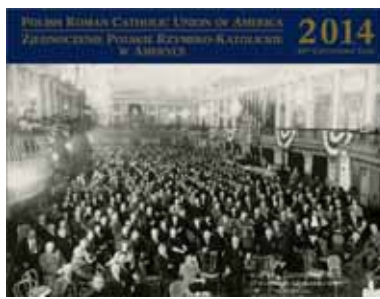


2014 PRCUA CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE!

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The 2014 PRCUA 61st Convention Year Calendar, featuring images from past conventions will be available in mid-November. If you are interested in receiving a free calendar, please contact Linda Kasprzyk by calling 773-782-2636 or toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2636 or e-mail linda-kasprzyk@prcua.org.



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Thanksgiving Greetings from Our National Chaplains

May we come to the Thanksgiving table with Grateful Hearts, giving thanks not only to Almighty God, who generously pours forth abundant blessings upon us each and every day, but also to everyone who has inspired us, lightened our burdens, or brightened our lives with their joy, hope, love and kindness.

May we also thank the dear Lord, for blessing the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America for 140 years, and ask for His continued blessings upon our fraternal organization, all of our members, friends and the United States of America.

Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak and Vice Chaplains Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc and Rev. Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, P.A.



PERIODICAL POSTAGE
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PRCUA Receives Gloria Artis Silver Medal for Merit in Culture from Poland on its 140th Anniversary

On the 140th Anniversary of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, our fraternal organization was awarded a medal from the Republic of Poland.

This prestigious award was presented to the PRCUA at the National 140th Jubilee Banquet held on Saturday evening, October 5, 2013 at White Eagle Banquets in Niles, Illinois.

Making the presentation to PRCUA's National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. was Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Hon. Paulina Kapuscinska. She said: "The Republic of Poland appreciates your commitment to cultivating Polish traditions, defending its



PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. accepting the Gloria Artis Medal from Consul General Paulina Kapuscinska on behalf of PRCUA

good name, and popularizing its beautiful culture."

"As a token of that great appreciation," she continued, "the Republic of Poland decided to bestow upon your fine organization one of the highest distinctions granted to individuals and organizations who protect and popularize the Polish culture. It is my great honor to present to you, on behalf of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, the Silver Medal of Merit for Culture 'Gloria Artis' for your outstanding contribution to the promotion of Polish culture and the protection of the Polish national heritage.

President Drobot expressed his gratitude to the Consul General and the Republic of Poland for granting this significant honor to the PRCUA. (Photo: Julita Siegel)

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

NOVEMBER

- 2 CHICAGO HTS., IL - PRCUA DISTRICT 9 140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** on Sat., Nov. 2 at Noon, St. Kieran, 724 W. 195th St., Chicago Hts., IL; Luncheon after Mass at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant, 106 N. Main S., Glenwood, IL; \$35; Under 12, \$14; Contact: Elizabeth Sadus 708-481-6796
- 4 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT 7 MEETING** on Mon., Nov. 4, 7:30 pm, Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Donate to Soup Kitchen please. Contact: S. Dudzinski 773-763-4069
- 9 TOLEDO, OH - SPORTSMEN'S DINNER & RAFFLE (21 OR OLDER)** on Sat., Nov. 9, 2-8 pm, PRCUA Club, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH. Tickets \$30. Contact: Joel 419-349-0634
- 13 LANSING, MI - SOC. 2342 MEETING AND POT LUCK** on Wed., Nov. 13, 6 pm, Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311
- 17 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC #162 MEETING** on Sun., Nov. 17 at 1:00 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI 48129. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: Pres. Stan Pasko 313-815-5230
- 19 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., Nov. 19 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905
- 20 CHICAGO, IL - PRCUA SOC. 475 MEETING** on Wed., Nov. 20 at 4:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: B. Jura 773-685-3134
- 23 HICKORY HILLS, IL - 42ND CINDERELLA AND PRINCE CHARMING BALL** on Sat., Nov. 23, Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th, Hickory Hills, IL. Cocktails: 6:30, Dinner 7:30 pm; Donation \$65. For reservations, contact: Vicki Kroplewski 708-599-7129
- 24 DETROIT, MI - PRCUA ST JOSEPH SOC. #261 OFFICERS ELECTION MEETING** on Sun., Nov. 24 at 12:30 pm, SunnyBrook Lanes Conference Rm (17 mile between VanDyke and Mound Rd.) Contact: T. Lisiecki 586-795-8901
- 26 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., Nov. 26 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: J. Ozog 586-751-8168

DECEMBER

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NOTICE

The Offices of the PRCUA will be closed on the following dates in celebration of the 2013 holidays:
Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th
Monday through Friday, December 23rd through 27th

PRCUA SOC. #1593 POPE JOHN PAUL II YOUTH GAME DAY

Saturday, November 16, 6-9 p.m.
CJ Berrymore – 21750 Hall Rd, Clinton Twp., MI

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY
November 9, 2013.

Get 1 free ticket towards the Tablet Raffle.

Laser Tag (min. age 6 yrs.)

Bumper Cars (min. age 8 yrs.)

Other Arcade Games

Entry Fee for all PRCUA members - \$16 will include 2 tickets (1 ticket equals 1 game of laser tag, 20 game coins, or 1 bumper car ride) pizza, chicken wings, salad, bread sticks and pop. This package is over a \$25 value!

Entry Fee for all NON-PRCUA members - \$20 and includes the same as above for members.

Submit the name, age, and Society No. of each child participant. Please send this form and a check (made payable to PRCUA #1593) to: Valerie Brumm 22248 Brywood Court, Clinton Township, MI 48036. For more information, contact: Valerie.brumm@gmail.com by email or call 248-622-8949.

Polanie Song and Dance Ensemble in John Paul II School in Lemont, IL is looking for a choreographer/dance instructor. Interested persons should contact school President Jan Lichacz, email: president@polschool.com

Narod Polski Historical Quiz

Winners were chosen at the PRCUA 140 Years of History Exhibit: 1st - Celeste Grabowski of Sterling Hts., MI - Soc. #1593 - \$140 and a PRCUA History Book; 2nd - Pat Mylenek of Dearborn Hts., MI - Soc. #718 - \$70 and a PRCUA history book; 3rd - Carl L. Bucki of East Amherst, NY - Soc. #1447 - \$35 and a PRCUA history book; 4th - Mateusz Koper of Chesterfield, MI - Soc. #1477 - a PRCUA history book. Congratulations! Thanks go to all history quiz entrants.

Answers:

1. PRCUA Founders: Rev. Teodor Gieryk, Editor Jan Barzynski and c) Rev. Vincent (Wincenty) Barzynski
2. In what city was the PRCUA founded? b) Detroit, MI
3. Where did PRCUA sponsor a colony? c) Central Nebraska
4. When did PRCUA begin paying its national officers? c) 1888
5. When did PRCUA begin accepting women as independent members under their own name? a) 1897
6. Re: the PRCUA Home Office building in Chicago, January 2013 marked which occasion? b) named a historic landmark
7. When was the PRCUA Archives and Museum opened? c) 1937
8. In which sports does the PRCUA currently hold annual national tournaments? b) bowling, golf, basketball and softball

Polish Family Wigilia Friday, December 6, 2013

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA

984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642

The evening will include an explanation of the beautiful Wigilia traditions, sharing the Polish Christmas wafer oplatek, delicious traditional Wigilia meatless meal, carols (koledy) and a visit from St. Nicholas (Swiety Mikolaj).

Cost is \$25/13 and up; \$15/ ages 4-12 yrs. An adult must accompany and remain with children.

Reservations required; Call (773) 384-3352, ext. 104

2013

PRCUA Christmas Special

**Attention: Grandparents, Parents, Uncles and Aunts!
Announcing Our PRCUA 2013 Christmas Special!**

You will SAVE 10% on your purchase of a \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or larger Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) Single Pay Life Insurance Certificate for your little loved one from 2 months to age 15 and 5 months.*

Each applicant will also receive a FREE GIFT - a lovable little **PRCUA TEDDY BEAR** and a chance to WIN an **Apple® iPad mini in Silver/White**. Highlights of the Single Pay Life Insurance Plan:

- ★ Builds cash value
- ★ Dividend participating
- ★ Coverage can never be cancelled by PRCUA
- ★ Enjoy membership benefits such as college scholarships and educational loans
- ★ Lifetime of Security for your loved one



Beginning November 1, 2013 through January 6, 2014, each Christmas Special life insurance applicant will receive a **PRCUA TEDDY BEAR** in addition to the **10% SAVINGS BENEFITS**. And there's more: each application received during this period will receive one entry ticket into our raffle for an **Apple® iPad mini**.

Applications with face amounts of \$25,000 or more will receive 2 entry tickets per application providing twice the chance to win. The drawing will take place on January 7, 2014.

Visit **www.PRCUA.org** and Facebook to see the winning recipient. The winner will also be announced in the February 2014 *Narod Polski*.

The PRCUA 2013 Christmas Special is a Single Pay Whole Life Certificate discounted 10%. Please contact your local PRCUA Sales Representative or contact the Home Office at 1-800-772-8632 for purchase; or you can complete the application on pages 4 and 5 yourself, and return with your check made payable to PRCUA for the selected amount, using the rate schedule on page 5.

If you have any questions, please contact: Robert Fattore, Director of Sales at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2631 or email **robert-fattore@prcu.org** or Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Director of Marketing at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2632 or e-mail **agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcu.org**.

* Use the proposed insured's nearest age. (Ex.: If he/she is 8 yrs. 5 mo., use 8 years; if he/she is 14 years 7 months, use 15 years.)

All applications for the PRCUA 2013 Christmas Special must be postmarked by **January 6, 2014.

All applications are subject to underwriting review.



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APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE

For Amount under \$25,000

PROPOSED INSURED'S INFORMATION:

1. Society # _____ Adult Juvenile
2. Name _____ 3. Male Female 4. Age _____
First Middle Last
5. Address _____ 6. Phone # (____) _____
Street City State Zip
7. Date of Birth _____ 8. Soc. Sec. # _____ 9. Occupation _____

OWNER'S INFORMATION

10. Name _____ 11. Relationship _____ 12. Soc. Sec. # _____
13. Plan of Ins. _____ 14. Amount of Ins. \$ _____
15. Premium Amt.: Single \$ _____ Annual \$ _____ Semi Annual \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____
16. Primary Beneficiary _____ 17. RELATIONSHIP _____
18. Contingent Beneficiary _____ 19. RELATIONSHIP _____
20. Is this insurance intended to replace any now in force? Yes No 21. Is Proposed Insured a PRCUA member? Yes No
22. Dividend election (choose one): Paid in Cash? Yes No Purchase Paid-Up Additions? Yes No

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (IF PROPOSED INSURED IS A JUVENILE.)

23. Name _____ 24. Male Female
First Middle Last
25. Address _____ 26. Relationship _____

PERSONAL HEALTH STATEMENT OF PROPOSED INSURED

27. Height _____ Weight _____ 28. Doctor's Name _____
29. Dr.'s Address _____ 30. Dr.'s Phone # (____) _____
If you answered "YES" to questions 31-33, explain details below. Attach a separate page if additional space is needed.
31. Is Proposed Insured currently hospitalized, bedridden or confined to a wheel chair? Yes No
32. In the past 5 years, has the proposed insured had or been treated for, or been advised to obtain treatment for medical or surgical condition including cancer, heart condition, kidney and liver disease, vascular disease, diabetes, muscular condition, stroke, elevated cholesterol, or drug and alcohol dependency? Yes No
33. Has Proposed Insured used any form of tobacco in the last 12 months? Yes No

Date	Name and Address of Physician and Hospital	Specific Reason & Results

Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree. Any certificate issued as a result of material misstatement or omission of facts may be voided and the company's only obligation shall be to return the premiums paid.

1) I AGREE that the statements and answers contained in this application and in any medical examination required by the Union are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. 2) I AGREE to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Union, which are now in force or may hereafter be adopted by the Union. 3) I AGREE that the insurance applied for will become effective when the first premium due is paid and while the Proposed Insured's health, habits and occupation remain as described in this application on the date of issuance of a life insurance certificate by the Union. 4) I AGREE that if I am not a member of the Union, this application serves as a membership application.

SIGNED AT _____ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____
City State

Proposed Insured's Signature (Must be 16 yrs. or older) _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Owner's Signature, if other than Proposed Insured _____ Witness/Authorized Representative _____

You can apply for the 2013 Christmas Special by contacting your local PRCUA sales agent or by mailing in the application to the left. A selection of rates for the Christmas Special can be found on page 5.

If you are applying, for a life insurance amount of less than \$25,000, please complete the application to the left and sign the disclosures on page 5 and mail them to:

**PRCUA Sales Dept.
984 N. Milwaukee
Chicago, IL 60642**

ATTENTION!

If you live in the following states:
**CT, FL, IN, KS, MA,
MD, MN, NE, NJ,
NY, OH, VT or WI**

OR

if you are applying for \$25,000 or more of life insurance, please call or e-mail our office for a state-specific application and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

1-800-772-8632 ext. 2631 or ext. 2632 or sales@prcua.org

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION

This Authorization complies with the HIPAA Privacy Rule

By executing this Authorization, I authorize all health care providers that have been involved in my care, diagnosis or treatment (including but not limited to, physicians, hospitals, clinics, medical practitioners and other medically related facilities) to disclose my medical records (including, but not limited to patient histories, progress notes, test results, x-rays and other diagnostic information) to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America or its reinsurers for the purpose of:

Determination of Eligibility for Life Insurance

I understand that the information in my health record may include information relating to sexually transmitted diseases, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It may also include information about behavioral or mental health services and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

I also understand that when my medical records are disclosed pursuant to this Authorization, my medical records and the information contained in those records may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal privacy laws.

I understand that I may revoke this Authorization, except to the extent that any health care provider or the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has acted in reliance upon this Authorization. My revocation of this Authorization must be submitted in writing to: **Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, ATTN: Privacy Comp. Officer, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101**

This Authorization will expire six (6) months after the date upon which the Authorization was signed.

Signature of Individual Whose Information is to be Disclosed _____ Printed Name _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If Applicable) _____ Printed Name _____

Date _____

DISCLOSURE NOTICE - FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

As part of our routine selection procedure, we may request that an investigative Consumer Report be made. These reports include information as to identify character, general reputation, personal characteristics, verification of residence, marital status, estimate of worth and income, occupation, avocations, general health, habits and mode of living. Information is obtained from several different sources. Confidential interviews may be conducted with neighbors, friends, associates and acquaintances. Personal discussions may be arranged with you or your family and public records may be carefully reviewed. Upon written request to the Underwriter at the PRCUA, further information on the nature and scope of the report will be provided. Our experience shows that information from investigative reports usually does not have an adverse effect upon our underwriting decision. If it should, we will notify you in writing and identify the reporting agency. At that point, if you wish to do so, you may discuss the matter with the reporting company. All of these rights are guaranteed to you by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which took effect in April, 1971.

Notice to _____

Proposed Insured's Signature (Must be 16 yrs. or older) _____ Date _____

CONDITIONAL RECEIPT

NO COVERAGE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATE DELIVERY UNLESS AND UNTIL ALL CONDITIONS ON THIS RECEIPT ARE MET. If: (1) an amount equal to at least one month premium, for the plan and amount applied for, is submitted; (2) all underwriting requirements, including any medical examinations required by the rules of the Union are completed; and (3) the Proposed Insured is, on the date indicated on this receipt, a risk acceptable for insurance exactly as applied for without modification of plan, premium rate, or amount under the rules and practices of the Union. THEN insurance under the certificate applied for shall become effective on the latest of (a) the register date of application, (b) the date of the last of any medical examinations, and (c) any date of issue requested in the application.

THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE WHICH MAY BECOME EFFECTIVE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATE DELIVERY SHALL NOT EXCEED \$100,000, which amount includes any additional benefits for death by accident. If any of the above conditions is not met, the liability of the PRCUA shall be limited to the return of the amount submitted.

NO REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF THIS RECEIPT.

Received \$ _____ from _____

on the Life of: _____

in connection with an application for life insurance with the same date as this receipt. This payment is made and accepted subject to the above conditions.

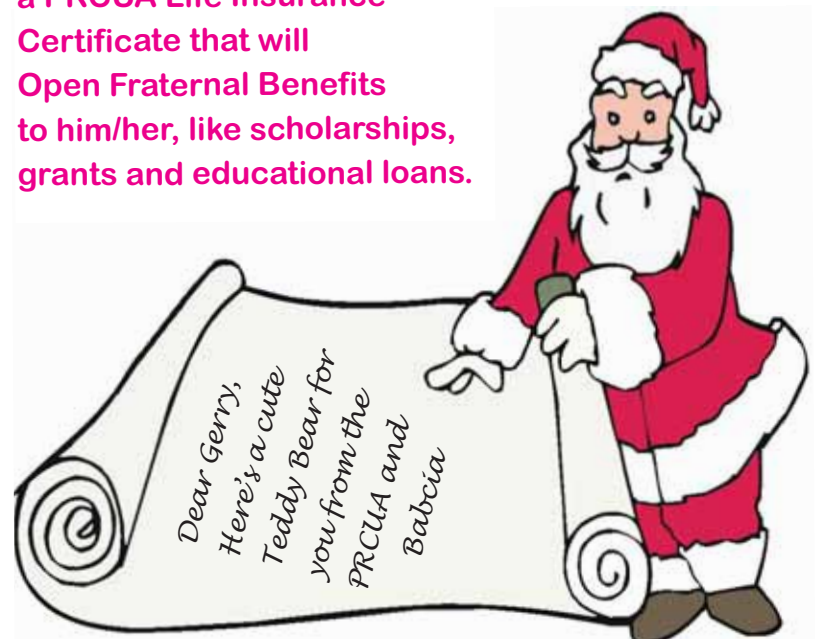
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Chicago, Illinois

Agent/Deputy Signature _____ Date _____

RATES FOR THE 2013 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

	\$5,000		\$10,000	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$412	\$368	\$735	\$647
1	\$421	\$377	\$752	\$665
2	\$432	\$387	\$774	\$684
3	\$444	\$397	\$797	\$705
4	\$456	\$409	\$822	\$727
5	\$469	\$420	\$849	\$750
6	\$483	\$432	\$876	\$774
7	\$497	\$444	\$905	\$799
8	\$512	\$457	\$934	\$824
9	\$527	\$470	\$965	\$851
10	\$543	\$484	\$996	\$878
11	\$560	\$498	\$1,029	\$907
12	\$577	\$513	\$1,063	\$936
13	\$594	\$528	\$1,098	\$966
14	\$612	\$544	\$1,134	\$997
15	\$630	\$560	\$1,170	\$1,030
	\$25,000		\$50,000	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$1,702	\$1,482	\$3,314	\$2,875
1	\$1,746	\$1,527	\$3,402	\$2,964
2	\$1,799	\$1,575	\$3,509	\$3,061
3	\$1,858	\$1,627	\$3,625	\$3,165
4	\$1,920	\$1,683	\$3,751	\$3,275
5	\$1,987	\$1,740	\$3,883	\$3,390
6	\$2,055	\$1,800	\$4,020	\$3,509
7	\$2,126	\$1,861	\$4,163	\$3,633
8	\$2,200	\$1,925	\$4,310	\$3,761
9	\$2,277	\$1,991	\$4,463	\$3,893
10	\$2,356	\$2,060	\$4,622	\$4,031
11	\$2,438	\$2,131	\$4,786	\$4,173
12	\$2,523	\$2,205	\$4,956	\$4,320
13	\$2,610	\$2,281	\$5,130	\$4,472
14	\$2,699	\$2,359	\$5,308	\$4,627
15	\$2,790	\$2,439	\$5,490	\$4,788

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Fraternal Favorites

by Polish Chef
Robert Strybel

POPPYSEED ROLL: For the filling: rinse well 2 c poppyseeds and drain. Place in pot, scald with boiling water and cook 15 min. Remove from heat, cover and let stand till cooled to room temp. Drain poppyseeds well and grind 2-3 times through fine-mesh strainer. Melt 1 T butter in skillet, add ground poppyseeds, 3 T honey, 1/2 c rinsed, drained raisins, grated rind of 1 lemon and 1/4 c chopped candied orange rind. Simmer, stirring constantly, on low heat 10 min and set aside. Add 1/2 t vanilla extract. When cool, beat 2 egg yolks with 3/4 c sugar until creamy and stir into mixture. Fold in 2 stiffly beaten egg whites. (Or buy 2 cans of Solo Brand poppyseed pastry filling.) For the dough: mash 1-3/4 cakes yeast with 1 T sugar and 2/3 c warm milk. Stir in 1/3 c flour, cover and let rise in a warm place. After 1 hr., beat 2 egg yolks with 1/2 c sugar until creamy; add to yeast mixture with 2-2/3 c flour and 1 whole egg. Work into a dough. Work in 4 T melted butter and knead until smooth. Set aside in warm place to rise. When doubled in bulk, divide dough in half. Roll out each piece 1/4" thick. Spread dough with filling, leaving a 3/4" margin at edges. Roll up and place on baking pans to rise. Bake in preheated 390° oven about 50 min. Dust with confectioner's sugar or glaze with white icing sprinkled with chopped nuts.

NUT-ROLL: Prepare dough as for poppyseed-roll (above). In dry skillet, toast 3/4 peeled hazelnuts (filberts) until it brown. When cool, chop and set aside. Grind 2-1/4 c chopped walnuts; beat with 1 egg and 1/2 c sugar until smooth. Add the chopped hazelnuts and 1 jigger rum (or vodka flavored with several drops rum extract) and mix to blend. Spread rolled-out dough with mixture and proceed as above. Optional: Dust baked strucla with powdered sugar if desired. Variation: Almonds may be used in place of the walnuts and filberts to produce an almond-roll or use Solo almond filling.

HONEY-SPICE CAKE: Heat 1 c honey with 1 t honey-spice-cake seasoning (przyprawa do pierników) or pumpkin-pie seasoning (more or less according to preference). Add 1 c sugar and 2 eggs, mix well until blended and gradually add 3 c flour, mixed with 1 t baking soda. Knead well and set aside to rest about 1 hr. Better yet, prepare dough a day ahead. Spread dough on greased baking sheet and bake in 350° oven about 40 min. Cut after it cools.

CARROT SPICE CAKE: Scrape clean, wash and grate fine just over 1 lb carrots. Beat 4 egg yolks with 1/4 lb butter, add 1-1/2 c brown sugar, 1-2 t honey-spice-cake seasoning, 2 t baking powder, the grated rind and juice of 2 lemons and 1-1/2 c flour. Mix to combine ingredients. Stir in another 1-1/2 c flour and fold in 4 stiffly beaten egg whites. Transfer dough to greased, flour-sprinkled cake pan and bake about 50 min in preheated 375° oven.

APPLE TURNOVERS: Sift 1-2/3 c flour into lg bowl and combine with 1/2 lb ground farmer's cheese (or break up in food processor or use dry cottage cheese). Cut in 1/2 lb butter and 5 T sour cream. Make into a dough. Roll out 1/4" thick and cut into 2" squares Place an apple slice on square diagonally, bring opposite ends together over it and pinch ends to seal. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in pre-heated 400° oven 15 min. When cool, dust with confectioner's sugar.

OLD POLISH HONEY-SPICE CORDIAL: In pot combine 1 c honey, 1 t vanilla, 1/8 t each: ground cloves, cinnamon and ginger, ground allspice, 2 pinches citric acid, and (optional) 2 pinches ground pepper. Bring to gentle boil, stir often; simmer until honey just begins to brown. Stir in 1/2 c boiling water, bring to boil, remove from heat and let stand covered 10 min. Stir in 3 to 4 c 100 proof vodka; let stand covered 10 min. Heat briefly, but do not boil. Strain through cheesecloth-lined funnel into decanter and serve hot in crystal liqueur glasses.

From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski



We need the current address for the following members. If you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to: James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call (773) 782-2600 or 1-800-772-8632.

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Christmas Oriented

"DID YOU KNOW THAT...?"

Compiled by Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

- The standard word for Christmas in Polish is "Boże Narodzenie" which literally translates as the Birth of God. The term "Gwiazdka" (little star), alluding to the Star of Bethlehem, is also used.
- The Polish Christmas season lasts more than two months, from Advent (Dec. 1 this year) to Candlemas (Feb. 2).
- In Poland, the Christmas highpoint is Wigilia (Christmas Eve), considered the most important day of the year. Families all want to be together on that unique occasion.
- The term Wigilia means vigil, "to stay awake and watch," ecclesiastically a vigil is the day before a major feast.
- The Wigilia custom of breaking and sharing *oplatek* wafer with one's kin is Poland's most cherished Christmas custom practiced by more than 95% of all Polish families.
- The Szopka-Making Contest for the best (Kraków creche) is held each year in early December in Kraków's Old Town square. On display are shimmering crèches ranging from matchbox-size miniatures to 10-foot-tall giants.
- The standard Polish Christmas greeting is "Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia" (Happy Nativity), often shortened to just "Wesołych Świąt." (Happy Holiday). In April, the same "Wesołych Świąt" is said to convey "Happy Easter."
- Some families hold that 12 dishes should be served at Christmas Eve supper. In other families, it must be an odd number: 5, 7, 9 or 11.
- Christmas trees are set up on Christmas Eve in Poland and stay up at least until Three Kings (Jan. 6) or longer. Fake trees considered to be more practical and economical are now found in the majority of Polish homes.
- The most patriotic Polish carol is "Bóg się rodzi". At Midnight Mass, the congregation sings: "Raise Thy hand, Divine Infant, and Bless our dear Homeland!"
- Poland's fabulously beautiful, hand-blown and hand-decorated glass tree ornaments are mostly exported, too pricey to be a Polish household reality.
- It was once regarded as a good omen if an unrelated male visitor was the first the cross a family's threshold on Christmas Eve. A female, as the first outside visitor, was thought to bring misfortune.
- Poland's most popular Wigilia fish are herring (pickled in vinegar, in oil or sour cream) and carp, fried, baked or in aspic. Pond-bred carp are a delicacy in Central Europe.
- Traditionally, the Christmas Eve supper is not supposed to begin until the first star appears in the sky. Small children were usually tasked with standing by the window to watch for the star - a good way to keep them busy during preparations.
- In religious families, the Wigilia supper begins with the reading of St. Luke's Gospel on the birth of Christ, then grace is said. The head of the family blesses the *oplatek*, each family member takes a piece and all break off a bit of each other's wafer while exchanging best wishes, hugs and/or kisses.
- Tradition dictates that everyone must sample a bit of all the dishes on the Wigilia table; nothing on one's plate can be left uneaten, or else that person may go hungry in the new year.
- In the peasant cottages of yesteryear, not only was hay placed under the tablecloth on Christmas Eve, but straw was strewn about on the floor as a reminder of Christ's humble birthplace and sheaves of grain were placed in all four corners of the room to bring prosperity to the family in the coming year.
- Polish kids receive their gifts on Christmas Eve after the Wigilia supper and before departure for Midnight Mass.
- The Polish term for Midnight Mass is "pasterka" and is derived from the word "pasterz" (shepherd), so it could be more accurately translated as Shepherds' Mass.
- Christmas Eve fortune-telling games predicted marriage for eligible maidens. Pulling a fresh golden blade of hay from under the tablecloth indicated one would marry soon, a green one meant the girl would have to wait a while and a dry, withered blade foretold lifelong spinsterhood.
- Poland's traditional Święty Mikołaj (St. Nicholas) was usually accompanied by an angel with a basket of treats and a devil with "rózgi" (switches) for the misbehaved.

A family guide or gift in time for Christmas 2013

"CHRISTMAS POLISH STYLE"

From the author of "Polish Heritage Cookery", "Polish Holiday Cookery" and "Polish/Polonian Heritage & Lifestyles" comes a book Polonia has long been waiting for: "Christmas in Traditional Polish Style". This e-book has everything you ever wanted to know about Polish-style Christmas. It explains how individual customs originated, what they signify, how they were and are currently celebrated in Poland and in the Polish-American community and includes favorite Polish holiday recipes.

The Polish traditions surrounding Advent, St. Nicholas, and Christmas creches are presented in an easy-to-read format. Includes instructions to make tree ornaments and to practice various customs. Wigilia (Christmas Eve) includes step-by-step instructions. Texts to 2 Polish nativity plays - 1 bilingual and 1 in English - are given with hints on how to hold an *oplatek*-dinner and organize Polish-style New Year's Eve or Three Kings Day festivities. Includes carols, prayers and Christmas poems. There are English translations for all Polish texts.

The Kindle version of "Christmas in Traditional Polish Style" costs \$3.99 and is available exclusively at www.amazon.com. Just type in the author's name (Robert Strybel) to land on the right page.

Those who prefer to read the book on their computer screen can order the PDF version by airmailing a \$3.99 (personal or bank) check or money order plus your email address (so the digital book can be emailed to you) to:

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Michaeline A. Drust

**Michaeline A. Drust
Passed Away**

CHICAGO, IL - Michaeline A. Drust, 75, a member of PRCUA Soc. 1575, 1560 & 290 passed away on Oct. 9th. She was very active in the PRCUA, especially in District 8. Michaeline Drust was a deputy, a delegate to the PRCUA IL-IN Women's Division - who honored her as an annual "Mother of the Year," a member of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group and a delegate to many PRCUA National Conventions. Her son, Steven, served as National Director of District 8.

Michaeline worked as a nurse. She was a very dynamic, outspoken woman of good character, who was friendly and generous, always willing to help whenever needed. She was blessed with many friends and loved to dance in her younger years.

Michaeline was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Drust; loving mother of Steven (Margarita) Cieslicki; cherished grandmother of Venus, Vanessa and David; fond sister of the late Evelyn (the late John) Pavlick, the late Joan (late Conrad) Bialobok and the late Ray (Dolores) Drust.

She was also a member of the Polish Women's Civic Club, Polish Arts Club and the International Polka Association.

Her Funeral Mass was held at St. Bruno Church in Chicago, IL. She will be missed by family and friends.

May she rest in eternal peace and may Michaeline Drust be blessed a hundredfold for all the good she did in her life for others.

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Youth Soccer Team Forming for Metro Detroit PRCUA Members



Looking for PRCUA members interested in joining an under-8 or under-10 team with the Warren Youth Soccer League, starting Spring 2014. All team fees will be sponsored by a PRCUA Society.

Requirements: Player must be a PRCUA member and must be born after August 1, 2003. This will be a co-ed team; games will be held during the week in Warren at Halmich Park. If you are interested in

joining or have further questions, please email director Chris Ozog at christopher-ozog@prcu.org or call at 586-524-4907. Include the name of the player and birth date.

30th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ERIE, MI - Dan & Joan Tyburski of PRCUA District 5 in Toledo, Ohio celebrate 30 years of marriage on October 22nd. They have been great role models and tremendous examples to their friends & family, especially their two sons Danny (Beth) Tyburski - Columbus, OH & Jeff (Erica) Tyburski - Toledo, OH. They also have four grandchildren - Jeffrey (3) - Toledo, OH & Mallory (2), Annie (1) & Ava (1) - Columbus, OH. Dan & Joan currently reside in Erie, Michigan. GRATULUJEMY! Best wishes for many more years of wedded bliss.

Judy Baar Topinka Interviewed on Polvision



CHICAGO, IL - Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka met with Polvision's Daniel Bociaga to discuss state finances, the Visa Waiver Program and other issues of importance to the Polish American community during an extended interview this week at her Chicago office. The discussion coincided with the celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. "I'm an adopted daughter of Polonia, and I love that!" Topinka said.

A Unique Christmas Gift of Polish Heritage?

This Christmas consider giving a loved one a gift of Polish heritage - a custom-researched several-page report on the meaning and origin of their Polish last name. Every Polish surname means something and came into being for a specific reason, usually as a nickname. It may have identified someone as a Kowal (blacksmith), and Kowalczyk was his son. Many nicknames were based on people's occupations or characteristics: Piekarski (baker), Cieśla (carpenter), Gwizdała (whistler) and Ciemięga (clumsy oaf). Others were based on where someone lived: Zaleski - on the other side of the forest, and Brzeziński - from the village of Brzezina (Birchville).

This custom-researched surname analysis will explain how your Polish last name came into being, how many people use it, where they live whether it has a noble coat-of-arms. If one is found, you will receive the image and an explanation of the heraldic emblem. Also included is a genealogical contact chart (root-tracing websites, data bases and organizations) listing professional genealogists qualified to track down family records, photograph or videotape ancestral homesteads and graves and possibly even turn up living long-lost relatives. In interested, please airmail a \$19 check (personal or bank) or money order (adding \$10 for each additional surname you wish researched such as a mother's maiden name or grandparents' names) to:

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NOTE: If interested in receiving the report by email, please be sure to include your email address.

Official canonization date: April 27, 2014

Beloved Native Son to Become 36th Polish Saint - St. John Paul II

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent



WARSAW- People in this staunchly Catholic land of 38 million were happy to learn that next April 27th their favorite native son would be elevated to the altar and become known as St John Paul II. But bells did not ring out and crowds did not rush to churches in thanksgiving, as they did back in October of 1978 when Kraków's Archbishop, Karol Cardinal Wojtyła, was elected pope.

The first non-Italian pope to be elected in 455 years surprised Catholics worldwide. And as the first Pontiff from behind the Iron Curtain, shock waves moved across the Soviet bloc. Initial disbelief, surprise and joy also spread across Polonia like wildfire. But his canonization 36 years later had long been a foregone conclusion, and the official announcement of the actual date - a mere formality.

"To us he was already a saint during his lifetime," remarked Warsaw engineer Marcin Wróbel. "At his funeral in Rome, his saintliness was apparent to the crowds of mourners that chanted 'santo subito' - make him a saint immediately."

By the standards of the Roman Catholic Church, whose mills are known to grind slowly, the short space of time that has elapsed since his death really does amount to instant sainthood. Warsaw Archbishop Kazimierz Cardinal Nycz noted: "That is record short time. Some canonizations took centuries or at least many long decades. Here, we are dealing with nine years - that is a mere flash."

The Polish-born Pontiff went on to his eternal reward in 2005 and was beatified six years later. Originally, there had been discussions about holding the canonization ceremony in November or December of this year, possibly on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There was talk of a separate ceremony or one held jointly with the canonization of John XXIII. But last July, Pope Francis indicated that both Pontiffs would be canonized together.

As a gesture towards the countrymen of John Paul II, Pope Francis said it was unlikely the canonizations would take place during the autumn or winter, since the many Poles traveling to Rome for the occasion might face hazardous road conditions. Since the official announcement, parishes across Poland have been planning pilgrimages to Rome for the canonization, and individual Catholics are going to take their annual vacation over the Easter holidays next year. Many Polish-Americans are likely to be among them.

In addition to the balmy spring weather and the festive Easter atmosphere, April 27th coincides with Divine Mercy Sunday, a Feast Day instituted by the Polish Pope. In 2011, he was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, marking the first stage on the road to Catholic sainthood. It was John Paul II, who had presided at the beatification of Pope John XXIII in 2000. The two religious leaders had collaborated on the Church's renewal. Good Pope John launched the major reforms of Vatican II, and Cardinal Wojtyła was among the Council's most active participants.

To most Poles and Polonians alike, Jan Paweł II was a giant of a man, an inspiring religious leader and sterling patriot, who nevertheless espoused universal values and sought rapprochement with people of every race, nationality and creed. To many of his compatriots, the Polish Pontiff's most significant pronouncement were the words he spoke in Warsaw during his first papal homecoming: "May Your spirit descend and renew the land...this land!"

The following year Solidarność, the Soviet Bloc's first independent labor union, raised the torch of freedom. A decade later, after years of tensions and turbulence, the Soviet empire came tumbling down. The rest is history.

When he is canonized next spring, Karol Wojtyła will become the 36th Polish saint. During his 27-year-long Pontificate, Pope John Paul II elevated to sainthood a record number of more than 200 blessed. Polish saints among them included Poland's 14th-century Queen Jadwiga (Hedwig), Auschwitz martyr Father Maksymilian Kolbe and Sister Maria Faustyna, whose visions of Christ Merciful inspired Divine Mercy Sunday. The Polish Litany to the saints will soon include the invocation: "Święty Janie Paweł - módl się za nami!" (Saint John Paul II pray for us.)

History of the PRCUA

Part 11 - Compiled by Kathryn G. Rosypal, Executive Editor

WORLD WAR II

Throughout WWII, PRCUA members donated most generously to aid Poland. In 1939, after Poland was attacked by Germany and the U.S.S.R., the PRCUA donated \$21,863 to the Polish National Defense Fund. The following year, the PRCUA donated over \$100,000 to Polish Relief Fund. After the visit of Polish General Wladyslaw Sikorski, who came to America in 1942 to apprise Polonia of the dire situation in Poland, relief efforts increased with crucial medical supplies being shipped to hospitals. The Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland was formed in 1943. That year, the PRCUA donated \$10,000 for Polish relief and two years later the Women's Department raised \$7,000 for the Paderewski Hospital in Great Britain.

About 1 million Polish Americans served in the American armed forces during the war. Although they only made up 4% of the population, Pol-Ams made up 8.5% of the servicemen, many of whom became decorated heroes for their bravery.

By the 1940s, Polonia was split into hundreds of different organizations and groups. Fr. Gieryk's and Jan Barzynski's dream of one united Polish American group was deemed impossible, but not everyone gave up hope. In 1940, Pres. Joseph Kania initiated the idea of forming the Polish American Congress (PAC) - an umbrella organization that would represent all Polish American groups and use the strength of its numbers to have greater influence when lobbying government officials on issues of concern to Polish Americans. However, it was not until 1944 that the PAC became a reality. PRCUA Pres. Jan Olejniczak was elected as Treasurer of the PAC.

POST WAR ERA - In 1946, the *Narod Polski* newspaper was changed from a weekly publication to every two weeks. Joseph Kania, who had served as the 18th President, was again elected as the Union's 20th President. Maria Osuch and Konstancja Chamska were each named Honorary Vice President, in recognition of their dedicated service to the PRCUA for most of their lives.

The 75th Anniversary of the PRCUA was celebrated in 1948. To mark the occasion, Mieczyslaw Haiman's *History of the PRCUA* was published. In the years after the war, participation in PRCUA sports programs increased. The boys who has been involved in scouting, had served in the war and were now middle-aged men, interested in sports like golf. The first National PRCUA Golf Tournament is held in 1952. Although local and regional PRCUA teams had been playing softball for decades, the first National Softball Tournament was not organized until 1953. The Sports program continued to grow. In the 1960s, it was not unusual for there to be over 1,500 people in attendance at PRCUA sports tournaments, between the teams and the spectators.

In 1953, President Kania died in office. V. P. Kazimierz Kozakiewicz took over as the interim President and was elected to that office at the next Convention. In 1953, the *Polish Roman Catholic Association of Detroit* merged with the PRCUA. Membership numbers were a concern in the mid-1950s. Juvenile membership fell off drastically, as Pol-Am children switched to the more popular English-language American Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs. Despite Pres. Kozakiewicz's valiant efforts to rejuvenate juvenile membership, he was not successful. The PRCUA scouting programs ended in the mid-1950s. Nevertheless, many families still wanted their children to learn Polish and become familiar with their Polish heritage. Therefore, with schools established by V.P. Aniela Gorna as an example, the PRCUA supported the establishment of more Polish Language Schools and Polish Folk Dance Groups.

In 1955, the PRCUA participated in the commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the 1920 Battle of Warsaw. A huge gathering was held in Humboldt Park to mark this historic occasion. That same year, Detroit's Westside Dance School - now PRCUA's oldest Polish folk dance school called Wieliczka - was opened. This was the catalyst for more dance schools to be opened in Michigan: Warren Dance School (1958) and Gwiazda in Hamtramck (1960). Illinois followed suit when the South Chicago Polish Dance and Language School was established in 1968.



PRCUA LVP Stella Nowak, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla visiting the PRCUA and PMA, PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Walter Karcz and PRCUA Pres. Joseph Pranica in 1969



PRCUA Circuit 11 from Brooklyn, NY donating an ambulance to the Polish Red Cross in 1944

THE 1960s - In the 1960s, America had a young and handsome President in John F. Kennedy. So too, the PRCUA elected its youngest President - 39-year-old Joseph Pranica - at the 48th Convention in Baltimore, MD, in 1962. At that time, the PRCUA had about 175,000 members. During his administration, the PRCUA office equipment was modernized and the offices were remodeled. Pres. Pranica was re-elected 4 years later. In 1966, all of Polonia celebrated the Millennium of Poland's Christianity. In 1967, Pres. Pranica created the Nathan Hale Investment Co. when the PRCUA tried something new by purchasing the Nathan Hale Insurance Co. and Plaza Drive-In Bank. The investments turned out to be problematic and the next President - Pres. Osajda - dedicated much effort to trying to extricate the PRCUA from the venture in order to prevent greater losses. Those companies were not sold until 1980.

In 1968, the *Polish Alliance of America* merged with the PRCUA. During the 1960s a number of major membership drives

were held. In one drive, a trip to Poland was awarded to the top five PRCUA insurance producers. In order to increase membership, Lady V.P. Stella Nowak encouraged the opening of more PRCUA Dance Schools: Rogalin Dancers founded by Society #162 in Wyandotte, MI; East Side Dance School in Detroit, MI; and the Adult Culture Group in Chicago, IL - all founded in 1969; Tetry Dancers in Dearborn, MI (1971); Rogalin Gymnastics in Wyandotte, MI (1973); Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School in Chicago, IL (1974); Syrena Dance Ensemble in N. Dearborn Heights, MI (1975); Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble in Chicago, IL (1977); and the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball was founded in Chicago, IL in 1971.

THE 1970s - At the Union's 50th Convention in 1970, held in New Haven, CT, delegates declared that the LVP would henceforth fill in for the President in his absence, new plans of insurance were introduced and Joseph T. Osajda was elected as the 24th PRCUA President.

The year 1973 marked the Union's Centennial, which was celebrated with a Parade, Mass, Banquet and the publishing of the 100th Anniversary book, written by *Narod Polski* Editor Zygmunt Stefanowicz, in a mixture of Polish and English. Editor Stefanowicz retired, after serving PRCUA for 47 years, (1917-1931 and 1941-1974).

The thrust in society was toward advancement. The fraternal's "old guard" Z. Stefanowicz and Joseph Zurawski in 1974 wanted to continue communicating at meetings and in *Narod Polski* in Polish.

Young members wanted changes to reflect the reality of the situation: Polish could no longer be used to effectively communicate with members because most members were fluent in English, not Polish. The issue had been debated for years. Under Pres. Osajda's administration, in 1974, the 51st Convention was the first one to be conducted in English. Joseph Zurawski was elected as editor of *Narod Polski* in 1974 and the first page of *Narod Polski* was published in English. President Joseph T. Osajda was re-elected.

Always looking for new ways to keep young people active in the fraternal, the PRCUA started a Ski Club in 1975, which quickly grew to 400 members. Also popular were the pilgrimages to Poland, which the PRCUA hosted. In 1975, a group of PRCUA members went to Poland and met with Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, at Jasna Gora, Czestochowa. It was a very memorable event for everyone involved.

At the 52nd Convention held in Buffalo, NY, in 1978, Stella M. Nowak was elected as the first woman Treasurer of the PRCUA and Joseph A. Drobot, Sr. was elected as the PRCUA's 25th President. He exerted most of his attention and efforts upon increasing the growth of the PRCUA. This was not an easy task because Lucian Wisniewski, former General Organizer and Underwriter/Manager of the Membership Department, retired after working for the PRCUA for 37 years. Pres. Drobot, Sr. took over the responsibilities of General Organizer. He personally conducted regional meetings and supervisors' conferences from New England to California. During his administration, the maximum age on life certificates was increased from 65 to 70 years, the PRCUA achieved an all-time high over 25 years by writing over \$5 million in new insurance (1981), and the Union was finally able to sell its subsidiaries: Plaza Drive-In Bank, Nathan Hale Investment Corp. and Nathan Hale Insurance Co. Under his leadership, annual production continued to outpace the previous year. Pres. Drobot, Sr. was responsible for having the PRCUA offices painted, renovated and remodeled, as well as having air conditioning installed. He also expanded the PMA facilities, remodeled and redecored some exhibit areas, and added air conditioning.

All of Poland and Polonia were overjoyed in October of 1978, when Karol Cardinal Wojtyla of Krakow was elected as Pope John Paul II - the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years! And what a marvelous Church leader he turned out to be! The highlight of Pres. Drobot, Sr.'s presidency was when he took part in the official Polonia delegation that went to Rome to attend the installation of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla as Pope John Paul II.

A year later, when the Pope visited Chicago, Pres. Drobot, Sr. headed the PRCUA delegation at the Field Mass that took place at Five Holy Martyr's Parish. Of course, the PRCUA was well represented at all of the papal functions in the U.S.A.

In honor of His Holiness, PRCUA's Pope John Paul II Dance School was founded in Troy, Michigan, and the John Paul II Polish Language School was begun in Lemont, Illinois.

(To be continued in the next issue.)



PRCUA Kicks Off 140th Anniversary Jubilee with Exhibit "140 Years of PRCUA History" at the Polish Museum of America



(L-r) Archivist Halina Misterka, Exhibit Curators Kathryn Rosypal and Lidia Kowalewicz, Photography Collection Curator Jullita Siegel and Archivist Teresa Sromek, who worked together on the "PRCUA 140 Years of History" Exhibit

CHICAGO, IL - On the weekend of October 4-5, 2013, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America - the oldest Polish fraternal organization in the country - celebrated its 140th Anniversary.

The Jubilee Celebration began with an impressive Exhibit at the Polish Museum of America, located in the headquarters building of the PRCUA, entitled "Polish Roman Catholic Union of America - 140 Years of History." The exhibit was curated by *Narod Polski* Executive Editor Kathryn Rosypal and Managing Editor Lidia Kowalewicz. Editor. Editor Kowalewicz, working hand-in-hand with Archivist Halina Misterka, Archivist Teresa Sromek, and Photo Collection Curator Julita Siegel - all from the PMA - spent months searching through dozens of boxes of documents and photographs to collect pictures and historic artifacts for the exhibit. Meanwhile, Editor Rosypal researched dozens of books and PRCUA records to compile important facts, interviewed past officers to learn about their greatest achievements and wrote the text for 10 history panels in the Exhibit, as well as the PRCUA history that was published in the 84-page Program Book distributed at the Jubilee Banquet.

The core of the exhibit were 10 professionally-produced permanent panels giving the history of the PRCUA divided into the following segments: PRCUA Early Years 1873 - 1899; PRCUA 1900-1929; PRCUA 1930-1959; PRCUA 1960-1989; PRCUA 1989-present; PRCUA Chaplains; Women's Department; Sports Department; Youth Department; and Scouts and Camps. The panels featured photographs of all the PRCUA Presidents, most of the PRCUA Chaplains, all the Lady Vice Presidents, PRCUA activities and memorable events. Photo collages were also on display, as well as large framed photos of past administrations, official PRCUA Convention photos and honors received over the years.

During the Opening of the Exhibit, thanks to PRCUA Information Technology Director Kevin Ryba, a silent film was shown on the wall of the Museum from PRCUA's 50th Golden Jubilee procession of dignitaries and groups in 1938, to the interest and delight of all present.

Among the artifacts were the hand-written Constitution scribed by founder Jan Barzynski, the Certificate of Incorporation of the PRCUA from 1887, the printed PRCUA Constitution (1896); various Society medals and pins,

banners, Convention campaign items, newspapers published by the PRCUA, programs and books.

PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. opened the short program by welcoming guests to the



Exhibit - the beginning of PRCUA's 140th Jubilee Celebration. He the invited Hon. Robert Rusiecki, Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Poland, in charge of the Polonia Section, to address the crowd. He spoke about the contributions of the PRCUA to Poland during times of crisis and how much his countrymen appreciated that support and value the PRCUA's friendship.

The Pres. Drobot called upon Exec. Editor Kathryn Rosypal, who thanked

everyone for coming and expressed her appreciation to all who worked so hard on the exhibit, including many PRCUA and PMA staff volunteers, especially Agnes Bastrzyk and Lisa Terlecki.

Pres. Drobot then called upon Managing Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, who expressed her appreciation to guests, fellow workers and volunteers in Polish.

Then it was time to select the winners of *Narod Polski's* PRCUA 140th Anniversary History Quiz. Members answered a quiz with 8 questions. Each person who answered all questions correctly, had their name placed in a raffle. There were 42 entries, 10 of which were correct and entered into the raffle. Editor Rosypal, Pres. Drobot and V.P. Sokolowski drew the winner's names. The PRCUA members who won the *Narod Polski* Historical Quiz are:



PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski with Past PRCUA Lady V.P. Lorie Rose Gorny

1st - Celeste Grabowski of Sterling Hts., MI - Soc. #1593 received \$140 and the latest PRCUA History Book by Jan Radzilowski "The Eagle and the Cross" a \$25 value; **2nd - Pat Mylenek** of Dearborn Hts., MI - Soc. #718 received \$70 and a PRCUA history book; **3rd - Carl L. Bucki** of East Amherst, NY - Soc. #1447 received \$35 and a PRCUA history book; **4th - Mateusz Koper** of Chesterfield, MI - Soc. #1477 received a PRCUA history book worth \$25. Hearty congratulations go to these winners and thanks go to all history quiz entrants.

Vice President Anna Sokolowski spoke a few words and thanked the large crowd in attendance for coming. She and Pres. Drobot then presented bouquets of red and white roses to Editors Rosypal and Kowalewicz for curating the exhibit and contributing to the success of the PRCUA's 140th Anniversary Jubilee. A reception was held in which finger sandwiches, beverages and *kolaczky* were served.

Many of the past and present PRCUA officers and directors were present at the Exhibit, as well as PRCUA members and friends from other Polonia organizations.

The exhibit will remain on display until November 16, 2013 at the PMA, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL - The PMA is open daily 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed Thursdays. For more information, call 773-384-3352 Ext. 104.



Photos of charitable activities engaged in by PRCUA during martial law years in Poland

Photos on both pages by Julita Siegel and PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski



(L-r) Lisa Terlecki, Teresa Sromek, Kevin Ryba, Agnes Bastrzyk, Bartosz Kwasniewski, Lidia Kowalewicz, Halina Misterka and Julita Siegel, who all worked on the Exhibit



(Above) Editor Kasia Rosypal, V.P. Anna Sokolowski, Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, Pres. Joseph Drobot



POLVISION with Editor Lidia Kowalewicz



(Left) (l-r) PRCUA Secy-Tres Jim Robaczewski showing his wife, Elaine, sons Joey and Tommy, and mother, Alice, interesting artifacts from PRCUA history



(Below) Bill Seranko & Joyce Szarowicz, Past PRCUA Secy-Tres



Mr. & Mrs. Dan Trnoska



Malgorzata Skomska, Maria Grzadzziel and Jola Zachara who helped with the Exhibit



Guest, Richard Owsiany, Mary Anselmo, and Mark Sokolowski



Eleanor Bielenda, PRCUA Underwriter Georgia Xamplas, Anna Trush, Bill Seranko & PRCUA V.P. Bob Bielenda



PRCUA Gen. Office Supervisor Julie Prado & daughters Emily and little Lily Sofia



Eric, Calvin & Regina Nofziger with her mother - Editor Kasia Rosypal, and her sister Ella Miller



Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, District 7 Dir. Anna Krysinski and Narod Polski Managing Editor Lidia Kowalewicz



Editor Lidia Kowalewicz with daughter Natalia

News from PRCUA

Blessed Pope John Paul II Society #1593



(L-r) PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr.; Dir. of District 10 Tom Lisiecki; 1st place winner of Narod Polski's Historical Quiz, Celeste Grabowski, Tres. of Soc. #1593; four of the Art Contest winners present at the PRCUA Michigan 140th Anniversary Luncheon, 140th Anniversary Art Contest Chairlady Joann Ozog; President Emeritus Wallace Ozog; and Dir. of District 10 Christopher Ozog

WARREN, MI - PRCUA Blessed Pope John Paul II Society #1593 has coordinated Polish American Night at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI for many years. Over the past few years, T-shirts have been sold at the game by Tigers management to promote this event. Last year, PRCUA Blessed PJP II Society #1593 received a portion of the proceeds from the sale of these T-shirts. This money was put into a scholarship fund for graduating PRCUA dancers who participated in the pre-game activities at Comerica Park in June 2012.

SCHOLARSHIPS - The first recipients of the Polish American Night Scholarships are: Courtney Ozog from Rogalin Dance Group, and Kristen Johns, Kaitlyn Johns and Sarah Petrykowski all from Opole Dance School. We congratulate these PRCUA members and wish them all the best in college.

ART CONTEST - This year, the PRCUA is celebrating 140 years of service to its members and the community.



Art Contest Judges with Chairperson Joann Ozog

In conjunction with Michigan's celebration held on October 6, PRCUA Blessed Pope John Paul II Society #1593 sponsored an Art Contest for PRCUA members in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Raymond Okonski and his wife, Suzanne Sloat, generously supported this contest monetarily. Mary Ellen Tyszka and Jackie Kolowski, members of Friends of Polish Art, judged the contest. Joann Ozog was the Chairperson.

Winners of this art contest

are:
K-Grade 3 (1st) Lukasz Wendt, (2nd) Paige Jaczkowski, (3rd) Dennis Barth;
Grade 4-7 (1st) Marianna Osentoski, (2nd) Kenny Germain, (tied for 3rd) Joey Smigiel and Grace Ozog
(Grade 8-12) (1st) Kacy Shaheen, (2nd) Ryan Ozog, (3rd) Lauren McGovern

Special thanks goes to Zajaczek Dance School for having the most entries;



Art Contest entry forms displayed at the 140th Anniversary celebration in Michigan

to Christopher Ozog, National PRCUA Director, District 10 for assisting in displaying the artwork; and to those students who took the time, interest and effort to participate.

DONATION - Timothy Wezner, a member of PRCUA Society #1593 since his younger days, attends Sacred Heart Seminary and is in his 4th year of becoming a priest. Schooling to become a priest costs money. Blessed PJPII Society



Celeste Grabowski, Soc. #1593 Treasurer with National Director of District 10 Christopher Ozog, scholarship recipients from Opole Dance Group and Judy Burzynski, Soc. #1593 Recording Secretary (Scholarship winner Courtney Ozog not pictured.)

assisted Tim with a monetary donation. We wish him the best and may God guide him and bless him on his journey to the priesthood.

ACTIVITIES - October has been a very busy month in Michigan. PRCUA Blessed PJPII Society #1593 has supported the following events:

- **Polish American Congress**, Michigan Division recognized the Polish Teachers for their dedication and commitment of teaching children the language, culture and traditions of Poland at a luncheon at the American Polish Cultural Center.

- **PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 and PNA District X** celebrated 100 years of service to its members and Polonia.

- **Servants of Jesus**, a group of religious nuns and their associates, many of which are PRCUA members, have been in existence for forty years and celebrated with a Banquet.

- **PRCUA Tetry Dancers** recognized their 2014 Graduate at their Presentation Ball.

- **The Central Citizens Banquet** honored National PRCUA President Joseph Drobot Jr. with the General Pulaski Award for his contributions to the Polish community.

We congratulate these organizations and individuals for their involvement in Polonia. Working for and together makes for a stronger Polonia.

MEETINGS - **Michigan Fraternal Alliance and Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors** held their annual joint meeting on October 10 and 11 in Bay City, Michigan. It was a time when Insurance Agents received continuing education and when members had workshops and discussions on various Insurance and Fraternal topics.

At this meeting items were collected for a worthy cause. This year all items were donated to Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City whose mission is to reach out to those who hurt and are homeless by providing shelter, care and support. PRCUA Dance Schools in Michigan were very generous in supporting this project. This year they donated \$1,500.00 in items.

PRCUA members who attended this meeting were: PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace M. Ozog, FICF, President Blessed PJPII Society #1593; Robert Bielenda, FICF, National PRCUA Vice President; Christopher Ozog, National PRCUA Director, District 10; and Teresa Gibala, FICF, PRCUA member and President of the Michigan FIC.

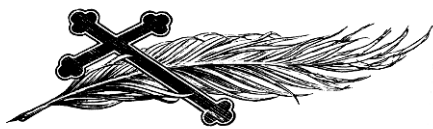
Submitted by Joann Ozog



(L-r) V.P. Bob Bielenda, Walter Gibala, Teresa Gibala, Dir. Christopher Ozog, Eleanor Bielenda, Joann Ozog and President Emeritus Wallace Ozog with donations given by the PRCUA to the charity chosen by the Michigan Fraternal Alliance and MFIC

Dearly Departed PRCUA

*Brothers
and Sisters*



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BIELINSKI, EDWARD	1000	IL	PLOTKOWSKI, JOHN	261	MI
BRUNECZ, DOLORES	2100	OH	PRZYBYLOWICZ, STANLEY	2227	MI
BRZEZINSKI, RAYMOND	1000	IL	RACZEK, ROBERT	817	WI
CASLER, ROSALINE	2342	MI	ROMANKIEWICZ, ALFRED	878	IL
CIONI, MARY	531	PA	RZEPKA, BRUNO	317	IL
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GOLASZEWSKI, ALFREDA	20	NJ	TOTCOFF, ANNA	308	IL
JACKSON, JEANETTE	718	MI	TURNER, DELLA	1133	PA
JAMES, MARY	998	NY	WENCLEWICZ, RICHARD	227	OH
KAKOLEWSKI, HELEN	2015	PA	WINCE, LILY	1585	MI
KARAVAS, BARBARA	1000	IL	WIORA, AURELIUS	475 & 1611	IL
KMIEC, EUGENE	2320	WI	WISZUS, ANNA	300	IL
KOKOSZKA, MILDRED	658	MA	WOJTASZCZYK, THERESA	540	NY
KOZLOSKI, HARRIET	850	IN	WROBEL, MARY	388	IL
KRAEMER, ALEXANDRA	1000	IL	ZABA, EMILY	1477	MI
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LASH, ANNA	308	IL			

May they rest in eternal peace.

**SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY FUND
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As you organize your 2013 gift giving, please remember SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, MI, which prepares priests to serve in Parishes in our Polish American community. The cost of a priesthood education is high and many of the seminarians are young men from Poland, who rely upon the generosity of Catholics to help pay for their education. What could be more meaningful than donating to the education of future priests?

The PRCUA urges its members and friends to support these young seminarians during the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday gift giving season by donating generously to SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary.

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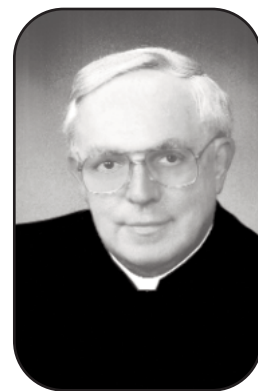
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We Thank You, God



*By Monsignor
Stanley E. Milewski,
National Vice Chaplain,
PRCUA*

SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, popularly known as "The Polish Seminary," was founded in 1885 in Detroit, MI, to prepare candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood primarily to serve Polish American immigrant communities. Approval for founding such a seminary was granted on January 14, 1879, by Pope Leo XIII upon the petition of Father Leopold Moczygemba, O.F.M. Conv., founder of the Polish settlement in Panna Maria, Texas, in 1854. The establishment of the Seminary was realized by Father Joseph Dabrowski, the first rector, who obtained approval from Bishop Caspar Borgess of Detroit for constructing a building on St. Aubin Avenue between Forest Avenue and Garfield Street and organizing the Seminary program.

Shortly after the beginning of the last century, in 1909 precisely, Father Witold Buhackzowski, the second rector of the Polish Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, boldly bid for the property and buildings of the Michigan Military Academy, and moved SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary to the shores of one of the most beautiful lakes in Michigan. The buildings were stately, having been erected in the 1880s.

In the decades that followed, the cadets' living quarters were joined to create *The Barracks*. The Seminary building was built in 1914. In 1926, the dormitory for the students of the high school was built.

The beautiful Grotto was built in 1941 and is still one of the most visited structures on the campus.

Subsequent decades have seen new buildings mushroom all over the 120 acre campus:

- The Alumni Memorial Library;
- The Shrine-Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake;
- Marian Hall for the students of St. Mary's College;
- The Ladies Auxiliary Dining Hall and Sisters' Convent;
- The Maximilian Kolbe and St. Albertus Halls for the students of St. Mary's Preparatory School;
- The Dabrowski Fieldhouse;
- The Frank C. and Mary Padzieski Science Center;
- The St. Mary's Athletic Complex and Ice Arena; and
- The Adam Cardinal Maida Library.

I share this with you because, in November, we observe Thanksgiving Day. Although here at Orchard Lake a Mass is offered every day of the year by one of the priests here on campus, the beautiful holiday of Thanksgiving Day brings to mind each and every individual who has made possible everything that I share with you in this article.

I am the oldest priest on the OLS campus. I enrolled as a student at Orchard Lake 70 years ago. As an ordained priest, I have been present on campus since January 14, 1957, or almost 57 years. I have been blessed to witness the blooming of the Orchard Lake Schools Campus.

And I thank God for every single man and woman who, with God's help, have made all this possible and continue to make it possible. I thank the organizations of Polonia that have played and are playing a very important role in our presence and in our future, especially the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, founded 140 years ago, across the street from the oldest Polish Church in Detroit, where the founder of the Polish Seminary was once pastor, and in which I had the privilege to offer the 140th Anniversary Mass of the PRCUA on October 6th.

Recently I read the speech delivered by my predecessor, the late Msgr. Walter J. Ziemba, back in 1970 at the National Convention of the Polish American Congress. It was a challenging outline of what Polonia in the U.S.A. should be doing to guarantee the development and continuity of its significance in American society. Those ideas have relevance even now in the 21st century.

In our state of Michigan, we are pleasantly surprised at the frequency of multi-million dollar gifts received by academic institutions, enabling them to accomplish so much. In our prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings received from our donors, we continue to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire Polish Americans to remember our needs (*see donation coupon to left*) and the needs of Polish organizations throughout our country.

As we also remember the Souls in Purgatory, during this month of November, may we remind ourselves that naked we came into this world and naked we will leave it. May we have the courage to fulfill our duty of leaving the accumulated blessings of our hard work to persons and causes that we love and support.

Film "Wałęsa - Man of Hope" Pays Tribute to National Hero

Reviewed by Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW – Veteran Oscar-winning film-maker Andrzej Wajda, as well as Lech and Danuta Wałęsa, received a standing ovation at the world premiere of "Wałęsa – Man of Hope" at this year's Venice Film Festival. The film, celebrating Poland's Path to Freedom, pays tribute to Lech Walesa's life-long commitment to freedom, democracy, and Solidarity.

After viewing "Wałęsa. Man of Hope," Poland's current Oscar nominee, President Bronisław Komorowski said: "This film triggers emotions in everyone, especially in those who experienced those events. It will shape the knowledge - especially of the younger generation - about those unique but now remote times." He added: "I will remain eternally grateful to Lech Wałęsa for leading Solidarity."

"Man of Hope" is the third and final part of his Solidarity trilogy. In 1976, his "Man of Marble" exposed the phoniness of Stalinist shock-worker rivalry encouraging workers to achieve inflated 300% and higher production targets. His 1981 sequel "Man of Iron" paid tribute to the then burgeoning *Solidarność* Movement before it was crushed in December of that year under martial law. "Man of Hope" focuses on the life, times and challenges faced by a lowly shipyard worker, who rose to lead the Eastern Bloc's first independent labor movement which ultimately helped bring about the collapse of the entire Soviet bloc.

The plot revolves around an interview Wałęsa gave many years later to the notoriously aggressive Italian writer, Oriana Falacci, known for bringing many world-class politicians to tears. But she met her match in Wałęsa, who easily held his own against her prying, provocative questions. The interview format was a convenient tool for flashbacks into the 1970s, when newsreels of food lines, strikes, John Paul II's pivotal 1979 homecoming, and the emergence of Solidarity a year later, are deftly woven into the film's dramatized portions.

Actor Robert Więckiewicz quite convincingly plays the hero, although Wałęsa felt the movie made him seem like "a conceited buffoon." Played by actress Agnieszka Grochowska, his wife Danuta is portrayed as a dedicated, long-suffering, harried wife and mother trying to cool her husband's political activism and limit the TV crews, reporters and unionists filing through the Wałęsa family home at all times of night and day. High points of the movie include her accepting her husband's Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. (Lech was reluctant to leave the country for fear the regime would not let him back in.)

U.S. PREMIER - The film had its U.S. premier in Congress in October 8th. The evening featured former Pres. Lech Walesa as the guest of honor, and included members of the U.S. Congress, political and economic elite of Washington, members of the diplomatic corps, as well as U.S. and foreign media. The program also featured a post-premiere discussion with Lech Walesa. Guests received a commemorative stamp as well as a philatelic folder, specially issued by the Polish Postal Service to celebrate Lech Walesa's 70th birthday.

CHICAGO SHOWING - PolAm history buffs should find this film like a stroll down political memory lane, an interesting and fulfilling experience, regardless of how one views Wałęsa as a leader and person.

WALESA. MAN OF HOPE will open the 25th Polish Film Festival in America on Saturday, **November 9, 2013** in Muvico Rosemont 18 in Rosemont, IL. The 17-day event is the most extensive showcase of Polish films outside of Poland and a major film presentation in Chicago.



A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO JANE PECHERSKI

TRAVIS, STATEN ISLAND, NY - Jane nee Modzelewski Pecherski, 94, a pillar of the Travis community, where she lived all her life, passed away on Dec. 12, 2012. Officers and members from PRCUA St. Anthony Society #353 want fellow members to know what a devoted PRCUA member Jane Pecherski was. She served as Financial Secretary of Society #353 for 30 years, from 1979 to 2009 and was proud of her Polish heritage.

As a girl, she worked in her parents Butcher Shop & Grocery Store. In WWII, she worked in a machine shop to help in the war effort. Later she became a Captain in the City Dept. of Corrections and was named Asst. Deputy Superintendent in 1964. She later became an examiner in the Federal Office of Personnel Mgmt in Manhattan. She coordinated the 4th of July Parade for many years and was its 1st female Grand Marshall in 1977.

She belonged to the Ladies Aux. of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, from which she was buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Pleasant Plains, NY. Her husband of 62 years, Joseph, died in 2002. She is survived by daughter Roberta O'Sullivan, daughter Jane Bloom, brother Richard, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. May she rest in eternal peace.

Scholarship Recipients Give Thanks

I am just writing to thank you very much for your recent scholarship award I received. I am very humbled and excited to receive support for my education from the PRCUA! It means so much to know I have support from the Polish-American community in the pursuit of my educational ambitions! I will be starting my final year of University this fall at Wayne State University in Detroit completing three Bachelor degrees (Slavic Studies, Nutrition and Psychology). Once again, thank you very much for your generous scholarship, and thank you for the wonderful work you do for the Polish community! Michael Chrusciel, Riverview, MI

Thank you very much for your consideration and awarding me with the \$250.00 Scholarship. It means a lot to me that you granted me this scholarship, as it will help with my educational expenses this year. I hope to remain in contact with the organization so I can keep you updated with my ongoing education. Thank you! Christopher Yothment, Munster, IN

I am writing to thank you for the \$500.00 scholarship I was recently awarded for my studies here at Cornell University. The scholarship will be very helpful in financing my graduate degree in public administration. I am very appreciative of your support, and thank you. Kevin Wandrei, Ithaca, NY

Thank you very much for your support of my college education. The Education Fund Scholarship and the Education Aid Loan will both be used to further my education at Millersville University. I was deeply appreciative of your support and confidence in me as I pursue my Bachelor of Science degree. Thank you. Sincerely, Courtney L. Hepler, Conshohocken, PA

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated August 15, 2013, that I am the recipient of a \$500.00 PRCUA Student Scholarship Grant for 2013-2014. I would like to express again my sincere gratitude for your assistance in my selection for the grant. I was ecstatic to learn I would receive this award and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

This summer I was fortunate enough to be one of only 42 summer interns selected from over 400 applicants for the State of NJ Attorney General's Office, Division of Criminal Justice. I was given the opportunity to visit areas all over the State to observe the creation of electronic surveillance, detective training, State Police laboratory work, the Medical Examiner's office and participated in evidence inventory. In addition to this internship, I have been employed by Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC in their Princeton office as a project assistant/file clerk since February and will continue to work part-time for the firm during the school year. These employment opportunities have helped to give me direction in my goal to become an attorney. I hope one day I will be able to help other students alleviate the financial burden of college as you have done for me. Thank you again for your financial support. Sincerely, Victoria Smiegocki, Lambertville, NJ

Thank you very much for rewarding me with this generous scholarship. I will use it to pay my UIC parking fees. Sincerely, Anna Zborek, Chicago, IL

Sister Roberta Kolasa Passed Away

SAGINAW, MI - Sister Roberta Kolasa, 75, a member of the Servants of Jesus Community, died on September 25, 2013 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was a member of PRCUA Society #1368. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on October 3, 2013 in the Diocese of Saginaw, where she served in ministry for many years. May Sister Roberta Kolasa rest in eternal peace, satisfied that her life of love for Jesus Christ, and her mission work for God's children, made this world a better place in which to live. May she be abundantly blessed as she reaches her Heavenly reward.



GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

Joseph William Boswell graduated from Illinois State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Science with High Honors majoring in Agricultural Industry Management.

He is a member of PRCUA Society #475. The PRCUA is proud of Joseph Boswell and his achievements and extends congratulations and best wishes to him and his family.

Left: Joseph William Boswell