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FORMER PRCUA CHAPLAIN REV. CANON ANTHONY D. IWUC PASSED AWAY

It is with sadness that the PRCUA must announce the passing of its beloved National Vice Chaplain, Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc, at the age 93, on March 30, 2021. He went to his heavenly reward after being hospitalized for a week. Fr. Iwuc wholeheartedly served the Lord as a devoted priest for 67 years. Likewise, he enthusiastically served the PRCUA for 47 years as national chaplain from 1974 to 1986 and as national vice chaplain from 1986 to 2018.

Fr. Iwuc faithfully attended the PRCUA National Conventions, as well as its annual Sacred Heart Mass, special commemorations and celebrations. Known for his gentle nature, wonderful sense of humor and personal charm, Father Iwuc enriched the PRCUA with his humble service and wise counsel. He will be joyously remembered for his melodious voice, which he often used to lead PRCUA members in singing old tunes that brought back memories of the "good old days." He also wrote a column in the *Naród Polski* newspaper for many decades. The PRCUA officers, board and members are most grateful for the half-century of spiritual leadership that Fr. Iwuc so graciously dedicated to our fraternal.

Born in South Attleboro, MA, Father was the 7th of 10 children of Bronisław and Adolfina (Zamoida) Iwuc. He was predeceased by his brothers, Frank, Joseph, Stephen and Edward and his sisters Stella, Lottie, Jane and Jessie. He is survived by his brother, Charles Iwuc of South Attleboro, MA and several nephews and nieces.

Anthony Iwuc was educated in Attleboro Public Schools, St. Joseph School in Central Falls, St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket, RI., Our Lady of Providence Seminary, RI and St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, MI. He was ordained on May 30, 1953 by Bishop Russell J. McVinney.

Fr. Iwuc was proud of his Polish heritage and demonstrated it by actively participating in Polonia. The annual Pulaski Day Memorial was organized by Fr. Iwuc at Roger Williams Park in Providence, RI, as well as the annual Polish parish festivals. In the 1980s, when Poland was under martial law, Fr. Iwuc worked tirelessly with the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation to coordinate donations throughout northeastern U.S.A.



This included the collection of food, baby food, medical supplies, medical machines, clothing and shoes that were transported to the Polish people and distributed by the church in Poland. Thanks to his heroic efforts, thousands of desperate Poles were helped during that difficult time.

Fr. Iwuc's other memberships included: Polish National Alliance, Polish American Historical Association, Kosciuszko Foundation, Polish-Hungarian World Federation and Affiliation, Polish American Guardian Society, Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, Knights of Columbus (4th Degree), John

Paul II Foundation of New England and the American-Polish Cultural Exchange Commission.

Fr. Iwuc was devoted to the Blessed Mother and promoted recitation of the Rosary throughout his life. His priestly ministry included service as administrator of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Coventry, RI (1953 to 1972), where he organized the construction of its school. He was pastor of his home parish, Saint Joseph's in Central Falls for 33 years (1972-2005), where he renovated the interior of the church, purchased its new organ and established the St. Joseph's Church Parish Center. In his retirement, he lived at St. John Vianney Residence in Providence, RI, where he served local parishes.

The leadership roles that Fr. Iwuc fulfilled include: president of the Rhode Island Division of the Polish American Congress since 1972; Orchard Lake Schools Summa cum Laude member of the Chancellor's Senate, Board of Trustees, Board of Regents, national president of the Orchard Lake Schools Alumni Association and as founder and moderator of the Orchard Lake Schools Ladies Auxiliary. He was a member of the Polish American Priests Association, where he served on the Board of Directors and as a past vice president.

Fr. Iwuc was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Polish Museum of America and the Commission on Religious Affairs of the Polish American Congress. Fr. Iwuc served the Diocese of Providence as a member of its Liturgical Commission; Commission for Clergy Renewal; Marian Commission; Director of the Holy Name Society; Council of Priests; College of Consultors; Continuing Education of the Clergy; Executive Committee

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- 3 POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY**
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- 15 TROY, MI – 30TH MICHIGAN STATE BALL**, San Marino
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- 16 ARLINGTON HTS., IL MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM**
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- 17 IRA CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE and INCOME
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- 26 MOTHER'S DAY (POLAND)**
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE
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JUNE

JUNE IS ANNUITY AWARENESS MONTH

- 1 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY**
DEADLINE FOR PRCUA SCHOLARSHIPS
- 14 FLAG DAY**
- 20 FATHER'S DAY (USA)**
- 23 FATHER'S DAY (POLAND)**

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4	\$325.62	\$295.02	4	\$606.24	\$545.04	4	\$865.80	\$776.16
5	\$333.45	\$301.95	5	\$621.90	\$558.90	5	\$888.75	\$796.68
6	\$341.55	\$309.15	6	\$638.10	\$573.30	6	\$912.51	\$817.74
7	\$349.92	\$316.62	7	\$654.84	\$588.24	7	\$937.08	\$839.34
8	\$358.56	\$324.27	8	\$672.12	\$603.54	8	\$962.19	\$861.75
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14	\$415.71	\$375.12	14	\$786.42	\$705.24	14	\$1,129.32	\$1,010.79
15	\$425.88	\$384.39	15	\$806.76	\$723.78	15	\$1,159.02	\$1,037.52
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PRCUA 2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Economic conditions in the United States and throughout the world, as well as an ever more competitive job market, have made the need for an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree a virtual necessity for today's student. At the same time, the higher costs of education pose a serious and challenging barrier to students and their families to bear. The PRCUA recognizes the necessity of assistance for students of the Polish American community and has developed several financial vehicles to aid in the pursuit of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

During the 2021-2022 school year, the PRCUA will offer two types of scholarships. **The PRCUA Education Scholarship** is open to all who apply, whereas the **PRCUA Fraternal Scholarship** is open exclusively to members of the PRCUA. Students can apply for each scholarship once annually, but they may receive only three awards of each scholarship during their lifetime. Scholarships are specific to the school and educational program named in the application. The deadline for submitting applications is **June 1, 2021**.

PRCUA Education Scholarships totaling \$20,000 are awarded to students based on the number of applications submitted and are available to all students, even those who are not members of the PRCUA. Scholarships will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500-\$2,000.

1. Applicants must have successfully completed their freshman year of undergraduate studies before the deadline for filing an application. An official transcript or other documentation from the applicant's school must be sent directly by the educational institution by mail or electronically to the PRCUA on or before the deadline of June 1.

2. Eligible applicants include sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled full-time in undergraduate studies or those students enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program. Full-time enrollment shall conform to those guidelines estab-

lished by the federal financial aid program: a minimum of twelve credit hours for day students or eight credit hours for evening students. Part-time graduate students are also eligible.

3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 or better on a 5.0 scale.

4. All applicants must be either citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

The **PRCUA Fraternal Scholarship** is available to eligible PRCUA members. For the 2021-2022 school year, the PRCUA will award scholarships totaling \$25,000, in amounts ranging from \$500-\$2,000. These scholarships are open to all current PRCUA members. Applicants must fulfill all the requirements listed above AND be a member of the PRCUA for a minimum of five years AND have an active certificate of a minimum of \$5,000 (and must be current with its payments).

The following options are available to applicants who do NOT fulfill the above five-year requirement:

- Three-year membership with the PRCUA holding a \$25,000 certificate, or
- Four-year membership with the PRCUA holding a \$15,000 certificate.

Note: Applicants must have active certificates and be current with their payments for five years after receipt of the final scholarship.

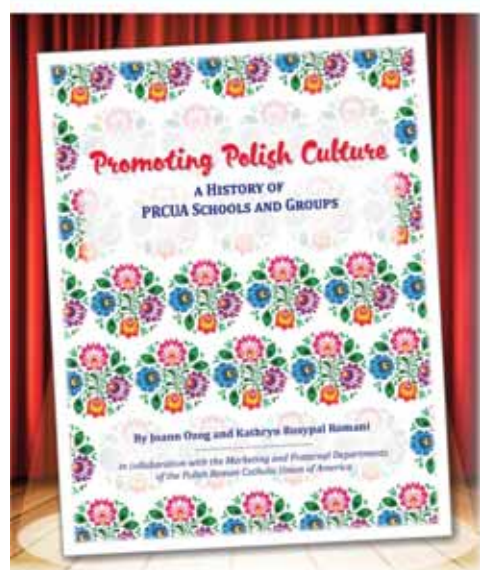
Selection of award amounts and recipients will be made by an independent committee of jurors. For both scholarships, awards will be granted to applicants based on the highest number of points earned, including an essay (in English).

The PRCUA acknowledges that continuing one's education is important to get ahead in life. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take advantage of our scholarships. Scholarships from the PRCUA are but one of its many member benefits.

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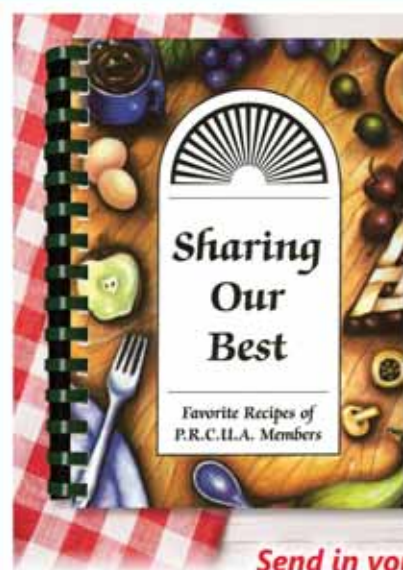


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Eligibility: Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college/university or graduate school.

Applicant must be a resident of New England and a member (or a son/daughter of a member) of a fraternal benefit society that holds a membership in the New England Fraternal Alliance.

Applicant must have a cumulative grade average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 system). Transcript of grades from spring 2021 semester must be submitted with application.

Application for scholarship award must be completed in its entirety and submitted by **September 1, 2021**. Incomplete and/or late entries will be disqualified. There will be absolutely no extension of the deadline.

Procedures: The \$1,000 scholarship awards will be paid directly to recipients.

Criteria to be used in judging: overall merits of applicant, cumulative grade average, college activities/honors, community activities, financial need and essay content.

From among the entries, top ten applications will be selected and referred to a three member panel for final judging. Recipients of NEFA scholarship awards will be notified by October 15, 2021.

Entries for consideration must be forwarded by September 1, 2021 to: Daniel Michalak, Chair - Scholarship Committee, 53 Barberry Lane, Meriden, CT 06451-2601.

LIFE INSURANCE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Robert Sobczak
Insurance Specialist

Life insurance in times of the coronavirus pandemic

At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our lives by making it difficult to access offices, stores, pharmacies, schools and restaurants, simple activities seem not to be so simple anymore. In Illinois, all federal offices are still closed to clients. The orders to wear a mask and keep social distance are still in force.

Although everyone is at risk of infection of the virus, those people whose immunity is compromised and the elderly are at greatest risk of serious complications that may even require hospitalization. Treatment can be prolonged, painful and expensive. Increasingly, we come to the conclusion that the question we should be asking is not whether we will get sick, but when. We may be worried about what would happen to our family when the unexpected happens... how would they cope with everyday life, with payments, with funeral costs?

The solution to these problems may be to purchase a life insurance policy. But is it still possible now?

The answer is YES.

Many insurance companies have made it easier to purchase a policy with an agent remotely, i.e. by phone, tablet or computer. An in-person meeting with the agent is no longer necessary. We can both fill out and sign the policy electronically at the same time we are talking to our agent over the phone.

We often wonder how to choose the right face amount of the policy based on our needs. At first glance, it might seem that a basic \$50,000-\$100,000 policy should be sufficient, but in

most situations, a more personalized solution is required. When working with an agent, we should conduct a needs analysis, which will allow us to more accurately define our needs in order to ensure the normal functioning of our family in the event of our death.

What should we consider? How do we correctly calculate the amount for which we should protect ourselves and our families?

The amount of the policy should definitely depend on our financial capabilities. Buying a life insurance policy does not necessarily involve a one-time payment. It may, in fact, be a long-term commitment. The amount that we pay is determined at the time of issue of the policy, and its maintenance depends on the continuity and reliability of the person responsible for payments.

When calculating the amount of the policy, we should also take into account the change in prices and services over time (inflation). Unfortunately, costs in ten or twenty years will not be the same as those of today. For example, on average, burial prices double every 10 years.

Moving on to the calculations. What do we need to consider?

First, we need to calculate the amount of our debt, including the amount owed on a mortgage, car, school loans, credit card debt and so on.

Now let's add the cost of our children's education. The cost for educating a child can be close to \$400,000. Multiply this amount by the number of children or grandchildren we would like to take care of.

Next, evaluate how much it costs to maintain our current standard of living. How much do we spend on food, clothes, utility bills and incidentals? On average, it is suggested that we use 5-10 times the amount calculated above to ensure the current standard of living of our family for a number of years.

Let's now add double the current estimated funeral costs, which are currently between \$15,000 and \$20,000, to ensure the cost (*Continued on pg. 9*)

FORMER PRCUA CHAPLAIN ANTHONY D. IWUC PASSED AWAY

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of the Clergy Benefits Fund; Priests' Personnel Board (Constituency I) and Council of Priests.

With a flair for leading interesting tours, Fr. Iwuc organized pilgrimages to Rome, Poland, the Holy Land, Fatima, Lourdes and Mexico. He was present in Rome for the election of Pope Saint John Paul II and for years organized the annual Polish Pilgrimage at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA.

Among the awards that Fr. Iwuc received are: the first "Man of the Year" Award, Loyalty Plaque and Fidelitas Medal from the Orchard Lake Schools, Polish National Alliance Certificate of Merit Award, and the Cavalier Cross Medal from the Republic of Poland.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was

held on April 8th at St. Joseph's Church in Rhode Island. President James Robaczewski was in attendance to represent the PRCUA and Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak delivered the homily.

May Fr. Iwuc be blessed a hundredfold for all the good he did for others throughout his life and may he rest in the hands of God.

Memorial donations in Fr. Iwuc's memory can be made to one of the following: St. Joseph's Church, 391 High Street, Central Falls, RI 02863; Felician Sisters, 1315 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082; or SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, 3535 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake, MI 48324.

Biography written by Kathryn Romani, former Executive Editor of the *Naród Polski*

PRCUA PRESIDENTS REMEMBER REV. CANON ANTHONY IWUC

Fr. Anthony was an inspiration to us in his piety, guidance, humility. He helped divert tragedies on a personal basis. His help along with his fellow chaplains made it possible for the PRCUA celebrate a historically iconic Holy Mass with a Cardinal, a Cardinal designate, six bishops, many clerics concelebrating the inaugural national convention at St. Stanislaus Church in Chicago.

The best way to honor him is in three words: He was a "HUMBLE PRIEST'S PRIEST"

Edward G Dykla, President 1986-1998

Fr. Anthony continued his Vice Chaplain duties by prayer, participation and discussion on organizational matters of the PRCUA. With his valuable experience, the Board of Directors and officers always welcomed his comments during discussions that needed his perspective. Outside of Board meetings, Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc always energized others during social engagements as we gathered. His words, both spoken and sung, inspired those in attendance to a higher spirit, as his motivating concern was for everyone's health.

As for the PRCUA members, he kept giving many a Catholic reasoning for living and praising the Lord.

Wallace Ozog, President 1998-2010

First, let me say that I knew Fr. Anthony Iwuc for more years than I can remember. Throughout our friendship, he was a man of high integrity.

He set the standard for a life of high spiritual, moral, and ethical principles.

His loyalty to our God, his church, the Orchard Lake Schools, the Polish Roman Catholic Union and his friends was total and without question.

During my time of service to the PRCUA, Fr. Iwuc, as national Vice Chaplain and national member of the Board of Directors always fulfilled his duties and assignments with complete dedication and enthusiastic willingness.

He was a true friend and I will miss him very much.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., President 2010-2018

Fr. Tony was an extraordinary person and priest. I knew of him for most of my adult life and got to know him personally in these last eleven years. He was a man of dedication and service to not only Polonia, but to all of society as well. His natural charisma made you feel welcome and comfortable when you walked up to him. He was always ready with a humorous quip to help you relax.

His service on the PRCUA Board of Directors for decades proved his devotion to not only the Polish community, but to the ideals of the Roman Catholic faith. Committed to serving God's people through his words and actions, he was a moral compass to us all.

Father will be greatly missed, not only by me, but by all of Polonia.

James J. Robaczewski, National President

PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' NEWS

By **Nicholas J. Nowakowski**
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus

The weather in Michigan is getting warmer with signs that the winter will soon give way to spring and summer; however, winter isn't quite ready to go – in our area, April 1 greeted us with snow on the ground and April 15 had a wintry mix as part of the forecast.

On Saturday, April 10, Gwiazda's choreographer, Basia Nowakowski attended a mass sponsored by the Polish American Congress – Michigan Division held at St. Faustyna Parish in Warren, MI to commemorate the anniversary of the Smoleńsk catastrophe and the Katyn massacre. Many other Polonian organizations from the metro-Detroit area also attended, included the Filarets chorus, ZHP (the Polish Scouting Organization), and Koło Goral "Morskie Oko" Nr. 4.

On Sunday, April 11, Gwiazda's two 2021 graduates, Mikołaj Sobiesiuk and Schyler Babicz attended their first rehearsal for the 2021 Shirley Ann Galanty PRCUA Michigan State Ball at the PRCUA Hall in Wyandotte, MI. We can't wait to see them and all of the other PRCUA Michigan State dance school graduates when they are presented on May 15, 2021.

We'd like to wish to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and guardians a Happy Mother's Day. The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers are on social media. You can like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (@PRCUA_Gwiazda).



Gwiazda's graduates Mikołaj Sobiesiuk and Schyler Babicz

LEADERS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

PETER KIOŁBASA

Compiled by Lidia Kowalewicz
Executive Editor, *Naród Polski*



Peter Kiołbasa (pol. Piotr Kiołbassa) was a U.S. Army captain, politician, Chicago Treasurer and Commissioner of Public Works, Polish American activist, and one of the organizers of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Peter Kiołbassa was born on October 13, 1837 in the village of Schweiben, Silesia, Prussia (at present Świebie in Silesian Voivodeship in southern Poland). He was the son of Stanisław and Franciszka (Burda) Kiołbassa. His father was a prominent man and was a member of the first German parliament from 1848 to 1849. The Kiołbassas came to the United States on December 2, 1854, when Peter was 17 years old. In 1855, the family settled in Panna Maria, TX, where only one year earlier the first Polish settlement in the United States was founded.

In Poland, Peter received elementary and high school education, studied music, and became a piano player. He spoke Polish, German, French and Bohemian from his youth, and learned English and Spanish while living in Texas.

In 1857, Peter became the first teacher and organist in Panna Maria. Before a proper schoolhouse was built, classes were held in the barn.

In 1858, Stanisław Kiołbassa decided to move out of Panna Maria be-

cause of the unhealthy conditions in the settlement. The family settled briefly on a farm near Castroville, TX, then moved to San Antonio, TX the same year.

In 1859, Peter was employed as a store clerk in Piedras Negras in Mexico, where he perfected his Spanish and acquainted himself with commerce. That same year, he took an examination for a teacher's license and taught at intervals in Panna Maria until 1861.

On April 12, 1861, the American Civil War began. On October 9, 1862, Peter Kiołbassa enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in the 24th Texas Cavalry. After he was captured and taken prisoner in one of the battles in 1863, he was recruited by the Union Army. First, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, then to sergeant major. On January 5, 1865, Kiołbassa was commissioned an officer and placed in the command of the African American Unit as the captain of the Sixth Colored Cavalry. He fought in battles at Knoxville, Atlanta, Nashville, and many others.

While he was still in the service, Peter spent two months in 1864 on a furlough in Chicago. During his stay in Chicago, he helped to organize the first local Polish Society of St. Stanisław Kostka. Its goal was to provide help to Polish Catholics in America in the name of fraternal love.

In October 1965, Kiołbassa returned to Chicago and married Pauline Dziewior. Pauline was 17, Peter was 27. The couple had one daughter Rosa, born in 1873 (a pianist and opera singer who later married another Polonian leader and PRCUA activist Franciszek Kwasigroch.)

Kiołbassa was discharged from the Army with honors in May of 1866. He settled with his wife in Chicago where he began building his career and became a recognized leader of the Polish American community.

He played a major role in reorganizing the St. Stanisław Kostka Society in 1866, of which he became the president. (All the cofounders and leaders of the society became later

the cofounders and leaders of the PRCUA.)

In 1866, Peter opened a grocery store on 124 Wesson St. (which was later renamed to Cambridge St.) but operated the store only for a few months.

In 1867, he entered the Chicago police force. Because of his polyglot abilities and excellent handwriting, after six months, he advanced to desk sergeant and then secretary to the chief of police.

In 1867, he helped organize the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Stanisław Kostka in Chicago (finished in 1869), which later became the largest Polish parish in the U.S.

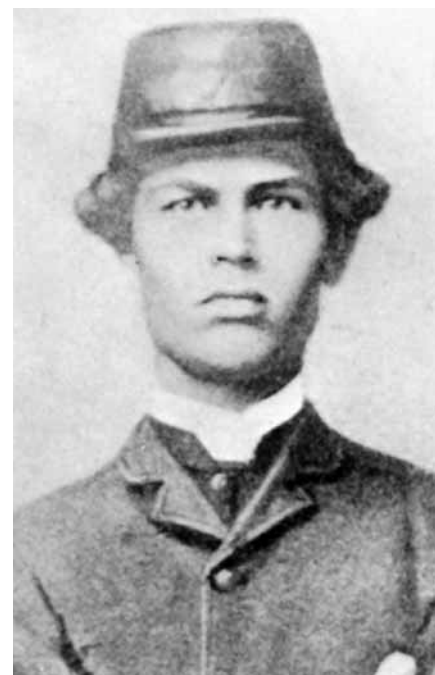
In 1869, Kiołbassa took a leave of absence from his police duties and went to Panna Maria, TX where he worked as a teacher and organist for two years, and as a postmaster for one month.

He returned to Chicago and to his old position in the police department in July 1871. In 1873, he was nominated the deputy sheriff. On March 24, 1873 he became the clerk at the Chicago Federal Custom House where he remained for the next 14 years.

In October 1873, the leaders of Polonia met in Detroit, MI and founded Union of Polish Catholics. Kiołbassa, together with representatives from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Indiana were elected the leaders of the newly formed organization. In October 1874, the organization adopted the name Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. Kiołbassa was elected vice president. He was elected and reelected as PRCUA president from 1880 to 1885, and then from 1889 to 1892.

Over the next 30 years, Kiołbassa was one of the most eminent leaders of the Polish American community and the PRCUA, serving as a member of different committees and boards of the organization and representing the PRCUA and Chicago Polonia at many events.

He was one of the founders of the Polish Publishing Company (Spółka Wydawnictwa Polskiego) in Chicago (its main goal was to strengthen Catholic press through new publishing houses.) The company was composed of: Fr. Vincent Barzyński, Fr. Jan Radziejewski, Peter Kiołbassa, Wojciech Jedrzejek, and other priests and civilians. They



Piotr Kiołbassa as a soldier of the Union Army

published *Wiara i Ojczyzna* (from May 3, 1887) and *Kropidło* (from June 24, 1887). *Wiara i Ojczyzna* replaced *Gazeta Katolicka* as the official organ of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

He was a member of the Orphanage Foundation Committee, Committee of PRCUA Incorporation, the PRCUA Constitution Revision Committee, and the chairman of several PRCUA conventions. He belonged to numerous PRCUA Societies and for some time was the Honorary PRCUA President (the title was abolished in the past.)

At the 16th PRCUA Convention in October 1889 in Bay City, MI, Kiołbassa was elected a delegate to the First Catholic Congress in the United States on November 11-12, 1889.

He was elected the chairman of the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of May 3, 1891 celebration at St. Stanisław Kostka Hall.

Kiołbassa was the grand marshal of the a few parades held in Chicago on the occasion of significant anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the Polish November Uprising (1830) on November 29, 1880; the 200th anniversary of Sobieski's victory at Vienna (1683) on August 23, 1883; joined celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America (1492) and the inauguration of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago on October 20, 1892 (on the day preceding the official dedication of the world's fair); and the 100th anniversary of the (Continued on pg. 9)

Kosciuszko Uprising (1794) on May 3, 1894 r.

Kiołbassa was the initiator of the construction of the Polish Pavilion for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. On October 7, 1893, a Polish Day was held. During the world's fair, the Polish community organized a banquet in honor of Kiołbassa.

In March 1893, Kiołbassa and other Polonia leaders signed The Polish Memorial expressing their dissatisfaction with the treaty between the U.S. government and Russia on the mutual rendition of offenders (participants of the January uprising who fled to America, were also considered criminals by the Russian government.) Kiołbassa was received at the White House and presented the memorial personally to President Cleveland.

In 1894, the PRCUA passed a resolution to participate in the General National Exhibition (Powszechna Wystawa Krajowa) on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Kościuszko Uprising in Lviv. Kiołbassa was appointed one of the delegates to the exhibition and vice president of the Central Committee of American Polonia Participation (Komitet Centralny Udziału Polonii

Amerykańskiej) at the exhibition.

On May 8, 1894, he was the chairman of the Polish Rally (Wiec Polski) in the St. Stanisław Kostka Hall in Chicago. The rally gathered for the purpose of creating the Polish League in America (Liga Polska w Ameryce.)

Kiołbassa was elected vice marshal of the 1st Polish Catholic Congress, held in September 1896 in Buffalo, NY.

Shortly before the Spanish-American war was formally declared on April 21, 1898, Kiołbassa began to organize a Polish regiment in Chicago. The recruitment station was located in his office at 113 W. Division Street.

Kiołbassa combined his leadership in Polonia and in the PRCUA with a civil and political career. Shortly after coming to Chicago, he engaged in real estate, the fire insurance business, and had a notary public office. He was the first Pole to succeed in local politics.

In 1877-78, Kiołbassa was a member of the House of Representatives of Illinois.

In 1888, he ran as a Democrat for alderman of Chicago's 16th Ward but lost to Republican August Kowalski.

In 1891, the Democratic Party nominated Kiołbassa as a candidate for city treasurer. He won by receiving 50,056 votes (5,000 more than his opponent), and served as city treasurer from April 1891 to May 1893. He received the nickname "Honest Pete" - Kiołbassa was the first city treasurer to return the interest (about \$42,000) on the city funds to the treasury. Previously, the interest on public funds was the private perquisite of the holder of the office.

Kiołbassa was encouraged to run for governor of Illinois after his term as treasurer but he did not believe the state would vote for a foreign-born governor.

In 1898, he was elected the alderman, narrowly defeating John F. Smulski.

In 1901, Peter's first wife Pauline died. He married his second wife Antonina Otzenberg in 1903.

In 1902, Kiołbassa was nominated building commissioner and in 1904, he became the commissioner of public works.

Peter Kiołbassa died on June 23, 1905 at his home at 625 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Initially, he was a member of the Republican Party and later switched

his affiliation to the Democratic Party, but he was highly respected by both Republicans and Democrats. After his death, Chicago City Council passed a mourning resolution and all city hall offices were closed in sign of mourning. Kiołbassa was considered "the most famous, respected, and popular Catholic in the Chicago archdiocese." Thousands of people attended his funeral, including members of the City Council with Mayor Edward F. Dunne at the helm, veterans from the Grand Army of the Republic, representatives of the police regiments, branches of Polish societies, representatives of various organizations, including the PRCUA Administration and many PRCUA members.

The funeral Mass was held in St. Stanisław Kostka Church and was celebrated by the suffragan Bishop Muldoon in the presence of Archbishop Simon. The funeral speech was delivered by Fr. Władysław Zapala, C.R.

Sources: *Dziennik Chicagoski*, June 23, 1905 and June 24, 1905; *Wybitni Polacy w Chicago*; *Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzysko-Katolickie w Ameryce 1873-1948* by M. Haiman.

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

By Karrie Westphal, Secretary
Zajączek Dance Ensemble

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to our 2021 Zajączek Dance Ensemble graduates Victoria Dawidowicz and Olivia Westphal as they prepare to participate in the 30th Annual PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball. These dancers have been working diligently, helping to create a fabulous evening for our graduating high school seniors. We applaud them for their commitment to their Polish heritage and for being role models to our younger Zajączek dancers. Victoria is a senior at Austin Catholic High School in Chesterfield, MI and is a sixteen-year dancer. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to study engineering. Olivia Westphal is a senior at Regina High School in Warren, MI and is a seven-year dancer. She will be attending Oakland University in the fall to study nursing. On behalf of our entire Zajączek Dance Ensemble community, thank you girls for your time and effort in representing our group, both on and off the dance floor. May God bless both of you, always!



2021 Zajączek graduates Victoria Dawidowicz (l) and Olivia Westphal (r)

LIFE INSURANCE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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of the above amount in the future.

Finally, let's add the amount that we would like to leave to our loved ones as our legacy.

As you can see by totaling up the above amounts, you may find that our initial \$50,000-\$100,000 is not nearly enough.

It is important to remember that everyone's situation is different and that policies should always be tailored to the needs and capabilities of the insured person. It is worth talking to an agent specializing in securing health, life and the future to take into account the full spectrum of your needs and obligations.

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3. Find 12 differences.



2. Word search: find all the words in the puzzle.

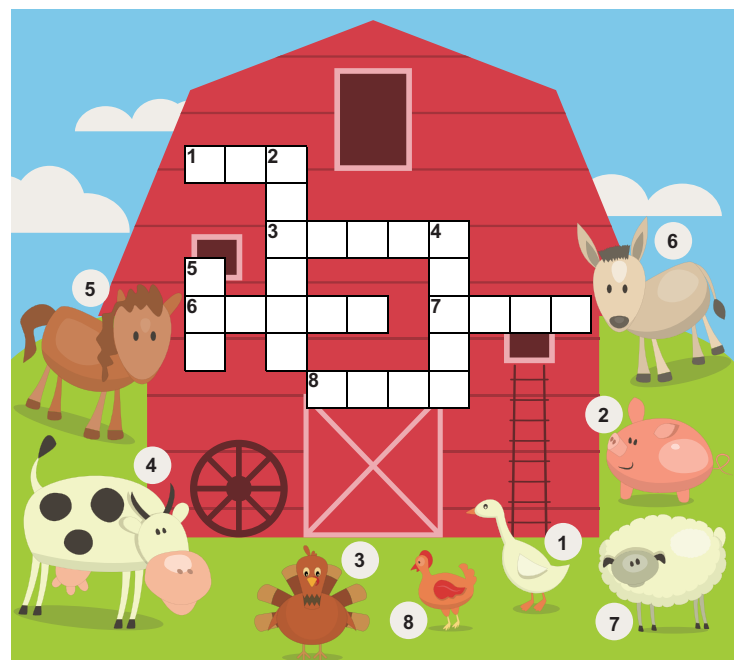
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4. Learn Polish: fill the puzzle with the Polish names of the farm animals.



HALKA IS FEELING BLESSED

By Laura Hejza
Halka Director

A great thing about having Saturday morning dance practice is that on Easter Saturday the PRCUA Halka Dancers of Detroit can share the wonderful Polish tradition of *Święconka*, or blessing of the Easter baskets.

For the past 52 years, Halka has held their dance practices at Our Lady Queen of Heaven church in Detroit and this year several of our older dancers came with their baskets filled with goodies, including homemade horseradish, decorated eggs, bread and butter and the fixings for meatballs to be made for the Easter meal. It was a beautiful site to have so many rows filled with Halka

dancers and their families, the McPersons filled three rows with their extended family. Since the younger Halka dancers were not there for the scheduled basket blessing, Fr. Tyrone made a special trip back so that their baskets could be blessed as well.

The following weekend, the 2021 Halka graduates felt blessed to have their first Michigan State Ball practice for their upcoming presentation ball set for May 15.

Springtime is recital time and last year's Halka recital obviously had to be canceled, but this year a gathering for a modified recital at the end of April is being planned. Hopefully this summer will offer more positive happenings to get back to a more normal schedule for us all.



Fr. Tyrone's second basket blessing duty



Halka families and their baskets to be blessed



Inside O. L. Queen of Heaven Church, Detroit



2021 Halka Graduates: Evan Krass, Jacob Tabaczynski, Andrew Bartkiewicz and Natalie Palencik

THE 50TH ANNUAL DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT

PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593 is coordinating the 50th Annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night at Comerica Park. It will be held on Friday evening, May 28, 2021, when the New York Yankees play the Detroit Tigers.

Because of the pandemic, the normal program on the field (dancers on the playing field, introduction of dignitaries and the ceremonial first pitch at home plate) may not be available this season. We are making plans for participants to dance in the various locations inside and outside the stadium. Locations will be determined by the number of dance groups that will participate during the 2021

season. We will adhere to CDC guidelines at that time.

Persons or organizations planning to attend

should contact Christopher Ozog at cjozog@gmail.com or Wally Ozog at wozog@wow-way.com.

Order your 50th Annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night Tickets "NOW"
The game is May 28, 2021

NAMES	# of Upper Grandstand tickets \$24.00 each	# of Lower Baseline Box tickets \$37.00 each	# of Upper Box tickets \$35.00 each	# of Upper Reserve tickets \$31.00 each	# of Mezzanine tickets \$26.00 each	TOTAL SUM ENCLOSED
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This year, PRCUA Society #1593 will receive \$5 per ticket to the Education Fund.
Contact: Wallace Ozog at 586-751-8168 or at wozog@wowway.com.
Make check payable to: PRCUA # 1593 and mail to 30214 Woodhouse Dr., Warren, MI 48092



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Micheline "Misia" Jaminski

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Just as the plants and flowers peek through into the sunlight of spring, so do we, as we continue on our journey into the new normal. May is here and with it our beloved celebrations and traditions including honoring our Blessed Mother Mary, our mothers, our Motherland, and those who gave their lives for our homeland. We applaud the graduates, pray with the first communicants and support the accomplishments of our performers.

So where do we begin? On May 1st, of course! In Poland, the first weekend in May is called "Majówka" – it starts with International Workers' Day (5/1), Polish National Flag Day and Polonia Day (5/2) and ends with Polish Constitution Day (5/3). The May 1st holiday, also referred to as May Day or International Labour Day, is not unique to Poland alone. In fact, it honors the strength, commitment, and achievements of the working class's... raising concerns about forced labor, regulation of minimum wage, the rights of migrant workers, etc. and promoting international labor associations as well as local unions and groups. Many of us, particularly the working class, are unaware of the significance

of May Day, and yet we reap the benefits because of it, including an eight-hour workday. May Day was officially recognized as a public holiday by the Second International Congress in 1891. Although the United States and Canada celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday in September, 80 other countries celebrate on the first of May.

This year, the Polish Constitution of 1791 celebrates its 230th anniversary. This historical document "combined a monarchic republic" with three divisions of power: executive, legislative and judicial and was the first of its kind in Europe and second in the world, as the United States Constitution was implemented in 1789. Note that even in the 13th century, traces of Polish constitutionalism were found where agreement and representation governed in the young Polish state. During the first half of the 16th century, the "sejm" and "sejmiki" evolved. "By the 17th century, Poland's legal and political tradition was characterized as parliamentary institutions and a system of checks and balances on state power, which was itself limited by decentralization. The system of a contractual state; the concept of individual liberties; and the notion that the monarch owed duties to his subjects primarily benefited the Polish nobility (szlachta), came to be known as the nobles' democracy." Wikipedia

In lieu of the grand Polish Constitution Day Parade down the streets of Chicago on the first Saturday in May, there will be a virtual commemoration with additional celebrations such as the annual Mass at Holy Trinity Polish Mission hosted by the PNA, a wreath-laying ceremony at the statue of Thaddeus Kościuszko in Chicago's Museum Campus, a program presented by the PRCUA Polonia Ensemble under the direction of National District 7 Director Anna Krysinski at St. Ferdinand's parish, a Polish flag-raising ceremony at Daley Plaza and a special

program at the Polish Consulate where Anna Krysinski and Mieczysław Dżis will be awarded the Bronze Medal for Culture "Gloria Artis." In addition to the aforementioned events, the Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Małgorzata Bąk-Guziak, is to honor three Polish-American veterans at a military promotion ceremony on Friday, April 30, at the Polish Museum of America. Details in next month's issue of the *Naród Polski*.

In light of the restrictions of last year's gatherings, as 2021 Mothers' Day draws near - May 9th in the U.S. and always May 26 in Poland – most of us will be thrilled just to be with our families. For many others myself included, whenever our family is together, it's Mothers' Day! Wishing all moms everywhere a beautiful day! "Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had and dealing with fears you didn't know existed." Linda Wooten

I would like to congratulate my daughter, Nicole Bencik-Turkiewicz CPA MST, on her recent promotion as Managing Partner of Tax at Crowe LLP. Always reaching higher and higher, Niki never settled for anything less than achieving the goals she set for herself. Her determination is matched only by her work ethic. On Friday, April 23, her mentor, staff and co-workers honored her with a virtual toast and extended the invitation to Richard and me. It seems that our daughter is herself a great mentor, the best compliment she could give back to her mentor, Geralyn Hurd who opened the door for Niki. We gave her the best we could and the rest was in her very capable, smart hands. In presenting herself in

her new role to her new team, Niki shared six life tips: #1 Internal networking is just as important as external networking. #2 Surround yourself



Nicole Bencik-Turkiewicz

with people that make you better than you believe that you are. #3 Get some really good mentors and seek them out as well. #4 There is no "I" in team. #5 Always find opportunities to stretch yourself even if you don't think that you can do it. #6 We all need to have a little fun! Niki has been a PRCUA member since shortly after her birth. She is married to Michael, "bonus" mom to Tristan, Trafford and Blythe; and Super mom to Ariana (5) and Mila (3).

At this time, I would also like to congratulate our very good friend, Marlene Bober MHA, ACM-RN, on her promotion to Senior Vice President at American Case Management Association. Marlene and husband, Andre, are the proud parents of Wesoły Lud alumnae: Renee Bober-Kroplewski (Mark) and Nicole Bober-Purazzo (Tom) and grandparents to Ava Kroplewski and Santino Purazzo. The Bober family together with Marlene's parents Bushie and Papop traveled to Rzeszów and Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland for a few festivals. Fun times! Great memories!

On April 25, the Alliance of Polish Clubs hosted the May Third Polish Parade (*Continued on pg. 13*)



Miss Publiczności Agnieszka Daniłowska accepting the check from PRCUA Director Joanna Ewa Cholewinski (photo: Andrzej Brach)



Cislo family

Queen competition. Congratulations to Paulina Kosińska, who was selected as Queen. Presenting the check from the PRCUA to Miss People's Choice, Agnieszka Daniłow-ska, was National Director from District 7, Joanna Ewa Cholewinski. Congratulations to all the lovely ladies!

Congratulations to all graduates – college, high school, grammar school, Polish supplementary schools, with a special nod to our PRCUA schools. On May 9, the St. John Paul II Polish School graduation will include Holy Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Lemont, IL, followed by the high school Maturation Ball at Crystal Grand Banquets. A week later, the school's 8th grade graduates will be honored at a luncheon at the same venue. Master of Ceremonies, National Director from District 8, Mirek Cislo, will be representing the PRCUA at these events and together with wife, Elizabeth, will celebrate their youngest daughter Liliana as she graduates from JPPII Polish High School. Bravo!

Other upcoming events: Zajączek Ball (5/1), Rogalin Recital (5/2), Halka Recital (rescheduled to May 9), the 30th Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball (5/15) – all in the Michigan area as well as that of Polonia Ensemble on May 16 in the Chicago area.

April began sadly as our beloved Father Anthony Iwuc was laid to rest in Rhode Island. President James Robaczewski represented the PRCUA and Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak delivered the homily at the funeral Mass.

Condolences to the family of Dorothy P. Ozog, youngest sister of President Emeritus Wallace Ozog,

who passed away on April 17 at age 73. A member of the PRCUA for most of her life, Dorothy is survived by her husband of 29 years, Thomas, family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. Amen.

Special belated April birthday greetings to President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla on his 88th birthday (4/13), Brian Bonkowski on his 60th (4/8) and Natalya Bonkowski on her 15th – husband and daughter of District 10's National Director, the incomparable Colleen! As for May, birthday wishes go to Mary Jane Czypura (5/1) and Roberta Brewster and Jolanta Zachara (5/20) from the PRCUA Member Service Department, Jola Lech (5/18), Claudine Wicker from Treasury and my daughter Niki – both on the 31st.

The month of May ends with Memorial Day and I wish to close my article with:

"AN OLD SOLDIER'S PRAYER"

BY LEWIS MILLETT

"I have fought when others feared
to serve.

I have gone where others failed to go.

I've lost friends in war and strife,
Who valued Duty more than love
of life....

I've seen challenged men become
even bolder.

I've seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice
of the Soldier.

Now I understand the meaning
of our lives,
The loss of comrades not so very
long ago.

So to you who have answered
duties siren call,
May God bless you my son, may
God bless you all."

DEARLY DEPARTED
PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS



<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>
Bachleda, Monica	1605	IL	Michor, Jan A.	418	IL
Bierzychudek, Margaret	943	IL	Orlowski, Suzanne	2109	OH
Burdzinski, Linda A.	308	CO	Otloski, Patricia	2144	OH
Chuchla, Lenora M.	1492	FL	Pietrzykowski, Elizabeth	7	PA
Ciula, Raymond G.	817	WI	Popchak, James P.	531	PA
Czarnecki, Paul	2001	PA	Poteralski, Zigmunt	111	NY
Friscic, Dorothy	2152	OH	Przybylowicz, Angela C.	359	MA
Galaszewski, Helen A.	283	WI	Rakiewicz, Jozef	2220	OH
Gesell, Joanne	750	NY	Ritza, Michael	308	IL
Grabski, Henry	2144	OH	Roznowska, Cecylia	1613	IL
Grudzien, Jane Mary	540	NY	Samar, Thomas	2220	OH
Hinch, Paul S.	1590	IL	Schmidt, Shelley	693	IN
Ivey, Janet	308	IL	Sikora, Barbara A.	784	OH
Jachym, Regina M.	262	CT	Slomka, Joseph	750	NY
Krol, Joseph F.	718	MI	Slovisky, Charlotte G.	977	OH
Kubit, Walter	237	PA	Smith, Genevieve A.	549	MA
Laabs, Dorothy	283	WI	Sperandio, August	1580	IL
Leszczynski, Loretta	2022	PA	Trentowski, Aleksander	531	PA
Loszewski, Donna	658	MA	Vitello, Anthony	20	NJ
Mazga, Barbara A.	1027	NY	Winn, Randall	1004	IL
Mccracken, Josephine	855	PA	Wisniewski, Anthony	2152	OH

May they rest in eternal peace.

DOROTHY OZOG-CARSON

June 21, 1947–April 17, 2021

Dorothy Ozog-Carson passed away on April 17, 2021. She was the wife of Thomas Carson for 29 years, sister of Ann M., Wallace, Joseph, and the late Francis, Stanley, Msgr. Thaddeus, Stella, Anthony, Lottie, John, Joan and Eugene.

Dorothy was a member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America for most of her life. She was a member of Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greektown for 29 years. Dorothy and Thomas were also longtime subscribers of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and members of its

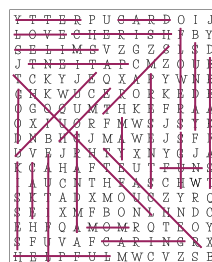
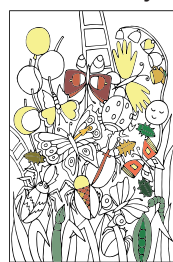
Governing Board. They were also longtime season-ticket holders for the opera and dance programs at the Michigan Opera Theatre and members of its General Directors Circle where she was also on the Dance Council. Dorothy and her husband were longtime members of the Founders Society at the Detroit Institute of Arts and members of three of their auxiliary organizations: Founders Junior Council, European Painting Council, and Detroit Film Theater. She was also a member of the "Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museum."

Funeral services for Dorothy Ozog-Carson were held on Saturday, April 24 at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit, MI.

Please remember Dorothy and her family in your prayers.

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 10:

1. Find 22 objects: 2. Word search: 3. Find 12 differences: 4. Learn Polish:



1. GĘŚ;
2. ŚWINIA;
3. INDYK;
4. KROWA;
5. KOŃ;
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7. OWCA;
8. KURA

Higher Perspectives

A MOST WELCOME VISIT

The Easter Season has been a beautiful time of grace at my two parishes. Of course, after the long Lenten rigors, in every way imaginable, what more could be asked for than to welcome the Resurrection of our Lord - especially at Polish parishes where that Easter Joy seems so much more tangibly real... after all, nothing says "CHRIST IS RISEN" better than a hunk of smoked kielbasa!!! As of this writing, we are barely half-way through this enriching time. Be sure to do your part to ensure that the celebration of our Lord's resurrection surpasses that of our preparation for it!

In a special way, though, our Easter Joy has been made even greater. Perhaps it is because I sit on the Administrative Board of the Pope John Paul II Foundation in Rome and that I was made responsible for this particular leg of the journey, but we became the first parishes in the State of Ohio to welcome the internationally traveling Centennial Triptych of St. John Paul II. The Triptych was commissioned by the Foundation in Rome to honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of its saintly founder, St. John Paul II. In addition to his image, it also features images representing two of the most important aspects of his personal devotion and pontificate: Our Blessed Mother, Mary, represented by an image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and the Divine Mercy, represented by an image of St. Faustyna with our Merciful Savior. The Triptych tours accompanied by two first class relics in beautiful reliquaries: that of St. John Paul II and St. Sr. Faustyna Kowalska.

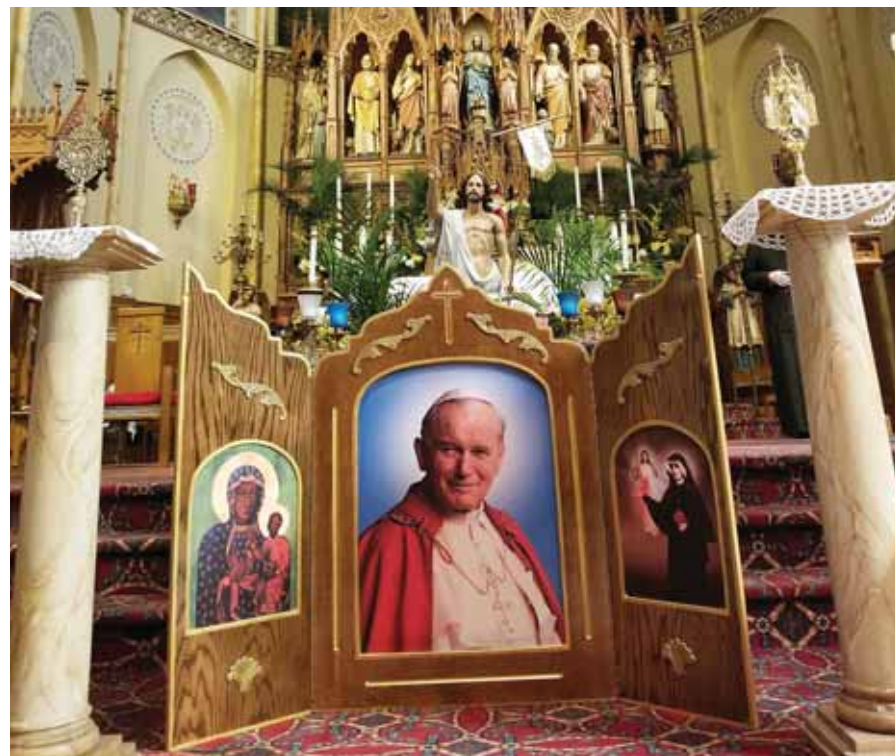
Beginning on the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Triptych was the focal point for a Parish Recollection at our Shrine Church focusing on the themes of the rich teaching of St. John Paul II, the place of Maria devotion in his life and pontificate and the life of the Church, and the richness of Divine Mercy in the life of St. Faustyna and the Church. During this time, we made available to the people various devotional items, offered the relics for veneration, as well as prayed the Novena to St. John Paul II and the Litany of St. John Paul II. The Triptych has since moved on to my second parish, Historic Saint Casimir's, and from there will continue on to visit other parishes in the Cleveland Diocese and throughout the State of Ohio before moving onward.

When an icon goes "on tour", there is a special term applied for its journey: a PEREGRINATION. This icon has already visited a number of places, most recently in Canada around the Windsor area and then in the Detroit area. It had also toured parts of the eastern United States and other parts of Canada just before then. But why such a visit and "tour"?

Just as the rich and still ever-fruitful pontificate of St. John Paul II has taught us, it is necessary from time to time to remind people of the importance of certain foundational teachings and beliefs. When he "burst" upon the scene as Pontiff in October of 1978, the world was ripe to hear his message of "be not afraid", of the dignity of the human person, and of the meaning of truth, etc. His long pontificate which contributed such rich teachings with such meaningful accomplishments (they are far too many to list but there are now universities offering doctorate degrees in St. John Paul II studies and in just certain aspects of his teaching, as well) will take a century for their meaning to be fully unpacked and appreciated.

Sadly, our present day is another one of those times in need of being reminded. We almost continuously see on the news the evidence of what happens when the current day's trend or yesterday's error replaces the tried-and-true beliefs upon which our society - and civilization - are built. The

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Centennial Triptych of St. John Paul II

Peregrination of the Pope John Paul II Triptych gives those where it visits a chance to be reeducated, recharged, strengthened in their grasp of the Truth, and emboldened to live out their faith in what seems to be an ever-increasingly hostile environment.

It is with this in mind that I make use of this article to invite any bishops, religious superiors, pastors, or interested faithful to welcome the traveling Centennial Triptych to your diocese, congregation, or parish. While I am not aware of the long-term schedule for the Triptych, I know that its journey will never be interrupted as long as it has another place ready to receive it. Please contact me at the Parish Office of our Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus at (216) 341-9091 or reach out to me via email at pastorstans.com and I will be more than happy to arrange for the peregrination of the Triptych to come your way.

In the trials of our own times, may St. John Paul II intercede for us, Saint Faustyna pray for us, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ have mercy upon us. AMEN!



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STYPENDIA PRCUA NA ROK AKADEMICKI 2021-2022

Warunki ekonomiczne w USA i na świecie oraz wzrastająca konkurencja na rynku pracy czynią zdobycie dyplomu ukończenia wyższej uczelni warunkiem niezbędnym do znalezienia zatrudnienia. Jednocześnie koszty edukacji stanowią dla studentów i ich rodzin poważną barierę, i trudne wyzwanie. Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce wychodząc na przeciw potrzebom finansowym polsko-amerykańskiej społeczności oferuje stypendia naukowe dla studentów studiów licencjackich, magisterskich i doktoranckich.

W sezonie stypendialnym 2021-2022 dostępne będą dwa rodzaje stypendiów: **PRCUA Education Scholarship** dla wszystkich chętnych aplikantów oraz **PRCUA Fraternal Scholarship** dla członków PRCUA. Studenci mogą ubiegać się o stypendia każdego roku nauki, ale maksymalnie mogą je otrzymać trzy razy w życiu. Na każde z oferowanych przez PRCUA stypendiów można składać po jednej aplikacji. Termin składania podań upływa **1 czerwca 2021 r.**

W ramach programu **PRCUA Education Scholarship** w sezonie stypendialnym 2021-2022 przyznane zostaną stypendia w wysokości 20 tysięcy dolarów w kwotach \$500-\$2000. Stypendia te dostępne są dla wszystkich chętnych, także osób niebędących członkami PRCUA, spełniających wymagane kryteria:

1. Wnioskodawcy muszą pomyślnie ukończyć pierwszy rok studiów przed upływem terminu składania wniosku o stypendium. Do aplikacji o stypendium musi być dołączony oficjalny odpis ocen lub inny równorzędny dokument z uczelni, do której student uczęszcza, wysłany przez uczelnię bezpośrednio do PRCUA pocztą lub elektronicznie w terminie do **1 czerwca 2021 r.**

2. Kwalifikujący się wnioskodawcy to studenci drugiego, trzeciego lub czwartego roku studiów licencjackich, magisterskich lub zawodowych, uczęszczający na studia w pełnym wymiarze godzin. Pełen wymiar godzin jest określony wytycznymi ustanowionymi przed federalny program pomocy finansowej: minimum 12 godzin kredytowych

dla studentów studiów dziennych lub 8 godzin kredytowych dla studentów studiów wieczorowych. O stypendia mogą się ubiegać także studenci studiujący w niepełnym wymiarze godzin na studiach magisterskich i doktoranckich.

3. Wnioskodawcy muszą mieć skumulowaną średnią ocen (GPA) 3,0 lub wyższą w skali 4,0 lub 4,0 lub wyższą w skali 5,0.

4. Wszyscy wnioskodawcy muszą być obywatelami lub stałymi rezydentami Stanów Zjednoczonych.

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Jeśli w chwili składania wniosku członek nie spełnia minimalnego, pięcioletniego okresu członkostwa może również spełnić jedną z dwóch poniższych opcji: 3 lata członkostwa i ubezpieczenie na życie w wysokości 25.000 USD lub cztery lata członkostwa i ubezpieczenie w wysokości 15.000 USD. Wnioskodawcy muszą utrzymać swoje polisy w mocy i opłacać terminowo wszystkie składki przez co najmniej pięć lat po otrzymaniu ostatniej wypłaty stypendium.

W obu programach stypendialnych, stypendia zostaną przyznane studentom, którzy otrzymają najwyższą punktację za napisany esej w języku angielskim na podane tematy. Prace oceniane będą przez zespół trzech niezależnych jurorów.

Zachęcamy do skorzystania z oferowanej przez PRCUA pomocy finansowej na studia. Stypendia naukowe to jedna z wielu korzyści członkowskich oferowanych przez Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce. Więcej informacji i aplikacja dostępne na **www.prcua.org/scholarships**



Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago uruchamia dodatkowy punkt składania wniosków paszportowych w Mount Prospect w oddziale Polsko-Słowiańskiej Federalnej Unii Kredytowej.

Wychodząc naprzeciw oczekiwaniom obywateli polskich w chica-gowskim okręgu konsularnym, od dnia 6 kwietnia 2021 r. można składać wnioski paszportowe podczas dyżuru konsularnego w oddziale Polsko-Słowiańskiej Federalnej Unii Kredytowej/Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union w Mount Prospect. Na potrzeby dyżuru konsularnego w Mount Prospect, PSFUK udostępniła swoje pomieszczenia nieodpłatnie.

Konsulowie specjalnie wydelegowani przez Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych do czasowego wsparcia konsulatu w Chicago będą w dni robocze (od poniedziałku do piątku) przyjmować dziesiątki wniosków paszportowych dziennie.

Dodatkowo z dniem 6 kwietnia konsulat otwiera kolejne stanowisko do przyjmowania wniosków paszportowych w urzędzie.

Uruchomienie dyżuru konsularnego w Mount Prospect oraz dodatkowego stanowiska w siedzibie konsulatu jest odpowiedzią Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych oraz Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago na apel obywateli RP o większą dostępność wizyt paszportowych. Powyższe rozwiązania połączone z wdrożeniem usprawnień organizacyjnych pozwolą na dalsze zwiększenie liczby udostępnianych miejsc na wizyty paszportowe.

„Pandemia COVID-19 i przedłużające się restrykcje epidemiczne polegające m.in. na braku możliwości podróżowania z USA do Polski i innych krajów Unii Europejskiej z paszportem amerykańskim spowodowały lawinowy wzrost zainteresowania polskimi paszpor-



tami. W efekcie Konsulat w Chicago odnotował bezprecedensowe zainteresowanie wizytami paszportowymi, przekraczające możliwości kadrowe i organizacyjne urzędu. Po polski paszport zgłaszają się obywatele, którzy przed wyrobieniem nowego dokumentu są zobowiązani do przeprowadzania w Polsce rejestracji amerykańskich aktów małżeństwa lub urodzenia oraz do przeprowadzenia procedury potwierdzenia przez właściwego wojewodę posiadania obywatelstwa polskiego, gdyż ważność ich polskich paszportów często upłynęła wiele lat wcześniej. Pracownicy konsulatu dokładają wszelkich starań, by pomóc każdemu obywatelowi RP w załatwianiu jego urzędowych spraw, prowadzących finalnie do otrzymania nowego polskiego paszportu.”

Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik,
Konsul RP w Chicago.

Na wizyty paszportowe w konsulacie i oddziale PSFUK w Mount Prospect można umówić się bezpłatnie w następujący sposób:

1. za pomocą elektronicznego systemu rejestracji E-KONSULAT. Nowe terminy wizyt paszportowych będą udostępniane w dni robocze od godziny 16:00;
2. pod dotychczasowym numerem telefonu 312-608-9229, czynnym od poniedziałku do piątku w godz. 11.00-15.00.

Uwaga: system E-Konsulat został zmodernizowany i wyposażony w dodatkowe zabezpieczenia w celu przeciwdziałania nieuczciwym praktykom stosowanym przez pośredników i firmy komercyjne oraz zapewnienia każdemu obywatelowi RP możliwości bezpłatnej rezerwacji terminu wizyty paszportowej.

Instrukcja rejestracji w E-Konsulacie na dyżur paszportowy w Mt. Prospect:

1. Otwarcie strony: <https://secure.e-konsulat.gov.pl/>.
2. Wybranie zakładki Stany Zjed-

noczone Ameryki >>> Dyżur konsularny - Mount Prospect.

3. System pozwala na jednokrotną rejestrację na spotkanie. Ponowna rejestracja możliwa jest tylko po odwołaniu wcześniejszej wizyty lub po upływie terminu, na który została ona wyznaczona.
4. Wypełniając formularz należy podać wszystkie wymagane dane. Wpisanie niepoprawnych danych osobowych spowoduje odrzucenie wniosku. Wymagane jest podanie numeru PESEL.
5. Po zarejestrowaniu formularza należy pobrać i wydrukować potwierdzenie wizyty z pliku PDF (Pobierz potwierdzenie wizyty). Osoby bez wydrukowanych potwierdzeń mogą nie zostać wpuszczone na wizytę paszportową w oddziale Polsko-Słowiańskiej Federalnej Unii Kredytowej.
6. Wypełniając formularz należy podać dane osobowe osoby, dla której będzie składany wniosek. W przypadku dzieci należy podać dane dziecka, a nie rodziców/opiekunów (1 wniosek = 1 miejsce).
7. W przypadku osób nieposiadających numeru PESEL prosimy o skorzystanie z opcji telefonicznej.

Na dyżur paszportowy w Mt. Prospect należy przygotować niżej wymienione dokumenty:

- wydrukowany i wypełniony wniosek paszportowy,
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- wydrukowany i wypełniony wniosek o wysyłkę paszportu Fedexem,
- fotografię paszportową,

- pozostałe wymagane prawem dokumenty:

- ✓ polski paszport,
- ✓ polski dowód osobisty,
- ✓ decyzję wojewody poświadczającą posiadanie obywatelstwa polskiego,
- ✓ odpis polskiego aktu urodzenia wydany przez urząd stanu cywilnego w Polsce (obowiązkowo w przypadku osób nieposiadających numeru PESEL),
- ✓ odpis polskiego aktu małżeństwa wydany przez urząd stanu cywilnego (obowiązkowo w przypadku osób, które zmieniły nazwisko na skutek zawarcia związku małżeńskiego).

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- Punktualne przybywanie na spotkania paszportowe. Ze względów bezpieczeństwa, osoby zapisane będą mogły wejść do budynku tylko o godzinie wyznaczonej na spotkanie. Można oczekiwać na swoją kolejność wyłącznie na zewnątrz budynku. Osoba spóźniona będzie zobligowana do poczekania na ewentualną przerwę w obsłudze lub umówienia się na nowy termin;
- Przybywanie na dyżur konsularny w maseczce ochronnej. Osoby nieposiadające takiej ochrony, ze względów bezpieczeństwa, nie będą mogły wejść do budynku;
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DZIEŃ PAMIĘCI

Ostatni poniedziałek maja jest obchodzony w USA jako Dzień Pamięci czyli Memorial Day. W tym dniu wspominamy żołnierzy amerykańskich poległych na różnych frontach, w różnych zakątkach świata. Święto znane wcześniej jako Dzień Dekoracji (Decoration Day), począt-

kowo obchodzone było ku czci żołnierzy Unii poległych w wojnie secesyjnej. Później święto to przekształciło się w honorujące wszystkich, którzy zginęli w amerykańskiej służbie wojskowej. Od 1868 roku Dzień Pamięci celebrowany był 30 maja. W 1971 r. na mocy ustawy Kongresu USA z dnia 28 czerwca 1968 r., Memorial Day został przeniesiony z 30 maja na ostatni poniedziałek maja.

UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

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Ubezpieczenia na życie w czasach pandemii COVID-19

W czasach, gdy pandemia COVID-19 dezorganizuje nasze życie utrudniając dostęp do urzędów, sklepów, aptek, szkół i restauracji stresującymi stają się wydawałoby się proste czynności. W stanie Illinois nadal wszystkie biura federalne są zamknięte dla petentów. Wciąż obowiązuje nakaz noszenia maseczki i dystans społeczny.

Na zakażenie wirusem jesteśmy narażeni wszyscy, ale osoby o obniżonej odporności i osoby starsze są najbardziej zagrożone poważnymi komplikacjami i mogą wymagać hospitalizacji. Leczenie może być długotrwałe, bolesne i kosztowne. Coraz częściej dochodzimy do wniosku, że poprawnym pytaniem jest nie, czy zachorujemy, lecz kiedy. Martwimy się co stałoby się z naszą rodziną w momencie jakby nas zabrakło. Jak poradzą sobie z życiem codziennym, z płatnościami, z kosztami pogrzebu?

Rozwiązaniem powyższych problemów może okazać się wykupienie polisy na życie. Ale czy teraz jest nadal możliwe?

Okazuje się, że tak.

Wiele firm wprowadza ułatwienia pozwalające na wykupienie polisy z agentem w sposób zdalny tzn. przez telefon, tablet lub komputer. Osobiste spotkanie z agentem nie jest już niezbędne.

Możemy wypełnić polisę elektronicznie i w ten sam sposób ją podpisać rozmawiając jednocześnie z agentem przez telefon.

Często zastanawiamy się jak dobrać wysokość polisy do naszych potrzeb. Na pierwszy rzut oka wydawałoby się, że przysłowiowe \$50,000-\$100,000 powinno spokojnie rozwiązać sytuację. Niestety w większości sytuacji to tylko pozory. Rozmawiając z agentem powinniśmy dokonać tak zwanej analizy potrzeb (needs analysis). Analiza ta pozwoli określić w bardziej dokładny sposób potrzeby, które powinniśmy zabezpieczyć, by zapewnić normalne funkcjonowanie naszej rodziny w sytuacji, kiedy nas zabraknie.

Co powinniśmy wziąć pod uwagę? Jak wyliczyć poprawnie kwotę na jaką powinniśmy się zabezpieczyć?

Wysokość polisy powinna zależeć na pewno od naszych możliwości finansowych. Wykupienie polisy na życie najczęściej nie wiąże się z jednorazową opłatą, a raczej ze zobowiązaniem długoterminowym. Kwota, którą będziemy płacić ustalana jest w momencie wystawienia polisy, a jej utrzymanie zależy od ciągłości i rzetelności ubezpieczonego.

Wyliczając kwotę zabezpieczenia powinniśmy również wziąć pod uwagę zmianę cen i usług w czasie, czyli krótko mówiąc inflację. Niestety ceny za 10 lub 20 lat nie będą podobne do dzisiejszych. Na przykład ceny pochówku dublują się statystycznie średnio co 10 lat.

Przejdźmy do wyliczeń. Co wziąć pod uwagę?

Po pierwsze zsumujmy kwotę naszego zadłużenia. Dodajmy wysokość pożyczek hipotecznych, samochodowych, szkolnych, kwotę obciążenia kart kredytowych i itp.

Policzmy koszty edukacji naszych dzieci. Wychowanie jednego dziecka może wiązać się z kwotą zbliżoną do \$400,000. Pomnóżmy tę kwotę przez ilość dzieci lub wnuków, o których edukację chcielibyśmy zadbać.

Sprawdźmy, ile wynoszą koszty utrzymania obecnego poziomu życia. Ile wydajemy na jedzenie, ubrania, świadczenia i drobne przyjemności. Średnio utrzymuje się by użyć 5-10 krotności powyższej kwoty do zapewnienia obecnego poziomu życia naszej rodziny na kilka lat.

Dodajmy dwukrotny, obecny szacunkowy koszt pogrzebu, który obecnie waha się pomiędzy \$15,000, a \$20,000 tak by zapewnić realność powyższej kwoty w przyszłości.

Na koniec dodajmy kwotę, którą chcielibyśmy przekazać bliskim jako pamiątkę po nas.

Jak widać po zsumowaniu powyższych kwot może okazać się, że początkowe \$50,000-\$100,000 nie wystarczy. Pamiętajmy, że każda sytuacja jest indywidualna i polisy powinny być zawsze dostosowane do potrzeb i możliwości ubezpieczonego. Warto porozmawiać z agentem specjalizującym się w zabezpieczeniu zdrowia, życia i przyszłości by wziąć pod uwagę pełne spektrum potrzeb i odpowiedzialności.



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230. ROCZNICA UCHWALENIA KONSTYTUCJI 3-MAJA



Uchwalenie Konstytucji 3 Maja 1791 roku, Jan Matejko, olej na płótnie (1891)

Już od początku XVIII w. w Polsce powstawały rozmaite idee głębokich reform politycznych. Intelktualiści krytykowali ustrój oparty na zasadzie liberum veto i słabości władzy wykonawczej oraz proponowali nowe sposoby sprawowania rządów w Rzeczypospolitej.

3 maja 1791 r. Sejm Czteroletni (obradujący w latach 1788–1792) przyjął regulującą ustrój prawny Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów Ustawę Rządową, która do historii przeszła jako Konstytucja 3 maja.

Autorami Konstytucji 3 maja byli król Stanisław August Poniatowski, Ignacy Potocki, marszałek wielki litewski i działacz polityczny oraz Hugo Kołłątaj, działacz i pisarz polityczny, organizator nauki i oświaty, filozof i ksiądz.

Konstytucja 3 maja była pierwszą nowoczesną liberalną spisaną konstytucją w Europie i drugą na świecie (po Konstytucji Stanów Zjednoczonych z 1787 r.). Ustawa Rządowa została zapisana w 11 artykułach, które poprzedzał uroczysty wstęp (preambuła). Wprowadzała ona trójpodział władzy: na ustawodawczą, wykonawczą i sądowniczą. Władzę ustawodawczą posiadał dwuizbowy parlament, w skład którego wchodziła Izba Poselska (204 posłów ze szlachty ziemiańskiej i 24 plenipotentów reprezentujących miasta królewskie) oraz Izba Senacka (132 członków - senatorowie, wojewodowie, kasztelanowie, ministrowie oraz biskupi). Władza wykonawcza należała do Staży Praw na czele z królem. Władzę sądowniczą stanowiły sądy - odrębne dla szlachty, mieszczan

i chłopów oraz Trybunał Koronny.

Ponadto Konstytucja 3 Maja wprowadziła szereg innych uchwał, m.in.: naród uznano za suwerena kraju; zniesiono wolną elekcję (wybór monarchy nieprzestrzegający zasad sukcesji dynastycznej); zniesiono *liberum veto* (prawo zrywania obrad sejmiku wskutek protestu jednego posła); zniesiono podział na Koronę i Księstwo Litewskie; pozbawiono szlachtę prawa najwyższej zwierzchności nad poddanymi; ustanowiono dziedziczną monarchię konstytucyjną (następcą Stanisława Augusta Poniatowskiego miał zostać Fryderyk August Wettyn); wprowadzono równość szlachty i mieszczanstwa, jednocześnie zapewniając ochronę chłopów przez państwo; religia katolicka stała się religią państwową, jednocześnie gwarantując powszechną tolerancję religijną i wolność wyznania.

Konstytucja obowiązywała przez rok, zanim została obalona przez konfederację targowicką popieraną przez Rosję, w wyniku przegranej wojny polsko-rosyjskiej.

Święto Konstytucji 3 maja obchodzono do ostatniego rozbioru (zostało zakazane we wszystkich zaborach). Obchody wznowiono po odzyskaniu przez Polskę niepodległości po I wojnie światowej. Ponownie zdelegalizowane w czasie II wojny światowej i po jej zakończeniu w 1945 r.

Obchody 3-majowe przywrócono w 1981 r., a od 1989 r. Święto Konstytucji 3 maja znów jest świętem narodowym. Od 2007 r. obchodzone jest również na Litwie.

MAJOWE ROCZNICE

2 maja 1921 r. – wybuchło III powstanie śląskie trwające od 2/3 maja do 5 lipca 1921 r. Było to ostatnie z trzech powstań śląskich (I powstanie śląskie – od 16 sierpnia do 24 sierpnia 1919 r.; II powstanie śląskie – od 19/20 sierpnia do 25 sierpnia 1920 r.). III powstanie, pod wodzą Wojciecha Korfanteo, miało na celu poprawę niekorzystnego dla Polaków wyniku Plebiscytu na Górnym Śląsku. Na mocy postanowień traktatu wersalskiego decyzję, do którego państwa należeć będzie Górny Śląsk, oddano w ręce ludności mającej się wypowiedzieć w 1921 r. W plebiscycie większość ludności (59,6%) opowiedziała się za Niemcami. Na życzenie Polski dopuszczono do głosowania Górnoślązaków mieszkających poza granicami Śląska, ponieważ liczone na głosy Górnoślązaków z Belgii, Zagłębia Ruhry i Zagłębia Dąbrowskiego. W konsekwencji głosy tych ludzi zaważyły na wygraniu plebiscytu przez Niemcy.

3 maja 1966 r. – na Jasnej Górze odbyły się centralne uroczystości kościelnych obchodów milenium chrztu Polski. Milenium poprzedzała Wielka Nowenna, odprowadzana przez dziewięć kolejnych lat w latach 1957-1966. Inicjatorem milenium chrztu Polski był kardynał Stefan Wyszyński.

12 maja 1981 r. – po wielu miesiącach starań i strajków chłopskich został zarejestrowany Niezależny Samorządny Związek Zawodowy Rolników Indywidualnych „Solidarność”. Powstał jako część ruchu „Solidarności” zapoczątkowanego w sierpniu 1980. Pierwszym przewodniczącym był Jan Kułaj. Zdelegalizowany po wprowadzeniu stanu wojennego (13 grudnia 1981 r.). Ponowna legalizacja związku nastąpiła w kwietniu 1989 r.

13 maja 1981 r. – na Placu Świętego Piotra w Rzymie turecki terrorysta Mehmet Ali Ağca dokonał nieudanego zamachu na papieża Jana Pawła II podczas audiencji generalnej na placu świętego Piotra w Rzymie. Papież spędził na rehabilitacji w szpitalu 22 dni. 27 grudnia

1983 r. Jan Paweł II odwiedził Ağcę w więzieniu i wybaczył mu winy.

31 maja 1926 r. – w następstwie przewrotu majowego i złożenia urzędu przez prezydenta Wojciechowskiego, w Polsce odbyły się wybory prezydenckie. O stanowisko głowy państwa ubiegali się przed Zgromadzeniem Narodowym: Józef Piłsudski i Adolf Bniński. Posiedzeniu przewodniczył marszałek Sejmu Maciej Rataj. W głosowaniu Zgromadzenia Narodowego zwyciężył Józef Piłsudski, który odmówił objęcia stanowiska, poparł natomiast kandydaturę naukowca – profesora chemii Ignacego Mościckiego.

URODZILI SIĘ / ZMARLI

20 maja 1881 – urodził się Władysław Sikorski, wojskowy i polityk, generał broni Wojska Polskiego, premier i minister spraw wojskowych II Rzeczypospolitej, Naczelnny Wódz Polskich Sił Zbrojnych i premier Rządu RP na uchodźstwie podczas II wojny światowej. Zginął w katastrofie lotniczej w Gibraltarze 4 lipca 1943 r. podczas powrotu z inspekcji sił Armii Polskiej na Bliskim Wschodzie.

21 maja 1841 – zmarł Julian Ursyn Niemcewicz (ur. 16 lutego 1758 r.) polski dramaturg, powieściopisarz, poeta, historyk, pamiętnikarz, publicysta, tłumacz, zastępca wielkiego mówcy Wielkiej Loży Narodowej Wielkiego Wschodu Polskiego w 1781 roku, członek Komisji Edukacji Narodowej w latach 1791–1792.

21 maja 1851 – urodził się Stanisław Witkiewicz, polski malarz, architekt, pisarz i teoretyk sztuki oraz twórca i popularyzator stylu zakopiańskiego; ojciec Stanisława Ignacego. Zmarł 5 września 1915 r. w Lovranie (obecnie Chorwacja).

28 maja 1981 r. – zmarł prymas Polski kardynał Stefan Wyszyński (ur. 3 sierpnia 1901 r.), biskup lubelski, arcybiskup metropolita gnieźnieński i warszawski, po śmierci nazywany Prymasem Tysiąclecia.

29 maja 1861 r. – zmarł Joachim Lelewel (ur. 22 marca 1786 r.), polski historyk, bibliograf, numizmatyk, poliglota, heraldyk i działacz polityczny. (Wikipedia)

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