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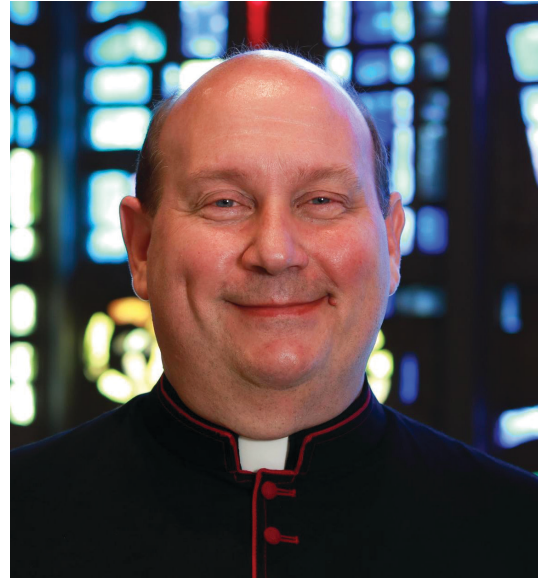
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Candidate for National Chaplain

Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak

Very Rev. Canon Walter (Władysław) J. Ptak Ordained a priest November 14, 1987. Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington, MI. Proud PRCUA member for 64 years. Elected as 2nd Vice Chaplain in 1994. Elected National Chaplain in 2002. Chaplain of PRCUA Society #162 Wyandotte. Past National President of Polish American Priests Association (PAPA) 2012-2017. Current National Treasurer of PAPA. Current moderator of Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Current president of Priests Conference of Polish Affairs in Archdiocese of Detroit. Wujek/uncle to many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. I am very happy to serve our beloved PRCUA as National Chaplain.



Candidate for National President

Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk



For nearly twenty years, I have had the privilege of serving the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in a variety of roles, from underwriting and member services to Director of Marketing, Secretary-Treasurer, and currently Interim President. These experiences have provided me with a broad understanding of our organization, its operations, and most importantly, the members and all those who sustain its financial role in supporting PRCUA families for generations and its fraternal mission.

For over 150 years, the PRCUA has served generations of members by promoting faith, family, and community, while providing vital financial security and opportunities for fraternal service. Preserving this legacy while positioning our organization for the future

is a responsibility we all share. Through the dedication of our members, societies, staff, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and members of other supporting Committees, the PRCUA continues to adapt and grow while remaining true to its founding values.

Together, we have already made significant strides to strengthen financial oversight, enhance governance and risk management, improve operational efficiency, and modernize our processes. These efforts have been guided by a commitment to protecting the long-term strength of our Illinois-domiciled fraternal benefit society while continuing to serve the needs of our members and communities.

I believe financial strength and fraternal purpose go hand in hand. However, only a sustainable organization is best positioned to provide security to its members, support charitable and educational programs, preserve our Polish heritage, and create opportunities for future generations. This means that maintaining long term financial strength is key to everything and must be the priority. By working together, we can continue building on the foundation established by those who came before us while embracing the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

As the first woman appointed to serve as President in the history of the PRCUA, I recognize the significance of this opportunity and the responsibility it carries. Leadership is ultimately about service, collaboration, and stewardship. If elected, I will continue working to strengthen our organization, support our members, and ensure that the PRCUA remains a vibrant and trusted institution for generations to come.

It has been an honor to serve the PRCUA, and I am deeply grateful for your support and the opportunity to continue leading our shared mission as your President.

Candidate for National Vice President

Marguerita “Marge” Grzeszczuk

My name is Marguerita “Marge” Grzeszczuk, and I am honored to be running for the Office of Vice President. While there has been discussion surrounding the future of this position, I believe strongly in continuing to serve and advocate for our membership during this important time of transition.

I am a first-generation Polish American, born and raised in Chicago with deep pride in my family’s heritage and lifelong ties to the Polish community. I come from a small immediate family that includes my mother, brother and two nieces, while also being blessed with a large extended family both here in the United States and Poland.

I first became a PRCUA member in 1967 and greatly benefited from the opportunities and cultural foundation it provided. As a young member, I attended the Maria Konopnicka Polish School and participated in the St. Pancratius Polish Dance group, led by none other than our current Vice President, Micheline Jaminski.

I completed business administration coursework at DePaul University and have built a career across multiple service-oriented industries, including higher education, insurance, parking and transportation administrative and operational management. These experiences have strengthened my ability to develop effective service operations, navigate community dynamics and foster inclusivity and collaboration among colleagues and members alike. While these service sectors are unique in their own way, they all share the common foundations of financial oversight, member service and structured operations.

Throughout my professional and personal life, I have remained committed to service, community engagement, and preserving the traditions and values that unite us. I look forward to the opportunity to continue contributing to the future of our organization and serving our members with dedication, integrity and respect.

PRCUA Experience:

Current Sales Coordinator with PRCUA

Financial Secretary of Society #84

Active member of District 8

2022 Convention Delegate

Former dancer and student of PRCUA’s Fraternal Programs



Candidate for National Vice President

Elizabeth Sadus



My name is Elizabeth Sadus, and I am seeking the office of PRCUA Vice President.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am 47 years old and I have been a PRCUA member since 2004. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education (Social Studies) earned in 2001, as well as a Master of Science in Secondary Education and a Certificate in Instructional Design earned in 2010, both from Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Indiana. Prior to completing my master's degree, I taught junior high school in Munster and Hammond, Indiana. I hold teaching certificates for grades 6–12 in both Illinois and Indiana.

Since 2012, I have had the honor of serving as PRCUA National Director of District 9. During my tenure, I have served on the Young Adult, Scholarship, Investment, and Long-Range Planning Committees, and I am currently chairperson of the Finance and Corporate Governance Committees. I have also organized numerous cultural events within my district, including Oplatek, Święconka, Sacred Heart Mass, and picnics.

I have been a licensed PRCUA Insurance Deputy in Illinois and Indiana since 2011 and actively collaborate with the Sales and Marketing Departments to promote membership growth within District 9. In order to maintain my teaching licensure, I completed college-level business coursework and earned the FLMI and ALMI designations through LOMA, further strengthening my knowledge of organizational leadership and industry trends.

Over the past 14 years, I have gained invaluable experience with PRCUA's operations and corporate culture and believe I have contributed positively to the organization's growth. As a current member of the Board, I would bring continuity and forward-thinking leadership to the role of vice president. I plan to foster innovation and strengthen relationships among members, leadership, employees, and Polonia. Furthermore, I would support the development of new products and services, represent PRCUA at events and conferences, and ensure the effective oversight of daily operations across multiple departments.

My commitment to preserving and promoting our Polish and Roman Catholic heritage has been the driving force behind my involvement with PRCUA. I am confident that my experience, dedication, and leadership prepare me well for the responsibilities of this office.

Candidate for National Secretary-Treasurer

Julie A. Roszak-Prado

Since joining the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in 1998, I have built a career centered on operational excellence, financial stewardship, and an unwavering commitment to our fraternal mission. I bring more than 27 years of dedicated service, executive leadership, and deep institutional knowledge to my candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer.

My journey began in the Member Services Department, where I completed a rigorous five-year leadership development program and gained comprehensive knowledge of life insurance and annuity products, financial operations, and member services from the then-Supervisor, Dolores Dziadosz, including audit and accounting functions from the Auditing Department. This foundational experience prepared me to step into the role of Manager of the Member Services Department, a position I proudly held from 2004 to 2025.



During my two decades as manager, I led a high-performing team focused on life insurance product servicing, billing, claims, and complex escalations. Recognizing the need for continuous evolution, we partnered closely with IT to modernize our legacy procedures, upgrade system functionality, and streamline member communication channels. We developed and implemented Standard Operating Procedures that strengthened efficiency, accountability, and regulatory compliance. My professional capabilities are backed by extensive coursework in Business Management, specialized training in California Fair Claims Settlement Practices, and two respected insurance trade designations: Associate, Life Management Institute (ALMI) and Associate, Customer Service (ACS).

In 2025, I was honored to be appointed Secretary-Treasurer Pro Tem, a role in which I have directly managed core treasury functions, bank reconciliations, and the preparation of vital quarterly and annual financial statements. Beyond financial oversight, I handle building operations, cross-departmental coordination, and vendor relationships. Through strategic contract negotiations, I successfully reduced corporate overhead costs while maintaining service quality across our credit card processing and facility maintenance providers.

As your Secretary-Treasurer, I am uniquely positioned to help move the PRCUA forward into a successful and vibrant future. I will protect our financial legacy by applying a rigorous, transparent approach to our treasury and accounting functions. I am committed to breaking down inter-departmental silos by fostering active collaboration between all departments. By continuing to advocate for process optimization and system modernization, I will ensure our data workflows remain secure and efficient. Most importantly, I will merge my business acumen with my lifelong passion for our Polish-American heritage to better support our existing membership and inspire a new generation to join our historic organization.

I look forward to utilizing my decades of experience and unwavering dedication to serve you and the future of the PRCUA. I am honored to have your support and continue serving the PRCUA as Secretary-Treasurer. Together, we can preserve our proud legacy while building a strong and vibrant future for our organization.

Candidate for National Director

Myron Cislo



It has been an honor and privilege serving on the Board of Directors for the PRCUA the past eight years and I look forward to my next term with experience and a clearer understanding of the business side of the PRCUA. I would like to take this opportunity to share how I came to this position in order to inspire others to utilize their knowledge and experience for the good of PRCUA.

Being an active fraternal member of this organization from the age of 7 with the Nicholas Copernicus Society #1575, I attended the Maria Konopnicka Polish School and FHM Youth Dancers at our home parish of Five Holy Martyrs, on the southwest side of Chicago. The parish, under the spiritual guidance of his Excellency Bishop Alfred Abramowicz, cultivated a strong Polish enclave where I was able to learn the Polish language and

beautiful traditions throughout my childhood and early adolescence. Those culturally instructive years sent me on a path of appreciation and respect for my Polish ancestry and heritage.

My love of Polish dance continued into my adulthood while a member of Wesoly Lud where I met my wife, Elizabeth. We have been married 30 years and have 3 daughters: Olivia, Alexandria and Liliana, and have passed our Polish culture to our girls. We are a 100% PRCUA family. All three daughters attended the John Paul II Polish Language School and danced at the Southwest Center of Polish Song & Dance, Polanie and Wesoly Lud. I served as manager of Polanie for 10 years as well as chaperoning for the Iwonicz Zdrój and Rzeszów Festivals.

With a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois, as well as 31-year employment with the Cook County Public Guardian Office, I brought my work ethic and enthusiasm for knowledge to PRCUA. In my two tenures as Director, I served on the Enterprise Risk Management, Long-Range Planning and Finance Committees, and earned a Level 1 LOMA FLMI (Fellow, Life Management Institute) designation. With my counterpart from District 8, Elizabeth Dynowski, we successfully organized and/or chaired several local social events including the Opłatek, Sacred Heart Mass, the 4th PRCUA National Volleyball Tournament, the 87th National PRCUA Bowling Tournament and the 63rd National Quadrennial Convention.

I have learned much in the past several years and continue to learn the business of running an insurance company. I promise to continue promoting and shaping the PRCUA culture and the mission to provide financial security through life insurance and annuity products. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will work diligently to steer the organization toward a sustainable bright future by ensuring our beloved PRCUA has adequate resources to advance its mission. God Bless and Bóg Zapłać

Candidate for National Director

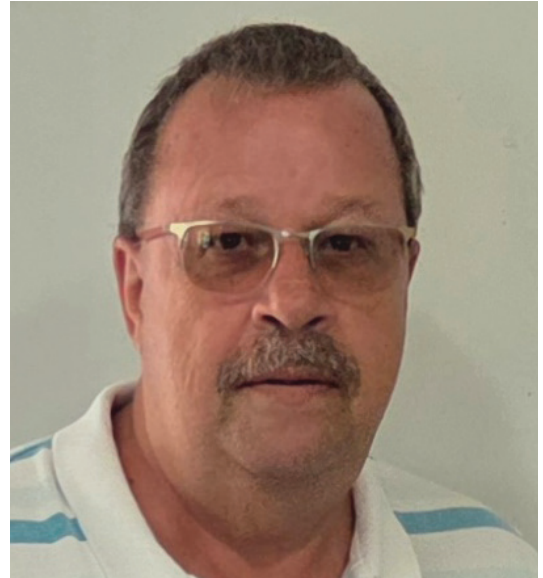
Michael A. Dykla

With my business and management background, I aspire to help set clear actionable goals and help determine the best methods to achieve them. I hope to motivate members and home office employees of the PRCUA and attain those goals efficiently within a budget and in a timely manner.

I plan to clearly articulate expectations and provide constructive feedback to resolve conflicts and to help navigate unforeseen challenges or roadblocks by organizing priorities.

I also intend to promote the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and its products, along with the dance and language schools. In addition, attract more members to attend the sporting and various other fraternal events organized by the home office and the societies and districts of the PRCUA.

In my years as a business owner and manager, I know the hardship of trying to not only bring in more business, but keep what has already been established. The task is not easy and can be overwhelming, but it is achievable. Although these responsibilities can be demanding, they are manageable with good leadership. By treating associates with respect and providing clear, consistent direction, the goals can be achieved and high standards and established business maintained.



Candidate for National Director

Elizabeth Dynowski



As PRCUA National Director of District 8 for the past eight years, I am honored to continue serving our organization and advancing its business and fraternal mission. My commitment to PRCUA began in 1979 when I became a member and actively involved in the Polish American community. I graduated from the Maria Konopnicka Polish High School, danced with the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing, and was honored to be selected as Cinderella at the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball. I am a proud member of Society #1622. Since 2008, I have served as recording secretary, Ball Committee member, and chairperson of the Spring Fashion Show through the Adult Culture Group. Since 2024, I have had the privilege of serving as president of the Adult Culture Group.

Throughout my years of service, I have remained dedicated to strengthening PRCUA. As a delegate to the 60th, 61st, 62nd, and 63rd PRCUA Quadrennial Conventions, I served on the Young Adult and Credentials Committees and was Secretary of the 62nd Quadrennial Convention. I also served as co-chairperson of the Pre-Convention Arrangements Committee for the 63rd Quadrennial Convention. I also served on the PRCUA Governance Committee, helping develop best practices to support PRCUA's continued success.

As a PRCUA Board member, I have represented our organization at numerous fraternal events, including the annual golf tournament, volleyball tournament, and various school and dance functions. Our District hosted the 2021 PRCUA Volleyball Tournament. This year, I was honored to serve on the committee for the 2026 PRCUA National Bowling Tournament.

My professional experience as a social worker at Liberty Junior High School, where I have served on the School Improvement Plan Committee for 20 years, along with my BA from Northwestern University and MSW from Loyola University, has strengthened my leadership, organizational, and communication skills. These experiences will continue to help me serve PRCUA effectively.

I remain committed to encouraging youth and young adult involvement through my work with the Cinderella Ball, Adult Culture Group, and our younger members. Building these relationships will help PRCUA grow while preserving our Polish American heritage and traditions.

I am proud to be part of PRCUA's continued growth and honored to continue serving as National Director for the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. I remain committed to supporting PRCUA's business objectives, strengthening our financial foundation, and helping ensure continued success and stability for our members and future generations.

Candidate for National Director

Kristi Mihalic

My connection to the PRCUA is woven into my family's history. As the great-granddaughter of Polish immigrants, the granddaughter of Joseph Drobot, and the niece of Joseph Drobot Jr., past PRCUA Presidents, I learned the importance of faith, fraternalism, and Polish heritage. For over 34 years, my husband Joe and I have passed these exact values down to our three children—Samantha, Kristin, and Michael. All three are proud Michigan State Ball graduates, active sports tournament competitors, and national convention delegates, keeping the multi-generational Polish American spirit alive.



At Ford Motor Company, where I have built a distinguished 37 year career, I currently serve as the Global Supervisor for Design Engineering and Design Quality Core Processes. Leading international teams, managing department budgets, and developing advanced IT applications has given me a highly disciplined, problem-solving mindset. I don't just manage processes; I optimize them to save time and capital—skills I am ready to bring directly to the PRCUA National Board.

I have spent decades working firsthand to ensure Polish culture is passed to the next generation. As the Director of the Wieliczka Folk Dance Ensemble since 2005 and an Executive Board Member of the PRCUA Michigan Youth Foundation, I understand that our youth are the lifeblood of the organization. From organizing cultural workshops to managing society finances, I strive to bridge the gap between administrative duty and community joy.

My Three-Point Commitment to You:

1. **Protect Our Assets (For Our Seniors):** I will apply my 37 years of corporate budgeting experience to provide rigorous financial oversight, ensuring PRCUA's investments and assets are safe, secure, and growing for generations to come.
2. **Modernize Our Systems (For Our Youth):** By streamlining administrative workflows, updating outdated communication tools, and introducing user-friendly IT systems, I will work to make interacting with the PRCUA seamless for younger members.
3. **Build Stronger Successions:** I plan to focus heavily on youth recruitment, retention, and leadership development, ensuring our dance schools, sports tournaments, and local societies remain vibrant and growing.

Candidate for National Director

Christopher J. Ozog



As a lifelong PRCUA member, I was raised within the PRCUA community, which has been an integral part of my life. From an early age, my involvement included participating in Polish dancing, helping organize St. John Paul II Society activities for fundraising events and cultural displays, and attending sporting and fraternal events. That local involvement eventually led to national service, including my role as National Director from 2010 to 2014, as well as participation in multiple conventions and being a member of the task force.

My 100% PRCUA family—my wife, Barb; our children, Taylor (Michael), Madison, Olivia, and Cassidy; and our grandchild, Primrose—keeps life busy and meaningful. I currently reside in Warren, Michigan.

My education began at St. Anne Catholic School and De La Salle Collegiate High School. I later attended Lawrence Technological University, where I earned a Master of Architecture degree. I became a licensed architect in 2007 and continue to practice at OHM Advisors in Livonia, Michigan, where I serve as a Senior Project Manager and Architect focused on municipal architecture.

In my current role, I lead projects from concept through completion for municipal clients throughout Michigan. My responsibilities include managing budgets, guiding team dynamics, solving complex problems, developing design solutions, and overseeing construction. In previous Senior Architect roles, I worked on national and international projects ranging from \$100 million to \$500 million.

Growing up in a PRCUA family instilled in me the values of participation, service, and commitment to a fraternal organization. From organizing cultural events and participating in Polish dancing to serving in fraternal governance, I have experienced many aspects of what our organization is—and what I hope it will continue to be. I currently serve as President of PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593 and remain committed to supporting the Society's cultural, fraternal, and community-focused mission.

My desire to serve again as National Director is rooted in my commitment to remain actively involved in our fraternal organization and help shape its future. During my service on the Task Force, helping define the future identity of the PRCUA was central to our purpose. As I continued as a Director, the organization was emerging from difficult times, and I was hopeful that the decisions made during my previous service had positioned it well for the future.

That is the work I hope to continue. As the world and our organization face new and changing dynamics, I believe my experience, perspective, and dedication can help guide the PRCUA forward with strength and purpose.

Candidate for National Director

Stanley Pasko

My name is Stanley Pasko and I am seeking your support for the position of National Director for the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. If chosen, I will represent our members with respect, diligence, and a steady commitment to the mission that has guided this organization for generations but will also move us forward for years to come.

I bring more than three decades of leadership, operational management, and organizational governance experience. My background includes an Associate degree in Business Information systems, strong fiscal oversight, strategic planning, personnel management, and compliance-focused operations.

Professionally, I've spent my career in roles where trust, accountability, and stewardship are not optional, they are the job. At Corewell Health – Dearborn Hospital, for the last 19 years, I've supported complex day-to-day operations in surgical services, including capital and equipment processes, compliance documentation, logistics, and payroll for a large workforce. I'm used to working with senior leadership, coordinating projects, and ensuring details are managed correctly and on time. Earlier, as Manager of ATM Services for The Wilson Group, I supervised balancing teams, managed significant cash liability, and managed key HR responsibilities. I've also owned and operated a small business, so I understand budgets, planning, customer service, and what it means to make responsible decisions with limited resources. Earlier in my career, I held executive and technical leadership roles in the banking industry, including Vice President of Computer Operations at Heritage Federal Savings Bank. I supervised multi-shift operations, supported mission-critical systems and coordinated regulatory compliance initiatives. Those experiences translate directly to the kind of careful oversight and practical problem-solving a National Director should bring to PRCUA deliberations.

In addition to my professional experience, I have served as president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Society 162 in Wyandotte since 2011. I also serve as Chairman of the City of Wyandotte Planning Commission, which has deepened my experience in governance, policy review, transparent decision-making, and representing diverse community interests. Later this year, I will be honored by the International Polka Association as the recipient of the Joe Jozwiak Award for my dedication to supporting and promoting polka music and Polish culture.

If I am elected as a National Director, I will approach the responsibility with faith, humility, and steady work ethic. PRCUA will be facing some challenging times, but I will advocate for decisions that protect the PRCUA's mission, strengthen our fraternal life, and ensure responsible governance—so we can continue to care for members, honor our heritage, and build for the future. I will listen to concerns, communicate clearly, and support leadership that is accountable and mission driven. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for everything you do to support the PRCUA.



Candidate for National Director

Barbara Toboy



I bring more than 25 years of experience across marketing, finance, analytics, and management in the automotive, financial, and nonprofit sectors, along with a deep commitment to service and community leadership. Throughout my career, I have worked to turn complex information into meaningful insight that supports thoughtful, strategic decision making. Beyond my professional work, I have been honored to serve the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America as National Director, District 10, Chairman of the Quadrennial Convention, Vice Chair of the Budget and Grievance Committee, and a member of the Constitution Committee. My community involvement has also included leadership with the Michigan Fraternal Congress and the Polish American Congress,

Michigan Division. Family remains at the heart of my life, including my husband, Ron, and our daughters, Ania and Zosia.



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