



DABRÓWKA

MIESZKO I

966-2016 A.D. – 1050th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF POLAND

INTO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH

In 965 A.D., Duke Mieszko I of Poland married Czech princess Dobrowa (Dąbrówka, in Polish) and in 966, he embraced her Roman Catholic faith. His baptism brought the Polish state into the cultural sphere of Western Christianity – ending paganism, protecting it from attack by any Catholic country and beginning the spread of the Latin culture into Poland. As the first Christian ruler of Poland, Mieszko I is considered the de facto creator of the Polish state. In addition to the great conquests accomplished during his reign, essential for the future of Poland, Mieszko I was well-known for his internal reforms, aimed at expanding and improving the monarchy system. History credits Dobrowa the establishment of the Holy Trinity and St. Wit Churches in Gniezno and the Church of the Virgin Mary in Ostrów Tumski, Poznań. Poland continues to turn to its Roman Catholic faith for guidance and strength. Celebrations for Poland's Millennium abounded in 1966 throughout the world and PRCUA was an integral part of the planning of the Chicagoland Observance. In 2016, fifty years later, the celebrations continue and once again PRCUA finds itself promoting the 1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity. (Paraphrased from Wikipedia)

PRCUA 2016 "OCTOBER POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH COLORING CONTEST"

This contest is open to PRCUA Members from 3 to 18 years old. Use crayons, pencils, markers or paint (no fabric, sequins, or glitter, etc.)
Age categories: 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-15 years and 16-18 years.

1st & 2nd Place prizes will be awarded in each age category. Prizes are age-appropriate and include a certificate of achievement. **DEADLINE: Entries must be received at the Home Office by Monday, October 31, 2016.**

Mail to: PRCUA Coloring Contest
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