church and beyond, to run a children's encampment, to assist our Prime Bishop in various needs he may have, to visit parishes, to be represented at our General Synod, and more.

It is with hope in our hearts that we once again call the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church to participate in what has become our Annual Clothing Drive. For about a decade, parishes have been asked to create or rededicate coat/clothing/shoe drives at their parishes under the Y.M.S. of R. moniker; to tabulate what they have collected, to choose an appropriate charity to donate these items, and to send those results back to us.

Though a reason to be charitable is never needed, we have decided to reward the Parish who collects the most. An informative table on the right sidebar of the fliers included in this mailing 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 your parish. 1st place will receive $200, 2nd place $150, and 3rd place $100.

The drive begins November 21st, 2026, the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will conclude January 4, 2027. Please post the flier on the following page 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 6. In the event you have some clothing we missed to categorize, please use your best judgment. We would love to have pictures to post on our UNITED Y.M.S. of R. Facebook page and in God's Field / Rola Boża. For further information or to email pictures, contact President Nick Kazinetz at Nkaz20@aol.com or Kevin McConlogue at mcconloguek23@gmail.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



United Y.M.S. of R.

For more information, contact your diocesan rep:

Buffalo-Pitt: Bob Giczkowski & Dave Pecynski

Central: Andrew Humphreys & Kevin McConlogue

Eastern: Fr. Justin Daviault

Western: Rev. Jason Soltysiak & Rev. Ploskonka

Be Christ in your local Community!

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

The United Y.M.S. of R. Board is calling on all Y.M.S. of R. Branches and Polish National Catholic Churches to *be* Christ to your community!

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 $150.00,
3rd place $100.00

The drive begins October 1, 2026 and will conclude January 4, 2027.

Winter Clothing Drive

In need of: Coats, hats, gloves, pants, sweatshirts, socks, t-shirts, underwear, & undershirts.

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 points**
Socks:	**1 point per pair**

Monetary donation:
$1 = 1 POINT
Ex. $200 = 200 points

Mission & Evangelism Workshop 2027



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The Polish National Catholic Church has full color 2027 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.

The chart below can be used for calculating your costs for shipping to U.S. destinations. (For shipping outside the U.S., please email the number of calendars you are requesting to secretarytopb@pncc.org and an email with shipping costs for your order will be sent to you.)

Quantity	Cost per Calendar	Calendar Cost Subtotal	U.S. Shipping	U.S. Total
1	$6.00	$6.00	$4.50	$10.50
2	$6.00	$12.00	$4.50	$16.50
3	$6.00	$18.00	$5.25	$23.25
4	$6.00	$24.00	$5.50	$29.50
5	$6.00	$30.00	$5.50	$35.50
6	$6.00	$36.00	$5.50	$41.50
7	$6.00	$42.00	$6.25	$48.25
8	$6.00	$48.00	$6.25	$54.25
9	$6.00	$54.00	$6.25	$60.25
10	$6.00	$60.00	$7.00	$67.00
11	$6.00	$66.00	$7.00	$73.00
12	$6.00	$72.00	$7.00	$79.00
13	$6.00	$78.00	$7.75	$85.75
14	$6.00	$84.00	$7.75	$91.75
15	$6.00	$90.00	$7.75	$97.75
16 - 50	$6.00	$96.00 - $300.00	$35.00	$131.00 - $335.00
51+	$6.00	$306.00+	*Calculated at time of shipping	

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

PLEASE NOTE that an additional $40.00 is required for ad setup for sponsor information 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 again limited, and once we have run out of stock, no more will be printed! **NO PHONE OR EMAIL ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR FULFILLED. PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL IN ORDERS AS THEY WILL NOT BE FULFILLED. ONLY ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED VIA MAIL, WITH PAYMENT, WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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.

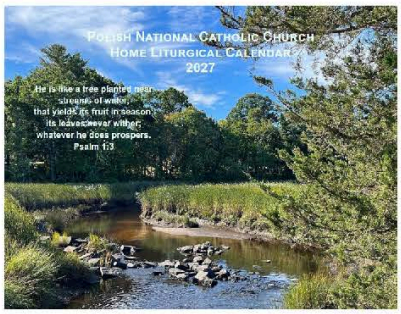
Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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SEND PAYMENT AND ORDERS TO:

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Include your customized ad copy with your order.
Total payment (including *calculable* shipping costs) must accompany order.
If you have a sponsor paying for your calendars, please inform them that payment must be received in advance of shipping.
Complete and submit an order form, along with full payment, via mail.
Phone or email orders will not be processed or shipped until this office receives both a completed order form and payment.
(We accept only checks or money orders; we are unable to accept credit/debit card payments.)

Please make checks/money orders (in USD) payable to:
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Only paid calendar orders will be shipped.

(You will be invoiced for shipping costs if they must be calculated at the time of packing.)

***PLEASE NOTE**: We cannot predetermine the cost of shipping on orders of 51 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.

Detach here, complete and send in order slip with your payment.
Incomplete forms (without shipping information) will not be processed.

2027 P.N.C.C. Home Liturgical (Wall) Calendar Order Form

Shipping Information	# of Calendars	Cost of Calendars	$40.00 Ad Fee (if applicable)	Shipping Cost (if calculable)*	Total Enclosed
Name					
Address					
City, State Zip Code					

Central Diocese

Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Dożynki

Dupont, PA

Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA, conducted its 50th Annual Polish Harvest Festival - Dożynki - on Sunday, September 13, 2026. The Blessing of the Harvest Wreath opened the Festival.

As part of the festival, everyone enjoyed some live polka music, a big raffle, a basket raffle & games for children.

The usual delicious food that was for sale was potato pancakes, pierogi, gołąbki (stuffed cabbage), kluski (haluski), kiełbasa, kiełbasa w/kraut, sausage, sausage w/peppers, clam chowder, hot dogs, hot dogs w/ kraut, hamburgers, French fries, cheeseburgers and funnel cakes. This year's addition to the menu included chicken bites and mozzarella sticks. A variety of baked goods, including pączki, was also available.

We thank all our volunteers for hard work and all patrons for supporting us.



50th Dożynki Volunteers



Dożynki Wreath Ceremony



Dożynki Patrons



Dożynki Committee



Proclamations honoring the 50th Annual Dożynki Harvest Festival were given by various officials: Representative Rob Bresnahan, Jr. Member of Congress; Jim Haddock, PA State Representative, 118th House and District and Elaine Lello, Mayor of Dupont.

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid



Congressman Rob Bresnahan, Jr. and Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid



Elaine Lello, Mayor of Dupont with Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid



Jim Haddock, State Representative and Fr. Sr. Zbigniew Dawid

Some More Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Autumn Happenings

Dupont, PA



Parish delegates to the General Synod - September 27-30



Mat making group - first Thursday in October



Blessing of Animals - October 3



Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Meeting - October 4



Mat-Making Group - October 1



Volunteers pack bags for the food distribution in September.

75 Years of Music Celebrated at St. Stanislaus Cathedral

Scranton, PA



On Sunday, Sept. 20 Ellen Golembeski was celebrated for over 75 years of music service and dedication to parishioners at the Lithuanian Parish, St. Stanislaus Parish, and the Chapel at Tripp's Park as well as her involvement in music education for the students at St. Stanislaus Elementary School. Her son, Art Golembeski, and members of their family invited all to join in the celebration with cake and refreshments after the 9:30 Mass. Thank you, Ellen for brightening the lives of so many with your music ministry!

Submitted by Frank Gerardi

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Helping Families in Need

Schenectady, NY

Each month Holy Name of Jesus Parish delivers furniture and other household items to families in need in the Schenectady, NY community through the CarePortal program.

Recently parishioner Alyssa DePaula donated several items of furniture, bedding and kitchen supplies from blessed memory Roni’s home. Two truckloads were donated. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

If someone in the NY capital region has furnishings to donate to families in need (these items are used to stabilize families at risk of being torn apart) please chairperson Paul Zawistowski. We will pick up and deliver items to those in need. It is a low hassle way to help. Donation Sheets are available in the Parish Hall or may be emailed.

Submitted by Paul Zawistowski



Western Diocese

Western Diocese Outreach Commission

October 2026 MONTHLY TIPS

Public Visibility Matters

- Be seen beyond Sunday.
- Have a booth at local festivals.
- Participate in parades.
- Offer public prayers at civic events.
- Sponsor a little league team.
- Host a town hall discussion night.

Visibility builds credibility, which attracts others.

Be Publicly Useful in One Small Way

- Pick one community need the parish can meet without strain.
- Host a grief support hour.
- Open the church for quiet prayer during stressful times.
- Provide space for an AA / caregiver / veterans group.
- Partner with a food pantry rather than running one.

Do it consistently, not impressively.



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APPEAL FOR 2026 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear Rt. Rev. Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Parish Committees, Parish Organizations and Parishioners.

It is the time of year for us to appeal to you -- the parishes, the Standard Church Organizations and the individual members of the Polish National Catholic Church -- to publish your Christmas greetings in the Official Publication of the Polish National Catholic Church, *God's Field—Rola Boża.*

In past years your responses to our appeals have been enthusiastic and we sincerely hope your generosity and support will continue this year.

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

Example greetings:

The Y.M.S. of R. of St. John's Parish, Everytown, USA
Eve Adams, President
May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St. John's Parish, Everytown, USA
Rev. Abel Adams, Pastor
May the birth of Christ bring blessings to us all!

ALL GREETINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENTS, MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 11, 2026 IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE. ONLY PAID GREETINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED.

Please use the form below for your convenience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Staff and Management of *God's Field—Rola Boża*

✂ ***Cut here and send bottom portion only with your payment. Do not return entire letter.***

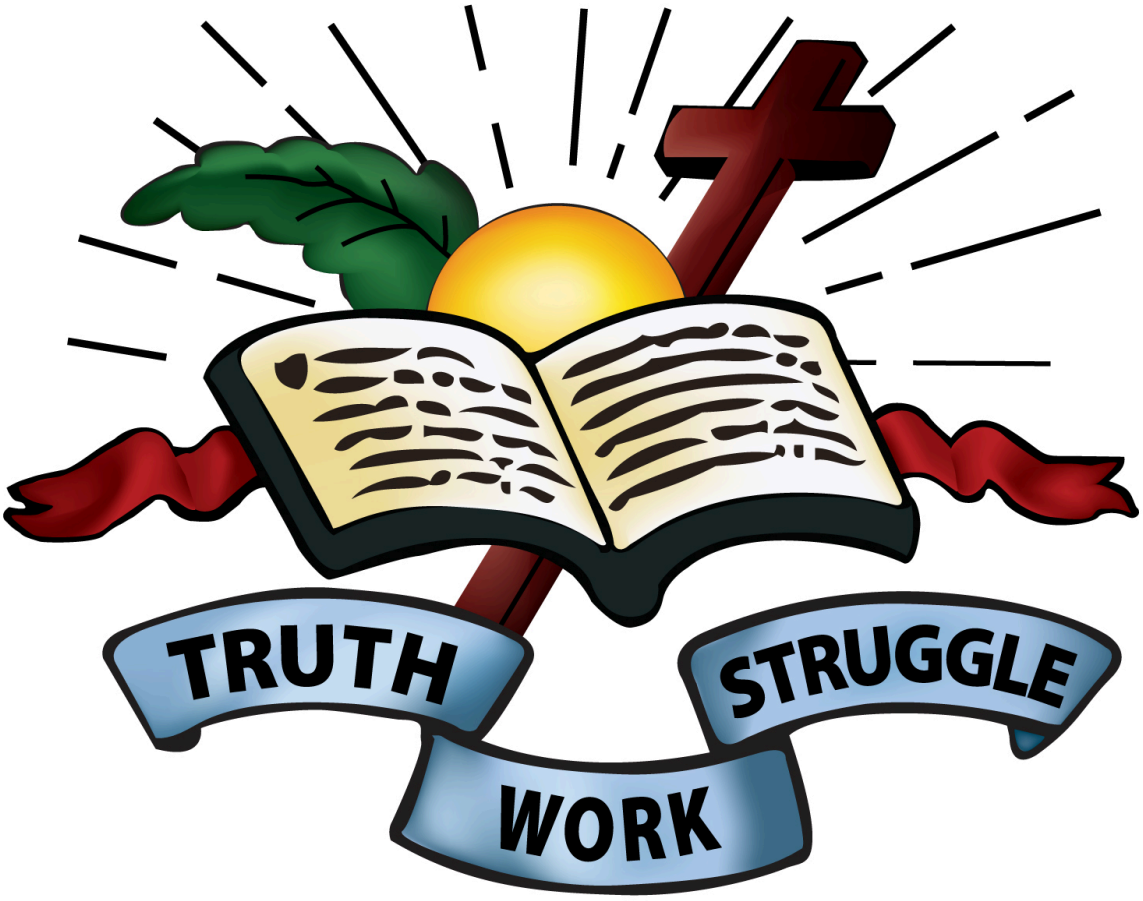
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