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*On the occasion of the
64th Quadrennial Convention of the
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America,
Best wishes and much continued success!*

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The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

welcomes all delegates and guests to the

64th Quadrennial Convention

hosted virtually from our
headquarters in Chicago, Illinois

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS OF FREEDOM

(author unknown)

Two hundred fifty years of freedom,
two hundred fifty times the July sun did rise,
As the Liberty Bell rings proudly, where history's shadow lies.
From ocean to ocean, across prairies and hills,
Stands this great country, surviving every storm and all life's chills.
Shared blood and dreams, with Kościuszko and Pułaski by our side,
When freedom shone brightly in the dark, a beacon and a guide.
Today, Polonia and America unite in a single choir,
Celebrating a bond across oceans, setting hearts on fire.
May the stars on the banner shine forever bright,
And the American Land forever unites us in its light.
Happy Birthday, America, on a day so glorious and grand!
May your spirit of freedom forever unyielding stand.

DWIEŚCIE PIĘCDZIESIĄT LAT WOLNOŚCI

(autor nieznany)

Dwieście pięćdziesiąt lat wolności,
Dwieście pięćdziesiąt razy wschodził lipcowy dzień,
Gdy dzwon wolności dumnie brzmi w historii cień.
Z oceanu w ocean, przez prerię i wzgórza,
Stoi ten wielki kraj, co przetrwał niejeden trud i burza.
Wspólna krew i marzenia, z Kościuszką i Pułaskim,
Gdy wolność błyszczała w ciemnościach blaskiem.
Dziś Polonia i Ameryka w jeden łączą się chór,
Świętując zjednoczenie ponad oceanów sznur.
Niech gwiazdy na sztandarze świecą wiecznie w ten czas,
A Amerykańska Ziemia zawsze jednoczy nas.
Wszystkiego najlepszego, Ameryko, w dniu tak wielkim i chlubnym!
Niech Twój duch wolności pozostanie niezłomnym.

153-YEAR JOURNEY OF THE PRCUA

Founded in Detroit, Michigan, in 1873, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) stands as the nation's oldest Polish-American fraternal organization. Today, it ranks among the largest Roman Catholic fraternal benefit societies in the United States. The organization was established by Reverend Teodor Gieryk, Reverend Vincent Barzyński, C.R., and journalist Jan Barzyński. Their goal was to help late-19th-century Polish immigrants assimilate into American society while safeguarding their faith, culture, and traditions. Other early influential figures included pioneer Reverend Leopold Moczygemba and Civil War veteran Peter Kiolbassa. Following an initial 1873 meeting in Detroit, the organization launched early social programs serving both clergy and laymen.

The society entered a period of rapid expansion in 1886 when it introduced a life insurance system. This program accelerated membership growth and generated essential funds to construct community churches, schools, and hospitals. That same year, the society established its official publication, known since 1897 as *Naród Polski* (Polish Nation). Also in 1897, the PRCUA made history by granting women equal voting rights. To support its growing membership, the organization erected its Chicago headquarters in 1913. This historic building still serves the society today and also houses the Polish Museum of America. During the 1920s, the PRCUA established dedicated departments for women, youth, and sports. Over the decades, these departments organized national athletic tournaments and currently support 25 dance groups and language schools across the Midwest.

In recent years, the PRCUA successfully transitioned into the digital age by modernizing its operations, launching a web presence, and rebranding its commercial sector as PRCUALife in 2019. Currently marking its 153rd year, the organization holds over \$221 million in assets and manages over 42,000 active certificates for 38,000 members. By appointing its first female president in December 2025, the society established its first all-woman executive team, solidifying a progressive leadership strategy centered on community service.



NATIONAL OFFICERS AND CHAPLAINS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

PRCUA Chaplains

1874-1892	Rev. Wincenty Barzynski, C.R., Chaplain
1892-1896	Rev. Pawel Gutowski, Chaplain
1896-1898	Rev. Franciszek Lange, Chaplain
1898-1900	Rev. Eugeniusz Sedlaczek, Chaplain
1901-1903	Rev. Franciszek Lange, Chaplain
1903-1905	Rev. Franciszek Rusin, Chaplain
1905-1915	Rev. Franciszek Wojtalewicz, Chaplain
1915-1937	Rev. Bronislaw Celichowski, Chaplain
1937-1941	Rev. Kazimierz Gronkowski, Chaplain
1941-1958	Rev. Feliks J. Kachnowski, Chaplain
1958-1974	Rev. Walerian S. Karcz, Chaplain
1974-1986	Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc, Chaplain (Vice Chaplain 1986-2018)
1986-2000	Rev. Edwin F. Karlowicz, C.R., Chaplain
2002-2026	Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, Chaplain (Vice Chaplain 1994-2002)

PRCUA Presidents

1873-1875	Fr. Teodor Gieryk	1922-1928	Andrzej Kazmierczak
1875-1880	Rev. Leopold Moczygemba	1928-1934	Jan J. Olejniczak
1880-1885	Piotr Kiolbassa	1934-1941	Joseph Kania
1885-1886	Wiktor Bardonski	1941-1945	Jan J. Olejniczak
1886-1887	Klemens Belinski	1945-1954	Joseph Kania
1887-1888	Wojciech Jedrzejek	1954-1958	Kazimierz I. Kozakiewicz
1888-1892	Piotr Kiolbassa	1958-1962	Stanislaw P. Turkiewicz
1892-1895	Jozef Kromka	1962-1970	Joseph T. Pranica
1895-1897	Klemens Belinski	1970-1978	Joseph T. Osajda
1897-1898	Jan Jachimowicz	1978-1985	Joseph A. Drobot, Sr.
1898-1899	Teodor Ostrowski	1986	Francis A. Rutkowski
1899-1901	Antoni Polenc	1986-1998	Edward G. Dykla
1901-1909	Leon Szopinski	1998-2010	Wallace M. Ozog
1909-1913	Stanislaw Adamkiewicz	2010-2018	Joseph A. Drobot Jr.
1913-1917	Piotr Rostenkowski	2018-2025	James J. Robaczewski
1917-1922	Nikodem L. Piotrowski	2025-2026	Agnieszka Bastrzyk (<i>interim</i>)

PRCUA Vice Presidents

(Starting from 2014, only one Vice President, male or female was elected.)

1882-1886	Jan Arkuszewski	1937-1941	Jan Zielinski / Antonina Wlodarska-Czerniak
1886-1887	Jan Gniot	1941-1945	Antoni A. Rutkowski / Antonina Wlodarska-Czerniak
1887-1892	Jan Arkuszewski	1945-1950	Antoni A. Rutkowski / Aniela B. Gorna
1892-1893	Filip Banasiewicz	1950-1954	Kazimierz Kozakiewicz / Aniela B. Gorna
1893-1895	Jan Jozwiak	1954-1958	Stanislaw P. Turkiewicz / Stanislaw W. Wisniewska
1895-1896	Jozef Jablonski	1958-1962	Stefan S. Grabowski / Stanislaw W. Wisniewska
1896-1898	Teodor Ostrowski	1962-1966	Stefan S. Grabowski / Aniela B. Gorna
1898-1913	Jan Jozwiak	1966-1974	Joseph A. Drobot, Sr. / Stella Nowak
1913-1915	Antoni Rusin	1974-1978	Joseph A. Starosciak / Stella Nowak
1915-1917	Antoni Rusin / Maria Osuch	1978-1982	Francis A. Rutkowski / Lorie Rose Gorny
1917-1919	Dr. Bronislaw Smykowski / Agnieszka Klawitter	1982-1986	Francis A. Rutkowski / Regina Ocwieja
1919-1922	Antoni Kazmierczak / Agnieszka Klawitter	1986-1990	Wallace M. Ozog / Regina Ocwieja
1922-1925	Pawel Roda / Anna Jozwiakowska	1990-1998	Wallace M. Ozog / Dolores Spejewski
1925-1928	Pawel Roda / Marta Zolinska	1998-2002	Richard Misuda / Jerry S. Kucharski
1928-1931	Jozef Kania / Marta Zolinska	2002-2014	Robert Bielenda / Anna Sokolowski
1931-1934	Jozef Kania / Klara Palczynska	2014-2026	Micheline I. Jaminski
1934-1937	Antoni W. Rusin / Aleksandra Bednarko		

PRCUA Secretary Generals

1874-1882	Jan Barzynski	1922-1928	Stanislaw Godzich
1882-1886	Jan Krzeminski	1928-1934	Wladyslaw J. Przybylinski
1886-1887	Wladyslaw Smulski	1934-1941	Jozef J. Barc
1887-1892	Jan Manna	1941-1945	Stefan S. Grabowski
1892-1895	Boleslaw Straszynski	1945-1947	Jan E. Nikliborc
1895-1897	Franciszek Wleklinski	1947-1958	Maria Skoczylas
1897-1899	Jan Manna	1958-1966	Vincent M. Versen
1899-1909	Tomasz Krolik	1966-1974	Nicholas J. Nowicki
1909-1913	Nikodem Budzban	1974-1982	Edward G. Dykla
1913-1917	Jan S. Konopa	1982-1990	Victor Hyatt
1917-1922	Ignacy Wroblewski	1990-1998	Joyce Szarowicz

PRCUA Treasurers

1874-1882	August Rudzinski	1931-1934	Jozef J. Barc
1882-1887	Albert Jedrzejek	1934-1937	Jan J. Olejniczak
1887-1892	Jan Galot	1937-1941	Franciszek A. Brandt
1892-1895	Franciszek Wleklinski	1941-1945	Antoni Kozubal
1895-1899	Albert Jedrzejek	1945-1954	Franciszek A. Brandt
1899-1911	Teodor Ostrowski	1954-1962	Jozef T. Pranica
1911-1913	Jan Czekala	1962-1966	Frank Litwin
1913-1915	Leon Zamorski	1966-1974	Vincent M. Versen
1915-1917	Jozef Ruszkiewicz	1974-1978	Nicholas J. Nowicki
1917-1919	Leon Zamorski	1978-1982	Stella Nowak
1919-1922	Jozef Pionke	1982-1986	Edward G. Dykla
1922-1925	Jan S. Konopa	1986-1990	Josephine Szarowicz
1925-1928	Piotr Rostenkowski	1990-1998	Joseph Boruta
1928-1931	Franciszek Czech		

PRCUA Secretary-Treasurers

(The offices of PRCUA Secretary-General and Treasurer were combined, effective as of 1998.)

1998-2010	Joyce Szarowicz
2010-2018	James J. Robaczewski
2018-2025	Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk
2025-2026	Julie A. Prado <i>(interim)</i>

CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA



Micheline I. Jaminski
Vice President

Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk
President (interim)

Julie A. Prado
Secretary-Treasurer (interim)

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2022-2026



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National Chaplain



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Building Maintenance



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Fraternal Coordinator



Conrad Wiecek

From the National Chaplain

My Dear Delegates to the 64th Quadrennial Convention,

Witajcie! Welcome!

Once again, we find ourselves together for our Quadrennial Convention, this year, for the first time, virtually! It is a historic moment for our beloved Fraternal as we continue to change to keep up with the 21st century. It hardly seems possible that four years have gone by since we met in Chicago in 2022. *Czas leci*, how time flies!



Our Polonia in the United States has changed greatly since we began in Detroit in 1873. However, what has not changed is our faithfulness to the ideals of our founders who created this beloved Union for the needs of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and the needs which still hold true today, in 2026. We strive to continue our service and commitment to God, Polonia and Country in a fraternal setting, giving to our members the best we have.

As the Mother of all Polish Fraternals, we pray that God continues to bless us during this Convention and the years to come, with wisdom and perseverance. Our Convention will elect the leadership that will lead us through these ever-changing times, which include the uncertainties and challenges of the present moment in which we find ourselves. I am very happy to be with you at our 64th Convention and to serve you as your National Chaplain. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance.

Invoking the most merciful Sacred Heart of Jesus, our patron upon us and trusting our Convention in the hands of His Beloved Mother under the title of Our Lady of Częstochowa,

I remain, sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reverend Canon Walter J. Ptak

PRCUA National Chaplain

From the Office of the President



Dear Delegates, Members, Distinguished Guests, and Friends,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 64th Quadrennial Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Every four years, delegates from across the United States gather to conduct the important business of our Union. This Convention is more than a constitutional responsibility - it is an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, reflect on the challenges we have faced, and thoughtfully determine the course we will chart for the years ahead.

This year's Convention marks a historic milestone in the life of our organization. For the first time in PRCUA's history, we are convening virtually, enabling delegates from across the country to fully participate in the governance of our Union without the limitations of travel and distance. It also comes during a period of significant leadership transition, as the Executive Committee is comprised entirely of women for the first time in our history. Taken together, these moments reflect a broader evolution within PRCUA as we continue to modernize our operations, strengthen our financial stewardship, and expand opportunities for engagement while remaining firmly rooted in our mission and heritage.

It has been a privilege to serve as your President during this period of transition alongside Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer Julie Prado, and our dedicated PRCUA staff. I am grateful for their collaboration, professionalism, and shared commitment to our organization. Together, we have worked to position PRCUA for continued strength and long-term success.

Our Convention is also a time to recognize those whose dedicated service has strengthened our Union. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Vice President Micheline Jaminski, who is retiring after twelve years of exceptional leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the PRCUA. Throughout her tenure, she provided guidance across numerous areas of the organization, including sales, marketing, fraternal business and publications, bringing knowledge, experience, and dedication that advanced both our business operations and fraternal mission. Her contributions have left a lasting legacy, and on behalf of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and our entire membership, I thank Micheline for her years of distinguished service and wish her continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the Board of Directors whose terms conclude with this Convention. Their wisdom, commitment, and faithful stewardship have helped guide PRCUA through both challenges and opportunities while ensuring the continued strength of our organization. We thank each of them for their many contributions to our Union and for the strong foundation they leave for future leaders.

As delegates, you carry an important responsibility. During this Convention, you will elect officers and directors, consider constitutional amendments, review reports, and make decisions that will help shape PRCUA for years to come. I encourage each of you to participate thoughtfully, listen respectfully, and remain focused on the mission that unites us.

Thank you for your continued confidence in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and for your willingness to serve. I remain committed to working alongside all of you as we continue strengthening our organization, honoring our proud heritage, and preparing PRCUA to thrive for future generations to come.

May this Convention be productive, inspiring, and guided by wisdom as together we write the next chapter in the proud history of our Union.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Agnieszka Bastryk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Agnieszka Bastryk, ALM, FICF, ACS
PRCUA National President

From the Office of the Vice President

Dear Delegates of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America!

Welcome to our First PRCUA Virtual Convention! It is an absolute honor to gather with all of you once again to celebrate the enduring bonds of our fraternal family. This year holds a profoundly personal significance for me. After 12 incredible years serving as your Vice President, this convention marks my final address before stepping into retirement.

When I first took office, we set out with a bold vision: to change the face of the PRCUA and bridge our rich traditions with a contemporary approach to growth. Together, we truly modernized our historic society. Despite facing membership declines and shifting market competition, we stayed fiercely loyal to our mission, our role in financial security, and member engagement—ensuring our continued relevance in a changing world.

We brought that vision to life by establishing a professional marketing department, anchored early on by Agnieszka Bastrzyk as Marketing Director. As she moved up to Executive Officer, we welcomed Elżbieta Sawczuk, and today, Anne Moschopoulos.

Over the years, my role dynamically evolved far beyond traditional fraternal outreach. Integrating my business experience and artistic creativity, we built a unified powerhouse combining sales, strategic marketing, and professional publications by placing highly qualified individuals in key leadership roles: Conrad Wiecek as Fraternal Coordinator, Marge Grzeszczuk as Sales Coordinator, and Lidia Kowalewicz continuing as *Naród Polski* Editor. Together, we revolutionized how we share our 150+ year story. We ensured that our financial products, cultural heritage, and member benefits resonate across generations—a feat made possible in large part by the exceptional graphic designs of Lisa Terlecki and, for the last four years, Elizabeth Dziadulewicz.

Thank you to the entire PRCUA staff for your incredible service. Special thanks go to Kevin Ryba, our IT Director extraordinaire, our dedicated Board of Directors, and the passionate leaders across our local entities.

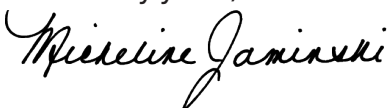
As I close this beautiful chapter, my love for the PRCUA family remains as strong as ever. I am so excited to watch our next generation of leaders—our very first woman President, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, and Secretary-Treasurer Julie Prado—build on this modern foundation and lead us to even greater heights.

My sincere gratitude to all for your unwavering trust, your partnership, and for giving me the greatest honor of my career.

To my soulmate Richard (Happy 38th Anniversary), my dearest family, and my closest friends—thank you for being my pillars of strength. I love you all so much.

For generations, PRCUA members have been the heart, soul, and driving force of our organization. We are more than a financial institution; we are a community built on tradition, trust, and shared values. We stay together in good and challenging times. May our loyalty to the PRCUA continue to be our mission for another 150 years!

Fraternally yours,



Micheline (Misia) Jaminski, ALMI
PRCUA National Vice President



From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer



Dear Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 64th Quadrennial Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

This convention marks a historic moment for our organization as we gather virtually, demonstrating our ability to adapt, embrace change, and continue the important work of the PRCUA. Although we may not be meeting in the traditional manner, the purpose and importance of this convention remain strong.

As delegates, you have been entrusted with an important responsibility. Your participation, thoughtful discussion, and decisions will help guide the direction of the PRCUA for years to come.

It is important to recognize the many individuals who contribute to the success and continued strength of our organization. I would like to acknowledge our Department Managers and Employees for their dedication, professionalism, and hard work. Their daily commitment, knowledge and support are essential to our operations, our service to members, and the overall mission of the PRCUA. Each department plays an important role, and we are grateful for the commitment shown by those who serve our members every day.

I also extend a sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors, local societies, committees, volunteers, members, and supporters. Your time, talent, and dedicated service strengthens our organization and preserves the values and traditions that have guided the PRCUA for generations.

A special thank you to our outgoing Directors for their tireless work, leadership, and service that have helped guide our organization through challenges. To our Vice President, Micheline Jaminski, a sincere heartfelt thank you for twelve years of outstanding commitment and leadership. Her contributions have left a lasting impact on our organization.

It has been an honor to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the past seven and a half months. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside our first female President, Agnieszka Bastryk and Vice President Micheline Jaminski, whose leadership, dedication, and guidance have been valuable to me and to our organization. I look forward to continuing to serve the PRCUA, our members, and our mission with integrity, dedication, and pride.

May this historic convention be productive, respectful, and focused on the continued success and future growth of our organization. Thank you for your service, your commitment, and your dedication to moving the PRCUA forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Prado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being more prominent.

Julie Prado, ALMI, ACS

PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer



Consulate General
of the Republic of Poland
in Chicago

June 30th, 2026

Ms. Agnieszka Bastrzyk
President
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

Ms. Micheline Jamiński
Vice President
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

Ms. Julie Roszak-Prado
Secretary-Treasurer
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

Dear Ms. Bastrzyk,
Dear Ms. Jamiński
Dear Ms. Roszak-Prado,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America on organizing its first virtual convention, bringing together nearly four hundred delegates from twenty-seven States. The historic gathering marks an important new chapter for your organization and demonstrates that, even as times change, the bonds that unite the PRCUA remain as strong as ever.

This convention is especially meaningful as it coincides with the 250th anniversary of the United States - a milestone that reminds us of our enduring friendship between Poland and America and the invaluable contributions generations of Polish immigrants have made to this great nation.

As the oldest Polish American organization in the United States, the PRCUA has helped countless Polish immigrants achieve the American Dream by providing security, opportunity, and a trusted foundation for their families. For generations, it has also been a bedrock of Polonia's cultural life, preserving the faith, heritage, and unity that enrich the American tapestry.

I wish all delegates a productive convention, thoughtful deliberations, and every success as you shape the future of this remarkable organization.

Sincerely,

Regina Jurkowska

Consul General

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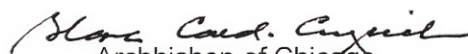
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is my pleasure to welcome with my best wishes all who are attending the 64th National Quadrennial first-ever virtual Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA), coinciding with the 250th anniversary of American Independence. The PRCUA continues to serve as a pillar of the Polish American community in the Archdiocese of Chicago and throughout the country, for which I am deeply grateful.

The PRCUA is the oldest Polish American organization in the United States, and it has been an integral organization for countless Polish immigrants, their families, and Polish Americans for over 150 years. mission of the PRCUA has been to avail the “American Dream” to Polish immigrants, preserve the rich Polish culture, and secure the financial future of its members. As the founder and sustaining contributor of the Polish American Museum, the PRCUA supports Polish language, culture, and heritage of Poles in America, enabling all to appreciate this remarkable country whose history and tradition have been formed in Catholic faith. The devotion and solidarity of Polish Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago is a blessing to those locally and nationally who witness this community’s deep faith.

I offer my prayers in thanksgiving for the families, staff, volunteers and benefactors who are a vital part of the PRCUA family. May you continue the mission of giving to others and serving your community of Polish Americans and immigrants here in this Archdiocese and beyond. Be assured of my prayers for a successful and blessed convention. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

PRCUA 64th Quadrennial Convention
August 8-9, 2026

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August 8, 2026

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
984 North Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101

Dear Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Staff, Supporters, and Delegates,

I am writing to congratulate you on hosting your first-ever virtual convention, giving the opportunity to bring together 400 delegates from 27 states! I am confident that this event, led by the Union's outstanding leaders and staff, will continue to be a tremendous success for years to come.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, since its founding in 1873, has established a rich legacy of helping Polish immigrants achieve the American Dream. As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America continues its longstanding mission of preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Polish American communities while fostering enduring cultural connections between the United States and Poland.

By helping to preserve a rich and unique culture, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has been instrumental in continuous outreach on behalf of Polish Americans. I would like to extend my sincere support for the Polish community and all the work the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has done.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress





SUSANA A. MENDOZA
ILLINOIS STATE COMPTROLLER

August 8, 2026

Greetings

As Illinois State Comptroller, I extend my warmest congratulations as the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) makes history by hosting its first-ever virtual convention. Bringing together more than 400 delegates from 27 states is an extraordinary achievement and a testament to your organization's enduring strength, unity, and commitment to serving your members.

For more than 150 years, the PRCUA has enriched countless lives through faith, service, education, philanthropy, and the preservation of Polish heritage. Your willingness to embrace innovation while remaining true to your founding mission demonstrates the vision and leadership that have allowed your organization to thrive across generations.

Congratulations on this momentous occasion and please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susana A. Mendoza".

Susana A. Mendoza
Illinois State Comptroller

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Illinois State Treasurer
MICHAEL FRERICHS

July 22, 2026

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA)
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
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Members and Delegates of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America,

It is my distinct honor to congratulate the PRCUA on the successful organization of your virtual convention, bringing together 400 delegates from 27 states for the 64th Quadrennial Convention.

For over 150 years, PRCUA has steadfastly supported Polish immigrants, helping them establish roots and flourish in the United States. Your dedication to preserving Polish heritage, culture, and traditions has been invaluable, providing a foundation for generations to maintain a proud sense of identity.

Beyond cultural preservation, PRCUA has worked tirelessly to secure the financial futures of its members and strengthen the bonds within the Polish-American community. Your efforts in education, social support, and advocacy continue to inspire and uplift countless families and demonstrate your enduring commitment to unity and progress.

This year's convention holds added significance, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of American independence. As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded of the shared values and aspirations that connect and enrich the collective journey of Poland and the United States of America.

May this convention inspire new opportunities and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

Sincerely,

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Dear Delegates and Guests of the 64th Quadrennial Convention,

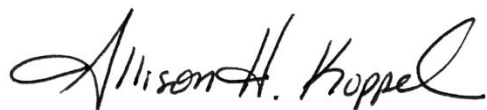
On behalf of the American Fraternal Alliance, I am honored to extend warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the delegates, members, and guests gathered for the PRCUA's 64th Quadrennial Convention.

As Chief Executive Officer of the American Fraternal Alliance, it is my pleasure to recognize PRCUA's longstanding commitment to its members, communities, and the preservation of Polish culture. Through your dedication to Polish heritage, service, fellowship, and financial security, your society embodies the values that define the fraternal movement.

As the national trade association representing fraternal benefit societies, the American Fraternal Alliance is proud to count PRCUA among its members. Your organization's commitment to caring for others and strengthening communities continues to make a meaningful impact and serves as an example of fraternalism at its best.

Congratulations on this important milestone. We wish you a successful convention and continued success as you build upon your proud legacy and look toward the future.

Sincerely,



Allison Koppel
CEO
American Fraternal Alliance



Hubert J. Cioromski
Polish American Congress President



August 8, 2026

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the officers, National Directors, State Divisions, and members of the Polish American Congress, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America on the occasion of your 64th Quadrennial Convention. It is an honor to join you in celebrating this important milestone and to recognize the remarkable legacy of your organization.

For more than 150 years, the PRCUA has stood as a pillar of the Polish-American community. As the oldest Polish fraternal organization in the United States, your commitment to preserving our heritage, serving your members, and strengthening Polonia has left an enduring mark on generations of Polish Americans.

The partnership between the PRCUA and the Polish American Congress has always been strong. Throughout the years, many distinguished PRCUA officers have served with dedication in various leadership roles within the Executive Committee of the Polish American Congress, helping guide our organization and advance the interests of Polonia nationwide.

I am especially grateful for the outstanding service of President Agnieszka Bastryk, who also serves with distinction as Treasurer of the Polish American Congress. Her professionalism, commitment, and tireless work on behalf of both organizations are deeply appreciated and exemplify the spirit of service that has long defined the PRCUA.

As you gather for this historic Convention, I wish you productive deliberations, meaningful fellowship, and continued success in all your endeavors. May the years ahead bring the PRCUA and all of its members continued growth, prosperity, and many new achievements in service to the Polish-American community.

Congratulations on this historic Convention, and best wishes for a successful and inspiring gathering.

Sincerely,

Hubert J Cioromski
President

Micheline “Misia” Jaminski

In Gratitude and Appreciation

Honoring Twelve Years of Dedicated Service



For twelve years, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has had the privilege of benefiting from the extraordinary leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment of our vice president, Micheline Jaminski.

Throughout her tenure, Pani Misia has played an instrumental role in strengthening the PRCUA. No one who knows her can doubt her deep love for the organization which embraced her in the 1970s, when she founded Wesoly Lud, one of the PRCUA's premier folk dance ensembles. After decades of distinguished leadership in the world of Polish folk dance, Micheline Jaminski brought her wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to her role as vice president of PRCUA. Through her vision, creativity, and professionalism, she enhanced our outreach, strengthened PRCUA's public image, and contributed significantly to its continued growth and success. Her service has been defined by dedication and an unwavering commitment to our mission. The impact of her leadership will be felt for many years to come.

On behalf of our officers, directors, members, and the entire Polish community we serve, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for twelve years of exceptional service. We wish Micheline and her family continued good health, happiness, and every success in the years ahead. Although she may be retiring from her official role, we know that Pani Misia will always remain an important part of the PRCUA family.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

The Officers, Directors, and Members

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America hereby acknowledges the dedicated service and hard work of the following members of the PRCUA Board of Directors who have completed their terms of office:

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D-7: Joanna "Ewa" Cholewinski, Chicago, Illinois (2018-2026)

D-9: Elizabeth Sadus, Chicago Heights, Illinois (2011-2026)

D-10: Colleen Bonkowski, Warren, Michigan (2014-2026)

D-10: Valerie Brumm, Sterling Heights, Michigan (2021-2026)

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*We wish you good health, success and happiness
as you continue on life's journey.*

Thank you and God Bless You!

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64TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

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WITH SUCCESS, UNITY, AND INSPIRATION,
AND MAY THE PRCUA CONTINUE TO PROSPER
AND SERVE THE POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
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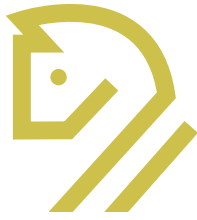
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With the dedication of our members, staff, and leadership team, I am confident that PRCUA will continue to build on a foundation that generations before us have created while embracing new opportunities for success. Together, we will honor our fraternal mission while finding new ways to serve and strengthen our community for years to come.

As we gather for our 64th Quadrennial Convention, I hope our time together is marked by productive deliberations and a shared sense of purpose. The decisions we make today will help shape the future of PRCUA, and I look forward to what we will accomplish—together.

Thank you for your trust, support, and commitment to our shared future.

Agnieszka Bastrzyk
President
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America



**Agnieszka, Daniel,
Aleksander, Natalia
and Karol Bastrzyk**

**Thanks for the opportunity to serve the
PRCUA since 1976, especially as
National Vice President for the last 12 years!**

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski



Best Wishes for a Successful 64th National Quadrennial Convention

As we gather for this momentous Convention, we recognize the significance of the work that lies ahead. The discussions held and decisions made will help guide the PRCIA and shape the future of our organization for generations to come. May this convention be marked by thoughtful deliberation, unity, and a shared commitment to strengthening our fraternal mission, supporting our members, and preserving our Polish heritage.



*Wishing all involved the very
best in making this a
memorable and impactful
Convention!*

*Julie, Angel,
Emily, Jalen, Lily & Gustavo*

***Welcome Delegates to the
64th Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA!
May your deliberations lead the PRCUA
to a bright and successful future!***

***Congratulations and best wishes to
our District 7 members***

***AGNIESZKA BASTRZYK
first female President of the PRCUA
and***

***JULIE ROSZAK-PRADO
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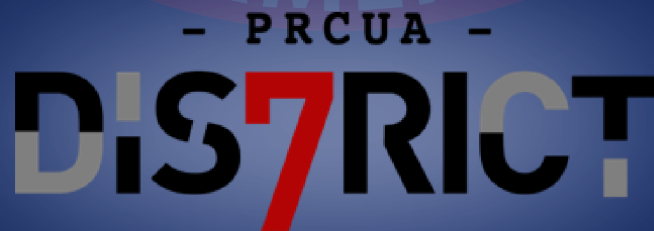
***With gratitude,
JOANNA EWA CHOLEWINSKI
District 7 National Director
(2018-2026)***



CONGRATULATIONS TO PRCUA ON ITS 64TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

As delegates convene virtually to shape the future of our Organization, we extend our sincere best wishes for a successful convention filled with productive deliberations, thoughtful decisions, and continued dedication to the values and mission of PRCUA.

We also offer our best wishes to all candidates seeking national office and thank them for their willingness to serve.



Mateusz Bomba – President
Pawel Truchan – Vice President
Thomas Tarnowski – Secretary
Kevin Kucik – Treasurer



***Congratulations and Best Wishes to the
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America on
the 64th PRCUA Quadrennial Convention
& to the newly-elected Executive Officers
and Board of Directors***

DISTRICT 8 OF THE PRCUA

Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo, National Directors

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District 8 extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Micheline "Misia" Jaminski for 50 extraordinary years of dedicated service to PRCUA. Her leadership, commitment, and devotion have strengthened our fraternity and inspired generations of members.

Through her passion for preserving our Polish heritage and supporting cultural and educational programs—including Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, Polish language schools, and many other PRCUA initiatives—Misia has exemplified the true spirit of fraternalism and volunteerism.

On behalf of the officers, directors, and members of District 8, we offer our sincere thanks and congratulations for her remarkable service. We wish Misia continued health, happiness, and blessings in the years ahead.

With Deepest Appreciation,

District 8

In loving memory of James Rustik



We honor a man who devoted so much to PRCUA, as a member, Director & President of District 8. His dedication, leadership, and service – especially during our conventions – will always be remembered.

And, of course, we cannot forget his love for the microphone. He sometimes talked a little longer than expected, but it was only because he cared so deeply about PRCUA and its members.

He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on for many generations.

Barbara & Gillian Rustik

PRCUA District 8

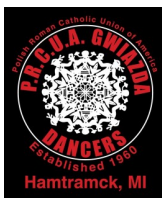


*Best Wishes for Successful Deliberations
For the 64th Quadrennial Convention
of the
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I am proud to have served for the past 12 years as National Director #10

Colleen K. Bonkowski

PRCUA National Director District #10



**Congratulations PRCUA
on a successful
64th Quadrennial Convention**



**Thank You
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Micheline Jaminski
for all that you have done
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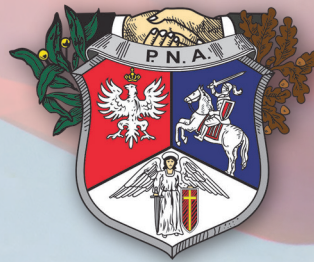
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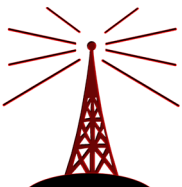
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Serdeczne Dziękuję

**Elizabeth Sadus, PRCUA National Director District 9
(2012-2026)**

CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR 64TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION



*Wishing you continued success as you honor your heritage,
strengthen your mission, and look toward a bright future.*



ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT DANIEL GDOWSKI
AND ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
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*Thank you, delegates,
and God bless you all.*

**Best Wishes for a
Successful 64th
Quadrennial Convention
From
Paul Pawlowski,
District 9 President
&
All the Officers &
Delegates of PRCUA
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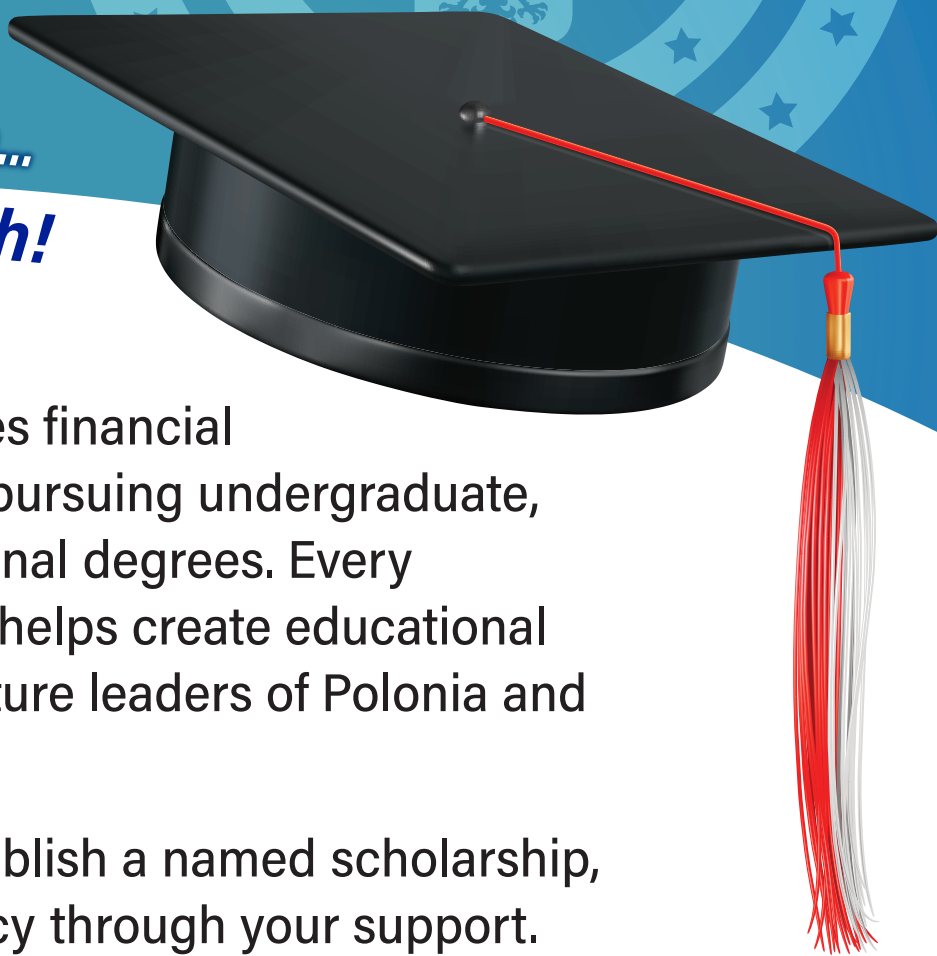
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