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World Youth Day 2016

On Tuesday evening, 26 July, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Archbishop of Kraków, opened the 31st World Youth Day with the celebration of Mass in Blonia Park in Kraków. The following excerpts are from his homily:

Today, Christ speaks to us in Krakow, at the banks of the Wisła river, which flows through all of Poland - from the mountains to the sea. Let us pose three questions and look for the answers.

Where do we come from?

We come from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5), like those who came in great numbers to Jerusalem on Pentecost Day, but there are incomparably more of us now than two thousand years ago, because we are accompanied by centuries of preaching the Gospel. We bring our experience of various cultures, traditions and languages. We also bring testimonies of faith and holiness of our brothers and sisters, followers of the risen Lord.

Where are we now, at this moment of our lives?

We are in Krakow, the former capital of Poland, to which the light of faith reached one thousand fifty years ago. Polish history was difficult, but we have always tried to remain faithful to God and the Gospel. We are all here because Christ has gathered us. Only He - Jesus Christ - is able to satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart. Meeting with Jesus, we simultaneously realize that we all make up a great community - the Church - which surpasses the boundaries established



Calendar of Events
2016

Polish Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
2:00 PM
St. Catherine Labouré
Church
4000 Derry St.,
Harrisburg
Confessions after Mass.

Dinner on the Boat
September 10 (time TBD)
Harrisburg

Andrzejki Dance Party
November 12 or 19
(time and place TBD)

Wigilia
December 3 at 5:00 PM
Linglestown Fire Hall

by people and which divide people. We are all God's children, redeemed by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Experiencing the universal Church is a great experience associated with World Youth Day.

Where are we going and what will we take with us from here?

Our meeting will last only a few days. It is going to be an intense, spiritual and, to a certain extent, physically demanding experience. Maybe we will make some important decisions during these days. Maybe we will set some new goals in our lives. Maybe we will hear the clear voice of Jesus, telling us to leave everything and follow Him.

During these days, let us share with each other what is most valuable. Let us share our faith, our experiences, our hopes.

The prophet Isaiah tells us today "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news" (Is. 52:7). John Paul II was such a messenger - He was the initiator of World Youth Day, a friend of youth and families. And you are such messengers. Carry the good news about Jesus Christ to the world. Give testimony that it is both worth it and necessary to entrust Him with our fate. Open wide the doors of your hearts to Christ. Proclaim with conviction like Paul the Apostle, "that neither death, nor life, ... nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39)

From the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: The 40,000 Americans who registered to attend WYD represent the largest delegation of U.S. pilgrims participating in a WYD outside of North America, just behind WYD 1993 in Denver and WYD 2002 in Toronto; most of the participants are young adults, ages 18-30. In addition, 85 U.S. bishops are also registered to attend, this is also the largest number of bishops attending a WYD celebration outside of North America.

POPE FRANCIS THANKS POLAND FOR ITS HOSPITALITY



Pope Francis concluded his first five-day pilgrimage to Poland on Sunday, 31 July. The Pope's visit to Poland was in large part connected to the World Youth Day event held in the country, however the Holy Father also held numerous other meetings with high-ranking state officials in addition to visiting Jasna Gora and the former German concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

After the official welcome, Pope Francis held a private meeting with President Andrzej Duda and his wife. At the same time, Prime Minister Beata Szydlo and Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski met with the Holy See's Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin. Poland's head of government said that their talk touched on "modern challenges facing the world" and the need for values in the world.

On Thursday, 28 July, Pope Francis left for Czestochowa where he gave a homily at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Jasna Gora during Holy Mass held as a thanksgiving for the Baptism of Poland, the 1050th anniversary of which falls this year.

During his homily, the Holy Father spoke about Poland's history. He stressed that it was "shaped by the Gospel, the Cross and fidelity to the Church and has seen the contagious power of a genuine faith, passed down from family to family, from fathers to sons and above all from mothers and grandmothers, whom we need so much to thank. He told those gathered, "you have been able to touch with your hand the real and provident tenderness of the Mother of all, whom I have come here as a pilgrim to venerate and whom we have acclaimed in the Psalm as the 'great pride of our nation'." His words were greeted with loud applause. The official liturgy was preceded by the singing of "Bogurodzica", Poland's oldest hymn dating back to the origins of Christianity in Poland. At the time, it was regarded as the national anthem.

The Mass celebrated on the field altar of the monastery shafts was attended by high-ranking state officials, including President Andrzej Duda, Prime Minister Beata Szydlo as well as Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski.

On Friday morning, Pope Francis visited the former German concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. During his visit, Pope Francis prayed in the starvation cell of Father Maksymilian Kolbe, who 75 years ago sacrificed his life for his fellow inmate. The Pope was accompanied on his visit to Auschwitz by Prime Minister Beata Szydlo.

Upon his return to Krakow, Francis visited the University Paediatric Hospital in Prokocim, where he met with sick children. On Friday evening, the Holy Father led young people in the Way of the Cross prayer in Krakow's Blonia fields.

On Saturday, Francis travelled to Krakow's Łagiewniki where he took part in the Liturgy of Penance together with young people. After the liturgy, the Pope led Holy Mass in the St. John Paul II Sanctuary, dedicated to priests, nuns, monks, consecrated persons and seminarians from Poland. On his last evening in Poland, the Pope went to the Krakow suburb of Brzegi to hold a prayer vigil with young people in Campus Misericordiae. Conversion, addiction, suffering of young people caused by conflict, issues relating to forgiveness and loneliness in the technically advanced world were among the main topics of the Pope's prayer vigil held with young people.

The Campus Misericordiae Mass held in Brzegi was the culmination of the fifth and final day of Pope Francis' visit to Poland. The Mass was attended by high-ranking state officials, including President Andrzej Duda, Prime Minister Beata Szydlo, Deputy Speaker of Parliament Ryszard Terlecki, the Head of the Prime Minister's Chancellery Beata Kempa as well as Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski, Defence Minister Antoni Macierewicz and the Minister of Interior and Administration Mariusz Blaszczak.

Pope Francis thanked everyone who took part in and helped out during World Youth Day. In a note addressed to the Polish President, which was sent at the time of his departure, Pope Francis wrote, "At this time, as I leave Poland on my way back to Rome, I want to express my deep gratitude to His Excellency and the whole Polish nation for its noble welcome and its hospitality "

Source: PAP/MSZ

http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/p/waszynqton_us_a_en/news/pope_franis_thanks_poland_for_its_hospitality

All-American Rally in Support of Security of Poland and Eastern Europe **“For our Freedom and yours”- “Za wolność naszą i waszą”**

The Americans for Security in Central and Eastern Europe held a rally in front of the White House in Washington, DC, on Saturday, June 11th, in support of U.S. strategic security interests in Europe through a lasting U.S./NATO military presence in Poland. They urge implementation of the resolution of the Polish American Congress Conference of National Directors, unanimously passed on October 18, 2014, in Chicago, which requests significant and permanent US military presence in Poland in the NATO bases.

The group maintains that following aggression in Georgia, annexation of Crimea and war in the Donetsk Region of Ukraine, Russia threatens free and democratic countries of Eastern and Central Europe, and that Russian Armed Forces during the last maneuvers – code-named “ZAPAD” (meaning “West”) – evidenced all signs of a surprise attack against Poland. They conclude Russia is a real and imminent threat to Poland and to world peace. Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeated announcements that Russia is strengthening forces in the Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg/ Królewiec) area, in very close proximity to the Polish border. The group fears concentrations of Russian manpower, weapons of mass destruction and military material are clearly intended to threaten and weaken Poland and they believe it is imperative to further strengthen the eastern flank of NATO now.

These developments have drawn a direct response from NATO in the form of broadening military exercises in the region and the US Administration has earmarked \$3.4 billion to further strengthen the eastern flank of NATO.

Americans for Security in Central and Eastern Europe
Polish American Congress, NJ, PA, IL, FL, CA, MI,
Federation of Polish Americans

POLISH PRESIDENT: NATO SUMMIT IS A SUCCESS FOR POLAND

President Andrzej Duda, on July 9, stated the NATO summit in Warsaw was a success for the North Atlantic Alliance and Poland, with the enhanced presence of NATO forces in Poland. He explained that, based on decisions reached at the summit, Poland would have a “real allied force” on its territory, capable of protecting it any time a threat emerges. NATO leaders decided to strengthen the Alliance’s eastern flank by deploying four battalions of around 1,000 soldiers in Poland and the Baltic states.

The summit also reaffirmed its decision to strengthen NATO presence in the south-eastern part of the Alliance, announced preliminary operational readiness of the missile defence shield, and recognized cyberspace as a new operational domain. NATO confirmed its support for Ukraine, for its sovereignty and territorial integrity. It was also decided that the Alliance will provide the coalition against the so-called Islamic State with airborne early warning and control system aircraft (AWACS), and will also launch a new mission in the Mediterranean.

Source: PAP

http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/p/waszyngton_us_a_en/news/polish_president_nato_summit_is_a_success_of_poland_and_the_alliance

“An American Face in Polish Politics”

The following excerpt is taken from an article by Richard P. Poremski, Washington, DC Bureau, published in the Polish American Journal, Buffalo, NY on July 5, 2016.

SILVER SPRING, MD. Poland’s Minister Anna Maria Anders met with the Polonia here on June 21, at the behest of the Polish American Congress – Washington Metropolitan Area Division and its President Susanne Lotarski. Minister Anders was in Washington to meet with members of Congress on Capitol Hill, various foundations and think tanks, to lobby for the multiple interests of Poland, its present government, and business interests for her senatorial district in northeast Poland.

Born (in 1950) and educated in England, Minister Anders is the daughter of Poland’s renowned General Wladyslaw Anders and actress/singer Irena “Renata” Bogdanska. She graduated from the University of Bristol and earned an MBA from Boston University. She still maintains a home in Boston where she lived with her late husband Robert Costa, a Colonel in the U.S. Army.

In meeting with the group, Minister Anders stated that:

- “The recent U.K. vote (“Brexit”) to exit the European Union (E.U.) was not good for the U.K. or Poland, especially since 800,000 Poles now reside in the U.K. and their residency status could be challenged ...
- The present Polish government is frustrated with the very bureaucratic and dictatorial actions of the E.U. via its European Parliament that imposes itself into the internal affairs of Poland ...
- Poland has been attacked - and even labeled racist - for not wanting to take in the Middle East migrants now flooding into Europe. Poland’s nascent “Poles in the East” program wants to repatriate the tens-of-thousands of Poles (and also their non-Polish speaking descendants) who were exiled to the East by the USSR during World War II, especially to Kazakhstan. Poles stranded in Lithuania should also be repatriated. Last year 300,000 Ukrainians came to Poland and are in the process of integrating.

- The American and world-wide Polonia are very important, not just culturally, because they can make investments in depressed areas of Poland to give those Poles a better life with more meaningful opportunities.”

Minister Anders is a member of the conservative *Law and Justice* political party which in May, 2015 delivered a stunning upset election victory over the liberal *Civic Platform* party that had ruled for the previous nine years. The resulting contentious political and legal reverberations are still ongoing in Poland today

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL NAMES THE AUSCHWITZ VOLUNTEER ONE OF “FIVE BEST” BOOKS ON WARTIME SECRET MISSIONS

The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery by Captain Witold Pilecki, published by Aquila Polonica Publishing in 2012, is the comprehensive report of his secret undercover mission at Auschwitz. Nicholas Kristof of the *New York Times* describes Pilecki as “one of the great heroes of the 20th century.” The book garnered rave reviews from several major media sources including the *New York Times* and *New Republic*.

The Germans opened the Auschwitz concentration camp in June 1940. Members of the Polish Underground rounded up by the Germans soon began disappearing into the camp. In September of that year, Pilecki, an army officer in the Underground, volunteered for an almost certainly suicidal secret mission: to get himself arrested and sent to Auschwitz as a prisoner, where his mission was to smuggle out intelligence and build a resistance network among the prisoners.

Barely surviving nearly three years of starvation, disease and brutality, Pilecki accomplished his mission before escaping in April 1943. His clandestine intelligence reports from the camp, received by the Allies as early as 1941, were among the first eyewitness evidence of what was going on at Auschwitz.

Pilecki and his book have been the focus of numerous events, including the 2013 International Holocaust Remembrance Day event at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The book carries an introduction by Professor Norman Davies and a foreword by the Chief Rabbi of Poland.

More at: www.polww2.com/AboutAuschwitzVolunteer.

YouTube trailer: www.polww2.com/AuschwitzVolunteerTrailer .

The WSJ “Best Five” feature, as it appeared in the print edition on August 20, 2016, can be read at www.polww2.com/AuschwitzVolunteerWSJ. The online version, which appeared on August 22, 2016, is available at www.polww2.com/AuschwitzVolunteerWSJOnline.

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June 4
Gifford Pinchot State Park





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