



Phase 1 of Legacy Project Completed

President Cecilia Glembocki reported at the last board meeting that Phase 1 of the Legacy Project is completed. The aims of the project are to keep alive the Legacy of Bl. Pope John Paul II. There are new generations growing up who are not familiar with the attainments and goals of the late Pope. We want to keep his memory alive.

In Phase 1 there were 300 DVDs sent out to the Catholic Schools in the three local dioceses in our area i.e. District of Columbia, Baltimore and Arlington. The projected Phase 2 will address institutions of higher learning, Catholic colleges and universities are under review.

As Co-Chairs of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) exhibit at the National Social Studies Conference, which is attended by about 4,000 teachers from around the U.S., the Glembockis make available information about the DVD "Nine Days That Changed the World". Thus spreading the information beyond our local area.

Cecilia Glembocki presenting copies of the DVD "Nine Days that Changed the World" along with posters, lesson plans and posters of Bl. John Paul II to the Superintendents of Schools of the Baltimore, DC and Arlington Archdioceses.



With Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Archdiocese of Baltimore



With Dr. Brent Humme, Archdiocese of Washington



With Principal of Holy Spirit School, Fairfax, VA Arlington Diocese

From the President

Cecilia Glembocki



Basking in the memory of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II, our chapter has a new vigor, commitment and energy to further the legacy of Blessed John Paul II. Somehow it seemed that memories of the May 1 Beatification of Blessed John Paul II is as close as yesterday, or an hour ago. How could one forget the scent of the incense as the Papal carriage drove past on that warm glorious day in Rome, nor the Vatican choir singing *Open Wide the Doors to Christ*. A haunting memory of days gone by but with a renewed inner strength to go on and become more dedicated to honor our chapter's mission to carry on the Legacy of Blessed John Paul II.

We worked smoothly through the requirements of our chapter by complying with the Archdiocese in terms of our not for profit status. We passed our entire requirements to meet the diocese's mandates as well as federal IRS requirements.

Our board members volunteered to take over and chair committees and projects. We are a well-tuned group pursuing the mission to promote the legacy of Blessed John Paul II.

Phase II of our Educational Legacy Project continues with the commitment of our board members who give so willingly of their time and energy to our efforts. Members of the board give their comments to the creation of new posters, ideas and thoughts to make our chapter a productive group in the greater Washington DC area. As we look back over the past year, not a day went by when new ideas and new opportunities presented themselves for us to pursue the next phase of our Educational Legacy project.

For our Phase II of our Educational Legacy Project we will work with institutions of higher learning such as catholic colleges and universities within our three dioceses of Washington DC, Arlington and Baltimore.

Positive contacts were already made with John Paul II seminary in Washington DC, The John Paul II Institute on Marriage and Family and the Blessed John Paul II Shrine. We hope to work cooperatively with professors, deacons, seminarians and students who could promote his legacy. New and exciting projects are being considered for the next year. Decisions need to be made and you all need to become involved in guiding us along with your talents and advice.

We look forward to our future events and welcome new members so that they too may enjoy the creative elements in our future direction.

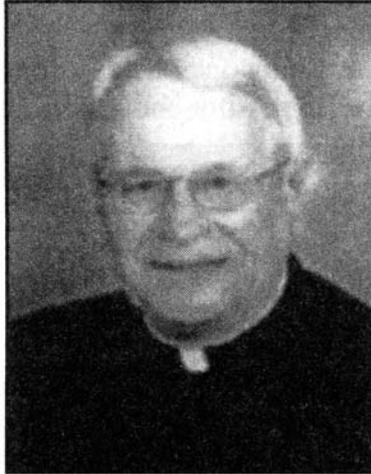
Looking forward to seeing you and meeting new friends at the December 1 2012 Wadowice on the Potomac.

Msgr. Walter J. Ziemba,

Founding Member, John Paul II Foundation

1926 - 2012

The Orchard Lake Schools have lost one of its greatest leaders. **Msgr. Walter J. Ziemba** passed into eternal life earlier this year in Petoskey, Michigan. Msgr. Ziemba had been on the Schools' campus for 68 years. He graduated from St. Hyacinth Grade School in Detroit; graduated with highest honors from St. Mary's Preparatory at Orchard Lake (Class of 1944) and St. Mary's College in 1947. He was appointed to the Orchard Lake Schools' faculty in 1951, and was rector-president-superintendent of the Schools from 1967-1977. He retired in 1996. Msgr. Ziemba spent all 61 years of priestly life assigned to the Orchard Lake Schools.



A native of Detroit's east side, Msgr. Ziemba, 85 was ordained in 1951 for the Archdiocese of Detroit. In 1966, he was awarded a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Michigan. Msgr. Ziemba served numerous positions on the faculty and in administration, including teaching in the Seminary, college, prep, librarian, dean of St. Mary's College, executive secretary of the alumni association, director of the Friends of

Orchard Lake, secretary-general of the Orchard Lake Schools, charter member of Founder's Day, and director of the Pope John Paul II Center as well as Founding Member and Member of the Board of directors of the Pope's Foundation

During his tenure as CEO of the Schools, Msgr. Ziemba founded the Center for Polish Studies and Culture, the Center for Pastoral Studies, the Polish American Liturgical Center and the Orchard Lake Ambassadors. He hosted visits by Cardinal Karol Wojtyla - Pope John Paul II - to the campus in 1969 and 1976,

and served as translator-interpreter for the cardinal's visits to other areas of the United States.

In 1971, Msgr. Ziemba and Edward Piszek, the president-owner of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, inaugurated "Project: POLE," a \$500,000 nationwide public relations campaign to promote a positive image of Polish culture and heritage.

Major construction projects included a \$2.1 million residence hall in 1971 and, two years later, a fieldhouse donated by Alumnus Robert Dombrowski.

In 2001, Msgr. Ziemba was awarded the 2001 Fidelitas Medal for "fidelity in serving God and Country. Through the realization of the religious and cultural ideals of the forefathers" of the Orchard Lake Schools, he shared the honor with his schoolmate and lifetime friend, Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski.

Among Msgr. Ziemba's publications, he translated the prison notes of Cardinal Stephen Wyszyński titled "A Freedom Within", for which he received the Christopher Award, wrote several books of poetry and numerous articles about the Orchard Lake Schools and American Polonia.

NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Washington, Chapter, is rescheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 9:30am to 12 noon.

The meeting location:
 Msgr. Heller Hall,
 St. James School
 830 West Broad Street
 Falls Church, VA 22046.

The parking lot is across the street from the church on Spring Street. Enter the hall at the statue of our Blessed Mother.

Event Calendar

Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 7:00pm. The Kosciuszko Foundation will hold a Fundraising Reception in Honor of Walter Zachariasiewicz. It will be held at Copley Formal Lounge, Georgetown University, 37th and O streets, Washington, DC 20007 Tickets \$150. 202-785-2320.

Friends Lose Three Supporters

In the past few months our organization lost several supporters i.e.

Clara Glembocki,
 mother of Raymond Glembocki.
 Anne Szczepanski,
 Founding Member
 Mary "Liz" Witkowski,
 daughter of Mary Flanagan
 Dr. Vincent Zugaj;

Proposed Sculpture of Blessed Pope John Paul II

Many of our members have left a parting gift to the Friends of John Paul II Foundation. Carl Sharek a long time member who so loved the pope often expressed his desire to keep the memory of John Paul II ever present in the minds of people. He often stated that it was his wish to see a bust in every church that John Paul II visited in the United States.

We were so blessed to have received a lasting memorial gift from his estate and the Friends invited Gordon Kray to help us through the idea of erecting a bronze bust of our Blessed Pope John Paul II.

Board members discuss various proposals with sculptor Gordon Kray



Save the Date !

Saturday, December 1, 2012

Wadowice on the Potomac

our annual fundraiser will be held

at the Ft. Myer Officers Club, 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

(invitation to follow)

Anne W. Szczepanski, Founding Member

February 5, 1923 – September 11, 2012

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, Anne W. Szczepanski of Falls Church, Va. passed away due to complications from Parkinson's Disease. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Zdzislaw, her father, Jerzy F. Glowacki, her mother, Halina S. Glowacka, and her brother, Jerzy T. Glowacki. She is survived by her daughters: Wanda Szczepanski Suder (Steven) and Joanna Szczepanski Berrong (Timothy); grandchildren: Matthew Suder and Sarah Berrong; her sister, Irena Bernas of Toronto, Canada; and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Siedlce and raised in Wadowice, Poland, Anne attended high school with Karol Wojtyla — His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Her father, an officer in the Polish Army, was often transferred. In 1940, Anne and several members of her family were deported in the middle of the night from their home in Warsaw, Poland by the Russians to a concentration camp in the Ural Mountains to work on railroad construction. Following the signing of the Sikorski-Stalin Pact, through negotiations and bartering, her mother was able to arrange transport to join the Polish Army in Iran. Here Anne was made second in command of an Auxiliary Transport Service Unit servicing a refugee camp of 12,000 Poles. From here Anne, her mother and sister were sent to Iraq, Palestine, through the Suez Canal to South Africa and up the West Coast of Africa bound for England. The ship was torpedoed and after two days and two nights in the ocean they were rescued and brought to Sierra Leone. Finally reaching Great Britain, Anne completed high school at Dunalaster House in Dunblane, Scotland and took two years of pre-medical training and a sewing course.

She married Zdzislaw on August 23, 1950 in Scotland and they moved to Paris, France for a year and, then in 1951, through the International Refugee Organization, they arrived in Montreal, Canada. Four years later they moved to Quebec City where Wanda and Joanna were born.

In 1958, the family left Canada to settle first in York, Pa. and then, in 1960, in Northern Virginia. Anne, a very creative person, was very active not only in her neighborhood teaching sewing classes, but also in the

Polish American Community. She was instrumental, as a member of the Polish American Arts Association of Washington, D.C., among other things, in making traditional Polish folk costumes for dance performances on the Mall during the Bicentennial Celebration, traditional decorations for the Polish Christmas Tree which are part of the permanent Smithsonian collection and teaching participants to make Wianki (wreaths) during Wianki on the Mall held in June each year. Further using her beloved Polish language and culture, Anne embarked on a career as a teacher in the Fairfax County Adult Education classes, from 1979 to 2001, and then as a translator-interpreter for the U.S. Department of State as she escorted Polish dignitaries around the country, from 1980 to 1985. Additionally, in 1977, after then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla spoke to Archbishop Cardinal Baum of Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Polish American community seeking the establishment of a Polish American parish, she was a founding member of Our Lady Queen of Poland/St. Maximilian



Kolbe Polish Catholic Parish in Silver Spring, Md. where she supported Zdzislaw, her husband, as the first President of the Parish Council and remained active until 2005.

Anne received numerous awards. She was most proud of the recognition she received for being one of the original members of the John Paul II Foundation of Washington, D.C. and traveled to Rome for the opening of the Home for Polish Pilgrims to the Holy See established by John Paul II. She was very active in the Foundation's activities and served on the Board of Directors. In 1993, Anne was honored to receive the Papal Cross for her work. Wanda accompanied her mother to the Polish Embassy in November, 2010 at which time Anne was decorated with the Siberian Cross to acknowledge the trials and character-building experiences she had endured during World War II. A pillar in the Polish American Community for so many decades, she remained a source of inspiration and information for those who followed in her footsteps until shortly before she died. She will be missed by family and friends.

Chaplains' Corner



**Reverend Canon
Philip S. Majka**
Chaplain:
Diocese of Arlington

The Right of Liberty

Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is the desire of the human soul. This desire is imbued within our being. This is the gift of natural law which is instilled into human nature. We have life as a individual being with the potency of acting within the liberty of our properly formed conscience. We travel each day on the road of life in the adventure to advance the use of the inalienable rights for the good of humanity. We forge each day with a personal system of attitudes, beliefs and practices as caretakers of life. Human nature must have the freedom to express itself within the culture of modern life. This is the right: to be true to the experience of Liberty. Thus we continue living in the world, free to enjoy the pursuit of happiness. To quote Adam Mickiewicz... "We are, the care of that nation; we realize that in our souls we have the seed of future laws and the measure of future dimensions, insofar as we enlarge and improve our own souls, by so much will we perfect our laws and increase our dimensions. Therefore it is up to us to sow a love of country and the spirit of self-sacrifice and be sure from this seed will grow a nation great and splendid!"

**Ks. Father. Jan Fiedurek,
S. Ch.**
Chaplain:
Archdiocese of Washington



"You don't think about what is Gods" - thus Jesus reproached Peter when he began trying to convince the Master, that no disaster would befall Him. Peter knew only one scale of values built on success.

that is a view on which we build our human world. There is no room in it for disaster. A persons fortunate life is a path from success to success. The ideal life consists of a successful childhood, successful youth, successful marriage, successful children, successful old age. Thus creating a series of successes. Every failure is tainted with bitterness and stands in the way of attaining the goal.

Meantime, Gods thinking differs from ours. His view of life embraces failure as an unavoidable stage on the way to victory. One must know how to lose in order to eventually win. To know loss in order to gain. To die in order to live.

Evil wants to close peoples thinking in a purely worldly category of success. That is a strong temptation, harmonizing with our methods of evaluation. If this works, a person becomes a prisoner of worldliness. Not long ago, I read about a certain mother, who stopped going to church after her only beloved son was lost in an air catastrophe. For several years she visited his grave daily. Finally, gray haired from pain, she crossed the threshold of a church, to admit that she lost a son in order to find God. Under the influence of this tragedy she crossed from the frame of thought enclosed in the tight borders of worldliness into a world accessible through faith. She needed the tragedy through which she grew into greater spiritual values.

All earthly successes have their boundaries. Only those who discover this truth and begin searching for lifes' goals beyond worldliness, then enter into Gods' way of thinking. then ones life is filled with peace, both when all falls into place during well-being as well as during times of failure .

To All Our Members and Donors

We extend to you our gratitude and appreciation for your continued patronage and loyal support throughout the years. Our administrative needs are minimal, so we are able to send a very large percentage of the membership dues and all of the Year End Gift Giving donations to the Foundation in Rome, Italy. Because of your support, the Foundation is able to use a considerable amount of the funds for scholarships to sponsor poor and talented young people coming from Eastern and Central European countries to attend the Catholic University in Lublin, Poland.

A Memorial or Special Occasion Donation in remembrance of a family member or friend may be made to the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Inc. This is a wonderful way to make a lasting gift that will perpetuate our Bl. Pope John Paul II's legacy and his elevation to sainthood. The names with the donation are forwarded to the John Paul II Foundation in Rome, Italy and they are acknowledged by the Director. Please use the form below to send in a Memorial or Special Occasion Donation.

The Holy Father Pope John Paul II said during a meeting with benefactors of the Foundation on October 23, 2001 that "The most outstanding of all initiatives is the fund for scholarships for young people from Central and Eastern Europe and from other countries of the ex-Soviet Union. After completing their studies at various faculties of the Catholic University of Lublin and other Polish universities, many students return to their countries and have become promoters of science and culture solidly based on perennial values. This work is invaluable! Whosoever invests in the human person, in his overall development, never loses. The results of this investment are imperishable".

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