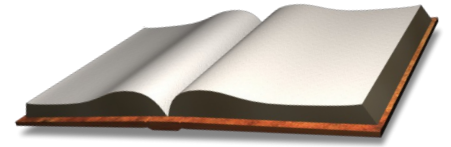


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When I think of my first Convocation, I remember feeling unprepared for everything I was about to experience. I felt like I did not bring the right clothes or enough fans, I also remember feeling like I had no idea who half those people were. The strange part of this situation was that a lot of people that I did not know, they knew me; I suppose that is just one of the beauties of growing up in the Polish National Catholic Church.

Because many people knew me, it was an easier adjustment of leaving home for a whole week. One of my biggest fears of going to CONVO for the first time was that I would miss my mom a lot; which probably sounds ridiculous since many of my family members and close family friends were at this CONVO. Truth is I did not really feel like I missed my mom until I came home at the end of the week. There were just so many fun experiences happening that I did not really have time to think about things going on anywhere else besides CONVO.

Another wonderful beauty of growing up in the Polish National Catholic Church is being adopted by pseudo mothers. I am talking about those fabulous women that take you under their wing when you get sad, hurt, or need a good laugh and who honestly have magical powers. CONVO is a great reason to befriend such fantastic people who will be in your life for a good long while.

Shout out to all my pseudo mothers, you know who you are!

Hannah Bilinski
Vice President of CONVO 2014 Committee



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Wesołych Świąt, Bożego Narodzenia! Feliz Navidad!

Happiness on the Feast of Christ's Birth! by Right Reverend Stanley Bilinski, Ordinary

”In the fullness of time, God sent His son ... “. These words are found in Holy Scripture, announcing the change of earthly rule over to that of the Son of God. We shouldn't miss this too fine of a point – “fullness of time” – as an indication of God's plan unfolding for His creation.

Many arguments have arisen over the years – why then? Why in the latter years of a growing Roman Empire? Why at a time when social ills were in no way comparable to those we face today? Why not now?

Intriguing, no? If one would speculate on time itself, what would be a good time for God to appear on earth in human form? Would there be a better time in the future? If one could anticipate a better world, wouldn't one be able to have a bit more faith in humanity? Wouldn't there be time to correct some mistakes in preparation for a better time to come?

Do you see the beauty of the plan God devised and carried out in the manger in Bethlehem some two thousand plus years ago? You see, we have the possibility of a better future; we have the opportunity of correcting mistakes in anticipation of a better world. That's why the plan of God sent His Son to us at a time that would make our day today more hopeful, more blessed, more with the chance to live a life worthy of the Gift.

God knew what He was doing in this plan. Time was of the essence. One could argue that the miracle of Bethlehem set the world on a path that would lead to the more perfect world God had in mind on the day(s) of creation. However, just as strong an argument could be made that all was just setting the stage for the world today!

Presumptuous? Perhaps, but what can one do with the reality of the presence of God in this world, in the form of a human baby, Who for us, in this present day, is the only source of true happiness, blessing, love and grace?

As we are united in prayer this Holy Season, may our families, our friends, celebrate our Messiah; His love shall remain forever. Believe this, and true “peace on earth” shall be ours!

THE PIERZYNA PRINCIPLE by Very Reverend John Z. Kraus, Vicar General

For our brother and sisters, not of Polish decent, “pierzyna” translated means “quilt”. I am not sure of the origins of this phenomenon or when it surfaced but rest assured that it is in existence in our world today. It is a unique curiosity in that it derives its justification from the free will which each individual enjoys from God. However, many individuals will argue that it is a miss use of free will, the fact remains that its frequent and tolerant use in today's society is a well-known reality. It has a unique quality in that individuals don't realize that it has taken affect in their lives. It is subtle, thus creating a feeling of comfort that belies its true intent. Therefore, many people will not even admit that they are aware of its existence.

My first encounter with this principle came at a very early age. My father was assigned to St. Joseph's Parish in Brandon, Manitoba, as pastor. Winter's there were freezing to say the least. You would lay in bed and listen to the nails popping out of the roof because of the freezing temperature. My mother would put me in bed and then lay a “pierzyna” on me in order that I would be warm through the night. The “pierzyna”, in those days was heavy to the point where one had a difficult time moving under it. I might add at this point that we had a coal furnace and a coal stove. By morning, the fire in both ceased to exist, thus making it very, very, cold. My mother was the first to wake up in the morning and would start a fire in the coal stove in the kitchen. When kitchen had warmed up, she then would call for me to come downstairs. This is when I first became acquainted with the “Pierzyna Principle”. The question that would come to mind is “Why should I get out from under this warm pierzyna, into this cold room?” “I can just lay here until it gets really warm throughout the whole house.” This thought took on greater meaning every Sunday morning because I had to get up earlier and actually go outside into the cold to attend church.

I have noticed down through the years that this “Pierzyna Principle” has grown in magnitude, especially on

THE PIERZYNA PRINCIPLE *Continued*

Sunday morning, so that it has become all encompassing. By this I mean that, it not only includes cold weather, but any other reason for not accomplishing that, which is imperative for an individual to do. The “Pierzyna Principle” can be applied to, time of day, last night’s merrymaking, today’s chores, Sunday football, and last but not least, why bother. The “Pierzyna Principle” allows an individual to indorse any reason so that it justifies not getting out of bed in the morning.

Why Sunday? A very good question. Why is it that on Sunday morning the “Pierzyna Principle” becomes the mainstay of many Christians in today’s society? God, in His infinite wisdom, gave humanity free will. The right to choose what an individual will do in any given situation. Free will allows us to determine the course of action we wish to implement so that our life will continue in a way acceptable to us. The question then arises as to which course of action we take in order to achieve the condition we desire.

Sunday has its very own peculiar set of standards in regards to the “Pierzyna Principle”. Each individual has a set of criteria to engage the principle. It will include all of the above-mentioned reasons but then will also include personal elements, which are peculiar to the individual. These range from, its Sunday why bother, I went to church last week, Mass is boring, sermons are boring, life is boring, and of course the proverbial why bother. These become acceptable as righteous reasons for not getting out of bed on a Sunday morning. Needless to say, that all these reasons become tangible and therefore applicable under the “Pierzyna Principle”.

It becomes necessary, therefore, to be cognizant of the moment when the “Pierzyna Principle” begins to originate within our lives. It is important, at that moment, to ascertain if we have become duped into believing that what we are doing is the precise and correct course of action that is necessary, or have we been deceived into a false sense of appropriate behavior. This becomes so important when it pertains to our spiritual life.

Let us return to the Sunday morning “Pierzyna Principle”. From the standpoint of Christian behavior, this is the ultimate goal of the “Pierzyna Principle”. The ability to make an individual sanction their reluctance not to participate with their brothers and sisters in worshipping God. In convincing themselves that receiving the Body and Blood of Christ can be postponed to another time. Assuring oneself that the Word of God is nothing more than just stories and therefore needs not to be integrated into our life this morning. That there are more important things that need to be done in our lives this morning than to spend it in prayer and Christian Fellowship.

However, there is another human quality which interposes itself on an individual as pertaining to the “Pierzyna Principle,” and that is when the occasion arises that something must be done on a Sunday morning that is pleasing to the individual. This also derives from many sources and has the ability to overpower the “Pierzyna Principle”.

When I was in Buffalo, New York, I lived some distance from the Cathedral. The “Pierzyna Principle” never hit home more than when, on a Sunday morning, during the Advent Season, as I was going to the Cathedral to celebrate Mass I passed by a shopping mall which happened to open its doors at 7:00 a.m. during this season. It was amazing to see that the parking lots were full of Christmas shoppers waiting to enter the stores so that they could shop and save money on the sales, which were prevalent on a Sunday morning. Made me wonder what Christmas they were going to celebrate.

One more point that I wish to share with you, if I haven’t bored you yet. When I was in the Seminary, our class was given the opportunity to study in Poland. I remember one Sunday morning we were on our way to Żarki to celebrate Mass. It was pouring down rain so hard that we were driving very slowly. As we approached any village or town there were people walking in the downpour, some with umbrellas most without, going to church. They evidently never heard of the “Pierzyna Principle”.

In closing, be very careful that the “Pierzyna Principle” doesn’t rear its ugly head in your life and if it does, that you find the free will to overpower its grasp. Make Sunday mornings what they are intended to be, a time of worship, a time of prayer, and a time of rest but not in bed.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: ST. MARY PARISH ...

On Sunday, October 13, 2013 St. Mary Parish in South Bend, Indiana celebrated the 100th anniversary of its organizing. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky celebrated the Mass which was spirit filled and uplifting. He was assisted by Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Pastor of St. Mary Parish and Deacon David Rowinski. Concelebrating were Bishop Stanley Bilinski, Ordinary of the Western Diocese and homilist for the Mass, Very Rev. Edward Meus, Pastor of Divine Providence Parish in Merrillville, Indiana, Rev. John Kowalczyk, Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cedar Lake, Indiana, Rev. Frank Rowinski of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, Rev. Adam Wsul, pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Chicago, Illinois, Rev. Bogumil Czaja, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Rev. John Cramer, Pastor of Our Savior Parish in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. We also had as ecumenical guests Rev. Dr. Leonard Chrobot, recently retired Pastor of St. Patrick and St. Hedwig Parish in South Bend, Rev. Charles Herman, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in South Bend along with Sister Joan Marie and Sister Anelle.

The Church was filled with parishioners and the family members, friends and neighbors which they invited. We were especially gratified by the attendance of parishioners from our sister parishes consisting of Divine Providence in Merrillville, Indiana, Our Savior in Hobart, Indiana, St. Michael the Archangel, Cedar Lake, Indiana, All Saints Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Chicago, Illinois, Sts. Peter and Paul, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Our Savior, Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Numerous parishioners volunteered to serve as greeters and escorts to welcome parishioners, dignitaries and guests to the event. The Altars were adorned with gold laced linens and beautiful golden colored floral arrangements. Six banners consisting of religious symbols and festive 100's made of gold fabric and burgundy tassels were displayed in the church. The Mass was further beautified by choral pieces offered by our specially formed 100th Anniversary Choir and the congregation.

All clergy processed into church and our Bishops were greeted with the traditional bread and salt. They were then presented with a choral "Welcome." Bishop Stanley Bilinski offered a wonderful homily sharing evidence of how Jesus loves His Church, and that St. Mary and its faithful are part of His Church.

A banquet followed at the nearby Z.B. Falcon Hall with 220 guests participating. The tables were decorated with white linens, golden floral centerpieces with mini PNCC flags and glass flutes for Champaign. Carol Shamory lead the assembly in the singing of "God Bless America." Carl Wallace, chairman of the Parish Committee welcomed everyone to the banquet. Fran Lemanski served as Mistress of Ceremonies and lead the program. The invocation was given by Rev. John Cramer of Our Savior Parish, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, who claims St. Mary Parish in South Bend as his home parish. A beautiful toast was offered by former long time Parish Committee Chairman John Trytko. The meal was served family style and was very delicious. Banquet style cupcakes donated by our parish Youth Group helped decorate the tables and were the dessert.

Following the dinner, presentations were made to Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and Bishop Stanley Bilinski by our parish youth. Father Charles lead the assembly in the singing of "The Bells of St. Mary's", a longtime tradition at parish anniversaries.

South Bend City Councilman Oliver Davis shared his birthday by being with us. We presented him with a special birthday cupcake and candle and sang "Happy Birthday" and "Sto Lat." He thanked our parish for its contributions to South Bend over these 100 years and mentioned that his grandmother was also born in 1913. He gave a stirring rendition of "This Little Light of Mine." Matt Sikora, who is the Executive Assistant to South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg presented a Proclamation by the mayor asking all citizens to join him in congratulating our parish on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. St. Joseph County Commissioner Dave Thomas gave a greeting and presented our parish with a Key to the County. Indiana State Representative David Niezgodski expressed his appreciation to the parish for its service to the community and presented a Proclamation from the Indiana General Assembly. United States Congresswoman Jackie Walorski planned on attending, but at the last minute was informed that she had to stay in Washington. In her absence, she sent

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA by Reverend Charles Zawistowski, Pastor

District Director Ben Falkowski to represent her and he commended the Parish on its dedication and service to the community.

Remarks were given by Bishop Stanley Bilinski on how our parish helped him in his priestly formation and decision to seek nomination to the office of bishop. Bishop cited the examples and leadership of the late Erwin Kalka and the late Bishop Joseph C. Zawistowski in that decision process. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky gave the Main Address and stated that our Parishes around the country have had positive impacts on the communities they serve. He also mentioned that instead of thinking of our Parish as 100 years old, we should rather think of it as 10 decades old, with the same enthusiasm as a 10 year old looking forward to the 11th year. We should look forward to our 11th decade. Rev. Charles Zawistowski gave remarks and thanked the many individuals who gave of themselves so that our Parish could experience this wonderful event. The benediction was given by Very Rev. Edward Meus, pastor of Divine Providence Parish in Merrillville, Indiana. Carol Shamory lead the assembly in the singing of the Hymn of the PNCC.

Our 100th Anniversary Committee realized that for many people this would be a “once in a lifetime” event and strove through an 18 month period of planning and preparation to make it memorable for all parishioners, dignitaries and guests. Everything turned out wonderful, but only with God’s aid and grace, as we know we could not have had such success based on our efforts only!



Bishop Stanley Bilinski delivering the Homily.



L-R: Fr. Wsul, Fr. Czaja, Fr. Kowalczyk, Bp. Bilinski, Deacon Rowinski, Prime Bp. Mikovsky, Fr. Zawistowski Fr. Sr. E. Meus, Fr. Rowinski and Fr. Cramer



Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky addressing banquet attendees.



The following day a group of parishioners joined with Mayor Pete Buttigieg and the South Bend City Council for the presentation of a Resolution in the Council Chambers congratulating St. Mary Parish on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM by Reverend John Cramer Diaconate Commission Chairman

This year, the Western Diocese re-started the Diaconate Formation Program to train men from Florida to Wisconsin for the ministry of Deacon to assist in the parishes of our diocese. Some of our priests have stepped forward to teach in this program. These include, so far, Rev. John Kowalczyk, Jr., Rev. Raymond Drada, Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Bishop Stanley Bilinski and myself. The candidates are being prepared for an ancient ministry in a truly 21st Century way. Using online conference software and internet classrooms, candidates from throughout the diocese are taught by priests from throughout the diocese without having to travel farther than to the nearest computer. This is allowing an unprecedented group to take classes that normally would not have been accessible due to travel and logistical considerations.

The Deacon Candidates are being trained in Liturgy, Scripture, Ministry and Spirituality, Theology and Homiletics, all important parts of the Diaconal Ministry dating back to the earliest days of Christianity. The Ministry of Deacon is first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 6. They chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parnas, and Nicholas of Antioch. They presented these men to the Apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. Throughout history, this has been an important ministry. For a while, permanent Deacons fell out of use in our Church, mostly due to the abundance of priests in the later days of the 19th and the early days of the 20th Centuries, but the use of them is coming back to prominence both in our Church and the Orthodox and Roman Churches as well.

In the PNCC, like the Orthodox Churches, Deacons can do many tasks to help the parish and the pastor. They can assist at the Altar by preparing the wine and water for consecration, they can purify the Sacred Vessels, such as the chalice and intinctorium, they can distribute the Holy Eucharist, and in the absence of a priest perform a Service of Worship and Holy Communion for the Parish community. Also, they can perform funerals and baptisms, bring communion to the sick in their homes or institutions, and a variety of other ministries. Deacons are able to proclaim the Gospel, preach a sermon or homily, and conduct various devotions and para-liturgical services of the Church. A deacon is one of the three Apostolic Orders within the Church.

As our candidates prepare for their ordination to the Diaconate over the next couple of years, let us add them to our daily prayers. They are preparing for a life of service and sacrifice for our Church now and for years to come.

2013 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING WEBINAR by Rev. Charles Zawistowski SOCL Commission Chairman

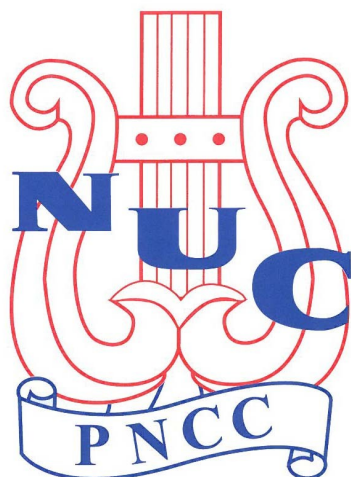
The Western Diocese School of Christian Living held its annual Webinar on Saturday, September 21, 2013. This year's theme was "Strengthening the Effectiveness of our School of Christian Living." The topics were "Soon to be Released SOCL Material" presented by Bishop Stanley Bilinski; "Dealing With a Wider Age Range In One Classroom" presented by Rev. Charles Zawistowski; and "Recommended Scripture Versions" as a panel discussion. There were 23 participants for this year's Webinar and many favorable comments were received. A DVD of this Webinar will be produced soon and distributed to every parish in the diocese. Please watch for it and share it with your School of Christian Living personnel.

Our School of Christian Living Commission also reminds all Parishes in the Diocese that if they have any questions or would like information regarding implementing or enhancing their School of Christian Living programs to please contact any member of the commission or Father Charles at mail@stmarypncc.org.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP NEWS by Cathy A. Bilinski NUC Music Scholarship Administrator

47 years! That's how long ago the first Music Scholarship Awards of the National United Choirs were presented. The program was instituted and tailored to develop musicians within the PNCC. How have we done? We've given out 1020 awards totaling \$280,485. To date, 211 of those were awarded to people from the Western Diocese.

This year's recipients were: Kyrsten LaMessena, from St. Mary in Parma, OH, given a \$100 Junior Incentive Award. Bishop Stanley Bilinski nominated her. Hannah Bilinski – St. Mary in Parma, OH, received scholarships for her performance on violin. \$250 Edward and Frances Bialoglowicz Award and \$450 Bishop Francis Bonczak Award. Hannah is currently enrolled at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, OH, where one of her two majors is music. Adam Sniezek, from Our Savior in Dearborn Heights, MI, received scholarships for his performance on saxophone and for musical arrangement. \$1,350 Edward and Frances Bialoglowicz Award and \$1,150 Bishop Francis Bonczak Award. Adam was asked to be a clinician at the NUC Music Workshop this year. He is in his senior year at Eastern Michigan University where he is studying music education. Adam has been the drum major of the University's Marching Band and will be doing his student teaching in the spring of 2014.



This scholarship program is so valuable to our church. It has helped so many of our people learn to be better musicians and further serve the PNCC in the music ministry. It relies on you – the faithful, for it's support.

Our Diocese even has a scholarship named for one of its faithful – George Balcar. George was a member of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Chicago where he was treasurer for 38 years! He was a member of Spojnia Branch 296, also serving as its treasurer. The NUC of the Western Diocese established his scholarship in 1996 in his memory. His honesty, generosity and dedication to the PNCC live on through this scholarship. Did you know you could contribute directly to his scholarship fund? Or to any of the other named scholarship we have?

Music Scholarship Sunday is January 26, 2014, when we have a special collection throughout the PNCC. However, you don't have to wait until then to donate! Send your check to Dr. Jim Ploskonka, NUC Treasurer, 349 Justo Lane, Seven Hills, OH 44131

Visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com to read about the named scholarships we have or about the program in general. You can designate your donation to a specific named fund or to the program in general.

The future of the Music Ministry of the PNCC is literally in your hands. Fostering musical talent takes time and with it comes financial costs. Please help us continue to support our organists, musicians, and singers. The amount of former scholarship winners we still have active in the parishes is testimony to the worth of this program! Please contact Cathy Bilinski regarding the Music Scholarship Program, email her at www.nucscholarhip@gmail.com.

United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chaplain, Rev. Raymond Drada, who extended words of welcome and thanks to all in attendance, to St. Mary's Parish of South Bend and the Women's Society of the Parish, and especially the Bishop of the Western Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski. Father Raymond led us in Morning Prayer, then introduction of all in attendance, and their parish and city.

A discussion was led by Fr. Drada on the many purposes and ministries of the Society being adoration of Jesus by holding candles during Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Additional Ministries of the Society may include: Visitation of the sick, Funeral Home Service, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to Mass, Prayer Shawls & Blankets, Sewing large and small altar cloths, and cleaning the church, Secret Prayer Pals, Advent or Ladies Tea, Campus Connection ministers to college-aged young people, Soups, Sandwiches and Stories and Making Rosaries.

Following lunch, a letter of greeting was read from Cindy Whitehead, President of the National United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In Mrs. Whitehead's letter, she stated the purpose of the National Board, which was read for informational purposes. In addition to Mrs. Whitehead's greeting, an e-mail was read with information regarding the National Convention to be held April 24-26, 2015.

Fr. Drada chaired the election of officers for the Western Diocese United Women's SAMBS. The following ladies were nominated and accepted their nominations: President – Elaine Rowinski, All Saints Cathedral, Chicago, IL. Vice President – Judie Szydowski, All Saints Cathedral, Chicago, IL. Recording Secretary – Pennie Drada, All Saints Parish, Sterling Heights, MI. Treasurer – Martha Repede, St. Mary's Parish, Parma, OH. The Slate of Officers was accepted, voted in, and sworn in by Bishop Bilinski.

The National United Women's SAMBS Convention will be held Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, 2015. Fr. Drada explained what the host Parish's responsibilities are: registration, hotel and meals. After some discussion, All Saints Parish in Sterling Heights, Michigan invited the members of the SAMBS of the PNCC to Sterling Heights in 2015. The body was in favor and appreciated the invitation.

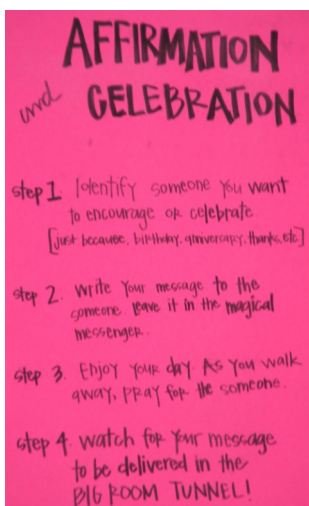
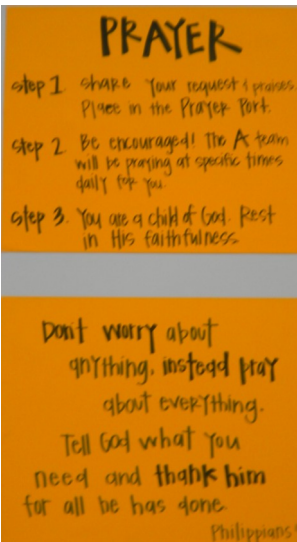
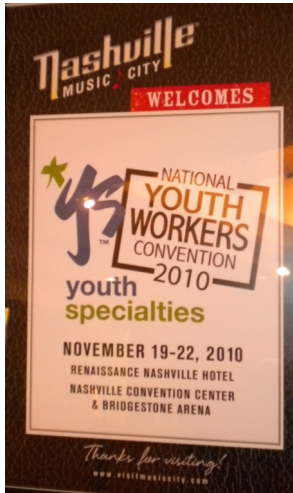
A discussion about future activities of the Society was held. It was suggested that a retreat be held in 2014. Locations were suggested, topics and the time of year to have it. Father Drada will meet with the officers to plan a retreat for 2014.

Discussions took place concerning many topics such as: recruiting younger members; Bishop Bilinski discussed Adopt-A-Sister Day; having Diocesan-wide Adopt-A-Sister Day with an Advent Tea; including younger sisters in holding the candles on a holiday or special mass; and on why we hold candles and the symbol of lit candles. Fr. Drada thanked everyone for coming, the SAMBS of St. Mary's Parish in South Bend, Indiana for preparing meals, Fr. Charles Zawistowski, Pastor of St. Mary's for his support and assistance to Fr. Drada and to the new officers for their willingness to take office.

The meeting concluded with remarks from Bishop Bilinski: "We've taken a great step looking at our history and our future, to point the way to Jesus." We're all looking forward to becoming a community of persons celebrating the spirit of Jesus, and strengthening our spirits. The gathering concluded with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated by Fr. Drada.



WHERE DO CAREGIVERS GET CARE? By Reverend John Kowalczyk Diocesan Youth Chaplain



Have you ever wondered where those who take care of the Youth Ministry in your parish, diocese or even the general church get nourished spiritually, emotionally as well as physically? One resource that has been used by clergy and laity in the Polish National Catholic Church over the past thirty years is Youth Specialties (YS) and the National Youth Workers Convention (NYWC) that is held on an annual basis. The NYWC is held in October and November at two different sites, typically one on the west coast and one in the south. This year our Diocese will send two participants to the NYWC in Nashville, Tennessee on November 21-24. The Western Diocese has funded the Youth Chaplain and one other participant to attend the NYWC for the past nine years and the Youth Chaplain for the past twelve years.

The Convention has a number of general sessions that address the needs and wants of the youth of today. The general sessions also address how the Youth Minister can become a better example of what it means to be a Christian – a follower of Christ. There are numerous smaller sessions that address topics ranging from “Welcome to Youth Ministry 101”, Leadership, Adolescent Development, Discipleship, Culture and many others. The entire convention is designed to feed the Youth Worker and to give them some tools and a lot of resources to meet the needs of the Youth of 2013 and beyond. Yes, youth will be youth and that will never change, but how they are nurtured by family, friends, society and the church has changed dramatically over the years. What the youth of today are exposed to via mass media and society is very different, even from four or five years ago. Through the various seminars, sessions, networking and spiritual time, the Youth Worker is able to better grasp the task at hand and develop materials and programs to best fit our youth as well as our Holy Church.

Over the years, the Western Diocese has accumulated a number of resources and sessions from YS and the NYWC that are available to every parish and youth group. If you have a particular question or concern, please contact Father Kowalczyk, Youth Chaplain at wduya@sbcglobal.com or 219-374-8341.

Speaking from personal experience, the NYWC is a valuable time for all those in Youth Ministry to recharge their internal batteries as well as get some needed repairs and improvements to this all important ministry in our Church. Special appreciation is extended to the National Youth Chaplain, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, who has been attending the NYWC for over thirty years, for his invitation for all Youth Chaplains and Youth Ministers to attend the Convention so many years ago and for his continued dedication to all of the youth in our Holy Church.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas Submitted by Rev. José Rojas

It all started back in 1531, in the newly colonized territory of Mexico, on a hill (called Tepeyac) near Mexico City. The Christian missionaries who had accompanied the conquistadores had been having a difficult time evangelizing the native Aztecs, and their efforts were hardly bolstered by the scandalous example of many Europeans. But on this day in 1531 our Lord himself was going to change the momentum a bit. He permitted his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to appear to a Mexican man as he made his way to Mass (his name was Juan Diego, now St Juan Diego, and he hadn't even yet been baptized). She actually appeared to him more than once, and asked him to go to the bishop to request that a church be built where she had appeared, to honor the Mother of the One True God. The bishop, of course, doubted the poor Mexican's sincerity (if not his sanity), and asked for a sign. So on December 12th Our Lady had St Juan Diego gather some roses from the rocky hilltop. He knew it was neither the season nor the place for roses, but he obeyed. He found some beautiful specimens right where she had indicated, picked them, gathered them in his tilma (a coarse poncho), and brought them back to Our Lady. She arranged them for him, and had him take them to the bishop, making him promise not to stop along the way or show them to anyone else.

Juan did as she wished, and when he opened his tilma for the bishop, everyone in the room fell to their knees, for they beheld the now famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe: a fifteen-year-old Mexican girl, pregnant (indicated by the black bands around her wrists) standing on the moon, eclipsing the sun (held to be the greatest of Aztec gods), hands clasped in prayer (thus she herself was not to be considered divine), crowned and robed with stars, and stepping forward. St Juan attested that this was an image of the Lady who had appeared to him. The bishop consented to her request.

Almost immediately the image became a rallying point for Mexicans. It served as a highly effective catechesis all by itself, and in its wake millions of residents of the New World were brought into the Catholic fold, at the same time as thousands of souls were breaking away from the Church back in the Old World in the aftermath of the Protestant Reformation. To this day scientists can't explain how the pigments were applied to the course cloth, nor can they explain how the cloth has survived intact for five hundred years. But the steady flood of pilgrims to the Shrine on Tepeyac hill is uninterested in scientific proofs. In fact, this most-visited shrine in the Christian world draws the faithful, many of whom make the last mile of the trek on their knees, because in Mary they find the heavenly Mother that they, as God's children, need, the same one who spoke so gently to St Juan Diego when she first appeared, saying, "Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear... Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

Mary is no distant ideal, no abstract model of virtue. She is a real woman, the Mother of our Lord, the Queen Mother of Heaven and earth, and as such, she is your mother, your protectress, your benefactress. And it is not a sign of weakness to need one, but a sign of wisdom. In moments of emotional turbulence, where do good children go but to their mother's compassionate and comforting embrace? You are a child of the Eternal Kingdom; should you do any less? I think not, and I know our Lord agrees, because he said, "Unless you turn and become like children, you shall not enter in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 18:3). And then, speaking to his beloved disciple about Mary, he said, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27). Put two and two together, be humble, and life's storms will never be able to throw you off course.



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - Historia de la fiesta Enviado por el Rev. José Rojas

La Virgen de Guadalupe es muy importante para la fe de todos los mexicanos, pues en ella nuestra Madre del Cielo manifestó claramente su amor de predilección por este pueblo, dejando un hermoso mensaje lleno de ternura y dejando su imagen grabada en un ayate como muestra de su amor.

En el Nican Mopohua se puede encontrar la historia completa de las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe, pero aquí presentamos un resumen de la misma:

Hace muchos años, los indios aztecas que vivían en el valle de México, no conocían a Jesús. Ellos tenían muchos dioses y eran guerreros. Los misioneros eran unos sacerdotes que vinieron de España y que poco a poco fueron evangelizando a los indios. Les enseñaron a conocer, amar e imitar a Jesús en la religión católica y los bautizaron.

Entre los primeros que se bautizaron, había un indio muy sencillo llamado Juan Diego, quien iba todos los sábados a aprender la religión de Cristo y a la misa del pueblo de Tlatelolco.

El sábado 9 de Diciembre de 1531, cuando Juan Diego pasaba por el Cerro del Tepeyac para llegar a Tlatelolco, escuchó el canto de muchos pájaros y una voz que le decía: "Juanito, el más pequeño de mis hijos, ¿a dónde vas?". Al voltear Juan Diego vio una Señora muy hermosa.

La Señora le dijo: "Yo soy la siempre Virgen Santa María, Madre del verdadero Dios. He venido hasta aquí para decirte que quiero que se me construya un templo aquí, para mostrar y dar mi amor y auxilio a todos ustedes".

La Virgen le dijo a Juan Diego que fuera a ver al Obispo y le contara lo que Ella le había dicho.

Juan Diego salió de la casa del Obispo muy triste porque no le creyó. Entonces fue al Cerro del Tepeyac a pedirle a la Virgen que mejor mandara a un hombre más importante porque a él no le creían.

La Señora le dijo a Juan Diego que volviera el domingo a casa del Obispo. Esta vez, el Obispo le dijo que le trajera una señal, es decir, una prueba de que la Señora de verdad era la Virgen.

Juan Diego no pudo ir al día siguiente al Tepeyac, pues su tío Bernardino se puso muy enfermo y fue por un médico. Fue hasta el martes, cuando al pasar por el cerro para ir por un sacerdote que confesara a su tío, se le apareció la Virgen y le dijo: "Juanito, Juan Dieguito; ¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre? ¿No estás bajo mi sombra? ¿Por qué te preocupas?". Después, le hizo saber que su tío ya estaba curado y le pidió que subiera a la punta del cerro a cortar unas rosas y las guardara en su ayate. Juan Diego se sorprendió de aquella orden, pues era invierno y no era tiempo de rosas. Sin embargo, obedeció y encontró las rosas tal como la Virgen le había dicho. Se las llevó y Ella le dijo: "Hijo mío, el más pequeño, estas rosas serán la prueba que llevarás al obispo".

Juan Diego fue de nuevo a ver al Obispo y le dijo que la Virgen le había mandado la prueba de que Ella era realmente la Virgen.

Al soltar su ayate, las rosas cayeron al suelo y apareció dibujada en la tela la preciosa imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Fue entonces cuando el Obispo creyó que la Virgen quería que le construyeran en ese lugar un templo.

El ayate permaneció un tiempo en la capilla del Obispo Fray Juan de Zumárraga. El 26 de diciembre de 1531 lo trasladaron a una ermita construida al pie del Tepeyac.

Miles de personas de México y del mundo entero, visitan cada año la Basílica de Guadalupe, en donde está la hermosa pintura que la Virgen pintó a Juan Diego en su ayate para pedirle a Nuestra Madre su amor, su protección y su ayuda.

Las peregrinaciones no sólo se llevan a cabo en México, las hay en todos los países del mundo a diferentes templos. Algunas personas van de rodillas, porque le hacen una promesa a la Virgen cuando le piden un favor. En las peregrinaciones, la gente va haciendo oración, sacrificios y cantando. Muchas veces, las peregrinaciones vienen de muy lejos y se tardan varios días en llegar a darle gracias a la Virgen por algún milagro o favor que les concedió. El amor a la Virgen es lo que mueve a todas estas personas a ir a visitar desde su ciudad.

GREETINGS FOR THE COMING SEASONS

Dear Clergy and Faithful of the Western Diocese,



*Merry
Christmas*



Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

*Boldog
karácsonyt*

*Feliz
Navidad*

*Buon
Natale*

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our family and friends, let all of our gift-giving be in the true spirit of the season. Let us share our love with each other, as our heavenly Father shared His love with us.

Advent is a time of preparation of our body and soul, as well as time of expectation. The liturgical color is blue, although purple can be used, as well as rose on the third Sunday of Advent. During this time, we are asked by our Holy Mother the Church, to prepare our home, ourselves, for the expected coming of our Lord. We as Catholic Christians must remember that Christmas is not about who receives the biggest or most expensive gift or even about who receives the most presents. Christmas is about all of us receiving the greatest gift that we can and ever would receive. That being said, the coming of our Messiah, our Savior, God becoming man; He would free us from our sins and bring us to everlasting life. How can anything that we make or purchase compare to this gift?

Christmas is a time to remember and to be thankful for our family and friends, especially our parish and church families. Christmas is about our transformation from a life of darkness to one of light. This transformation can only occur because Christ was born, died on the cross, and arose from the dead. It is through Christ that we are a chosen people to be one with our God, through His only-begotten Son.

Through this past year, we as a Diocese have received many gifts from our Heavenly Father. We have the ability to reach new people, to spread the “Good News” to those not only in our local communities but indeed in other countries through our outreach and service ministries. Let us take all of our gifts: our time, talent, and treasury, and make known to all we meet, the reason we celebrate Christmas – to receive the greatest gift of all, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

May the Christ-Child bless you today and always.

In Christ’s service,

Rev. John P. Kowalczyk, Jr.

Editor - The Word

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Western Diocese *Polish National Catholic Church*

*extends to all our faithful and friends a very Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
May Jesus Christ Who was born in a stable in Bethlehem bless all who do His work here on earth, today and for ever.*



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MISSION OUTREACH AT HOLY CROSS PARISH by Kathy Chockley



Holy Cross Pastor, Very Reverend Jaroslaw Nowak and parishioners with donated school supplies



Holy Cross Pastor, Very Reverend Jaroslaw Nowak, parishioners and school staff with the donated school supplies



Holy Cross Pastor, Very Reverend Jaroslaw Nowak and parishioners with diapers and donated baby clothes for Friendship House

On Monday, August 26, 2013, Holy Cross Parish, Polish National Catholic Church in Hamtramck, Michigan delivered two truck loads of school supplies to Holbrook Elementary School in the Hamtramck Public School District. The planning and collecting of school supplies started in July when parishioners were asked to take the school wish list and shop to support this school. This was the seventh year that Holy Cross Parish has helped one of the local public schools. Donated items included 3,463 pencils, 2,345 pens, 793 folders, 573 notebooks, 236 boxes of crayons, plus hundreds of other school supplies and many winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The Holy Cross delegation to Holbrook School included Pastor Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Sunday school superintendant Nancy Wisbiski, granddaughter Brianna Davis, Sunday school teacher JoHanna Banicki, and parishioners Stephanie Marsh, Annie Gadzinski, and Kathy Chockley. Greeting us at the school were the new Principal Ms. Murphy, Superintendent Mr. Niczay, Secretary Wendy Taylor, along with many staff to help unload the trucks. Holbrook School is 155 years old, the oldest running public school in Michigan. They have 270 children enrolled in grades K-8, with 98% of student receiving free and reduced lunch, and 72 % study English as a second language. The staff was very appreciative to receive so many needed supplies. We pray that they have a very successful school year.

On Sunday, September 15, 2013, following Holy Mass, Pastor Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak and the Holy Cross Mission Committee asked volunteers to put diapers in plastic zipper bags, combine it with a package of baby wipes then tie them together with a ribbon. These bundles will be given to the families that attend the upcoming community baby shower that Friendship House is sponsoring in October. There were 50 bundles made with each bundle having 14 diapers and 1 package of wipes. Our Sunday school children took the lead as they made it a project to earn community service points. On Tuesday, September 17, we delivered the bundles along with 50 baby outfits, 106 chocolate covered pretzel favors, 5 diaper bags, 2 Snuggli's and a baby bouncer to the Friendship House office in Hamtramck. They were delighted to get our donation. They give support to low income families in Hamtramck, and the community baby shower is just one of their programs. Thank you to all who helped put the packages together, the Marsh family for donating a box of diapers, and the Hogness family for donating many of the baby outfits.



Holy Cross Parishioner Kathy Chockley on left with diaper donations delivering to Friendship House staff

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PNU District Six 2014 Meeting Schedule

Saturday, January 18, 2014 - Annual Dinner - Location to be determined

Thursday, April 3, 2014 - Teleconference 6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Central

Thursday, August 7, 2014 - Teleconference 6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Central

Saturday, October 18, 2014 - St. Michael the Archangel in Cedar Lake, Indiana

The Quarterly Meetings of District Six of the Polish National Union of America are open to all members.
Please contact Christine Wachna, Director of District Six for additional details.

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District Six Annual Family Night - Chicago Wolves Hockey - All State Arena - Rosemont, IL

Come join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we attend the Chicago Wolves Hockey Game versus the Abbotsford Heat at **7 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2014.**

Ticket prices... Adults & Youth Non PNU Member (16 & under) \$20
Youth PNU Members 16 & under FREE.

Included in the ticket price will be a delicious meal served at All Saints Cathedral in the Lower Hall at 4 p.m. This event is open to everyone to participate. Tickets for children, ages 16 and under who are members of the PNU will be treated to the complimentary dinner and ticket to the game. We ask that parents or other family members accompany your child to the game, chaperones will not be provided. This annual fun family event is a great time for everyone and we look forward to your participation. Please contact District Six Director, Christine Wachna to reserve your tickets today.

WESTERN DIOCESE and PNCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All times are Central Time except as noted.

CHANCERY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

November 21, 22, 25
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CHANCERY OFFICE HOURS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Chancery Office will be closed on the following days, due to religious or federal holiday observances:

Thanksgiving Day
November 28 & 29

Vigil & Solemnity
Nativity of our Lord
December 24 & 25
December 26

December 31
January 1, 2014

- Nov. 3** Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 11 Veterans' Day—National Church Center Closed
Nov. 16 Consecration of All Saints Parish - Sterling Heights, MI
Nov. 22-24 Youth Specialties Convention - Nashville, TN
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 1** Advent 1—Cycle "A" Begins
Dec. 8 Milwaukee Circle Choir Christmas Concert
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish-South Milwaukee WI 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 Chicago Circle Choir Sing-a-long Christmas Concert
All Saints Cathedral - Chicago, IL 4 p.m.
Dec. 24 Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord
Dec. 25 Solemnity - Nativity of our Lord
- 2014**
- Jan. 1** Solemnity - Circumcision of our Lord
Jan. 2 Solemnity - Holy Name of Jesus
Jan. 6 Solemnity - Epiphany of our Lord
Jan. 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
District Six Annual Dinner
Jan. 26 Music Scholarship Sunday
- Feb. 2** Solemnity - Presentation of our Lord
Feb. 22 PNU District 6 Family Night
- March 5** Ash Wednesday
March 9 Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church
- April 6** Passion Sunday
April 13 Palm Sunday
April 20 Easter Sunday
April 28 Bishops Meeting - Manchester, NH
April 29-30 Supreme Council Meeting - Manchester, NH
- May 2-4** 14th National Mission & Evangelism Workshop -
"Our Faith Through the Years" - Woonsocket, RI
May 17 YMSofR Track & Field Meet - Minooka/Scranton, PA
May 19-22 West. Diocese Clergy Retreat Conference - Techny, IL
May 31 Diocesan Council Meeting - Chicago, IL
- June 6-8** 69th Annual YMSR/PNCC Bowling Tournament -
All Saints Parish - Sterling Heights, MI
June 27-28 Western Diocese United Circle Choirs Convention &
Concert - Milwaukee, WI
July 21-25 National Youth Convocation - Heidelberg University -
Tiffin, OH

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

As of November 1, 2013, the Right Reverend Stanley Bilinski, along with his wife Debbie, son Josh and daughter Hannah have officially moved into the rectory of All Saints Cathedral and are settling in nicely. When contacting the Bishop regarding Diocesan matters, please call the Chancery Office 847-698-0578 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. or contact the Bishop via email at bpbilinski@sbcglobal.net or via U.S. Mail: 920 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

The Reverend Jason Soltysiak was appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Parma, Ohio, effective November 11, 2013.

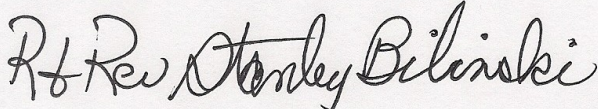
The Very Reverend Edward Meus will officially retire as Pastor of Divine Providence Parish in Merrillville, Indiana as of December 31, 2013. We pray that Father Senior and his wife, Eve have a blessed retirement.

Please keep the Clergy of the Western Diocese as well as their families in your prayers on a continual basis. Those active clergy from our diocese who need prayers for healing include: Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Very Rev. John Kraus and Very Rev. Edward Meus. Those retired clergy from our diocese who need prayers for healing include: Very Rev. Edmund Mlynarczyk, Rev. Joseph Brzek, Rev. John Sielchan and Rev. Thomas Sheha. Also pray for all of the Clergy within the PNCC, especially Rt. Rev. John Mack, Very Rev. Gus Sicard and Rev. Bruce Sleczkowski.

Third Quarter Financial Obligations to the Diocese were due November 18, 2013. Fourth Quarter Financial Obligations are due to the Chancery no later than February 18, 2014. Please make sure all 2013 & prior year obligations are submitted in order to be included in the General Church and Diocesan Financial Reports.

It is that time of year when parishes traditionally begin to hold Election of Officers for the coming year. Please refer to the 2010 Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church (Article XVII section 4). Upon the conclusion of election of officers for the parish committee, please submit a letter requesting approval of the election (Article XVII Section 1), as well as supplying the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of those who were elected for the 2014 term of office.

In Christ's service,



Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese
Polish National Catholic Church

WESTERN DIOCESAN FINANCIAL OBLIGATION DEADLINES

The schedule for parish financial obligations which are due to the Western Diocese on a quarterly basis, are as follows:

2013 - 2014 Obligations 2013 - 4th Quarter Due

February 18, 2014

2014

1st Quarter Due

May 18, 2014

2nd Quarter Due

August 18, 2014

3rd Quarter Due

November 18, 2014

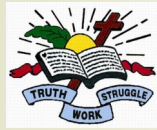
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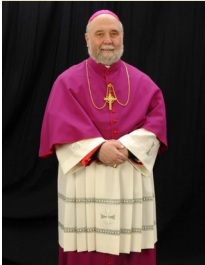
Quarterly Remittance Forms have been mailed to each parish in the Diocese. They are also available on the WD Website Financial Tab www.westerndioocesepncc.org/index_33.htm

By submitting parish obligations to the Western Diocese on/or before the above dates, this allows the Diocese ample time to submit the proper financial obligations to the General Church of the Polish National Catholic Church by the last day of each quarter.

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