



### Friends rescue John Paul II Memorabilia

In January our President Ceceilia Glembocki received notice that the Knights of Columbus were gifting or throwing away most of the memorabilia and fixtures in the former John Paul II Center. They had already begun in December and many choice paintings etc. were already gone by the time the Friends group was notified.

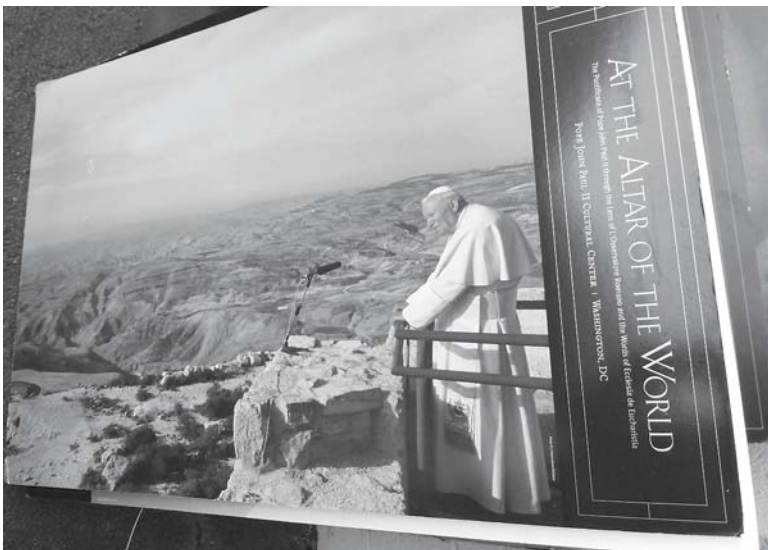
Since so many members of Friends groups, both locally and in other states, donated large sums for the Center out of love for the Pope when it was being built. It was felt that we should have been notified first of the

availability of the memorabilia before those who did not contribute to the Center had their choice. We needed to rescue as much of the remaining articles as we could. An anonymous donor supplied the necessary funds.

A storage locker was rented and filled with the remaining articles and equipment. All was trucked to the Polish Museum in Chicago. There, anything the museum would not be using would be sent to Orchard Lake, the Polish Seminary in Michigan.

Some medals, books etc. were given locally to schools and John Paul II related organizations. Some will be sold at the American Council for Polish Culture Convention in Baltimore this summer.

All in all, it was a yeoman's task and the Glembocki's did a wonderful job of organizing this rescue of the John Paul II memorabilia. They were assisted by Constance Donnelly, Father Canon Philip Majka and the Flanagans.



*Some of the articles rescued from the Center*

*Books, maps and displays.*

*Also electronic equipment*



## *From the President*

*Cecilia Glebocki*



We must all take time during this Lenten season to realize it is a time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter.

The Foundation prays for the development of ideas to further the Legacy of Blessed John Paul II. We realize that sometimes we have to sacrifice time and energy to help the development of these projects. Through the good works and intentions of people, everyone involved in the Foundation sees a vision of promoting the Legacy of our Beloved Holiness.

As we look around the happenings of the world, we wonder who will be our next Pope, just as we did so many years ago on October 16, 1978 when Blessed John Paul II was elected. His installation on October 22, 1978 was the happiest for so many Catholics, a young vibrant young man lived with us for 27 years. Now, with great anticipation once again we wait... just like waiting for Easter.

The Foundation has a custom of celebrating His birthday on May 18, 1920 and His Installation as Pope on October 22, 1978. We will again celebrate his birthday with a lecture from Dr. Studinski of Catholic University and October 19 we will honor Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Papal Nuncio at the Apostolic Nunciature.

The Foundation looks to expand our reach by developing an advisory council from whom we can join forces to present programs, host screenings of the DVD "Nine Days that Changed the World", join prayerful souls in honoring those who continue to write about his life and teachings. We've expanded our reach; others are finding joy in spreading the Word not only about John Paul but his teachings, his encyclicals and his writings on Marriage and Family. The Family being the central part of a family unit and children thrive in the midst in a unified family unit.

We've created our educational legacy project and distributed educational materials to 300 schools. We continue to distribute ideas, lesson plans for the coming year by having a celebration of a John Paul II Day. Children celebrate his life through art, essays, plays or singing about the joy of Blessed John Paul II.

Through the generous contributions of the Blessed John Paul II Shrine, we were able to develop lesson plans on the New Evangelization taught through the study of illuminations. These books will be placed in 300 school media centers. Medallions will be our gift to all those participating in these programs. His legacy is growing through the dedicated work of our board members and advisory members. Through our connections with colleges, diocesan schools, and through Catholic organization, we're able to fulfill our mission... Keep His Legacy Alive.

As a member of the National organization the American Council for Polish Culture, the Friends of John Paul II Foundation is cordially invited to attend the ACPC convention in Baltimore this summer.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet with like minded members, to meet old friends and make new ones from across the United States and of course, to visit Baltimore the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner!

## **Calendar of Events**

**May 5, 2013** - Discussion and reception "John Paul II's New Evangelization" at the Institute of John Paul II Marriage & Family Center on the campus of Catholic University.  
Speaker - Fr. Raymond Studzinski

**September 14** - Board Meeting

**October 19** - Wadowice on the Potomac at Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See Honoring Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano

**October 22** - Presentation of John Paul II Evangelization Award to George Weigel at Catholic Information Center.

**November 9** - Friends of John Paul II Foundation - General Meeting and elections



# *"Star Spangled"*

## AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR POLISH CULTURE

### **65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention • July 31 - August 4, 2013**

Hosted by The Polish Arts Association, Washington DC  
The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland

### **Program Schedule**

#### **Wednesday, July 31, 2013**

1:00-4:00 PM	Registration
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Board meeting
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Reception
Hours to be posted	Boutique

#### **Thursday, August 1, 2013**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Registration
Hours to be posted	Boutique
9:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies
	Presidents' Address, Deborah M. Majka
	Welcome, Tom Payne, Pres. PAAA
	Invocation - Rev. Canon Philip S. Majka
	Introduction of Dignitaries
	Keynote Address
	Business Session
12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Lunch with Speaker
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Business Session
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner (Cash Bar)
8:00 PM	Marcella Sembrich Concert

#### **Friday, August 2, 2013**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Registration
	Attendees must be registered by noon in order to vote
9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Business Session
1200 PM	Board buses to Holy Rosary Church
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch at Holy Rosary
2:00 PM -6:00 PM	Board bus for tour of Baltimore, Katyn Monument, Ft. McHenry, Patterson Park, Pulaski Monument, Mt. Vernon, Washington Monument
6:00 PM	Balance of evening FREE

#### **Saturday, August 3, 2013**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Registration and Boutique open
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM	Business Session & Elections
1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Board Meeting/Working Lunch
5:00 PM	Mass
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Cocktails - Cash Bar
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Banquet (Dinner with Wine)
8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Awards presentation and Installation of newly elected officers
9:30 PM	Dance group performance

#### **Sunday, August 4, 2013**

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***Table rental in Boutique available at \$25.00***



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The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland  
Home of Our National Anthem  
Hosted by **The Polish Arts Association, Washington DC**



#### Hotel Reservation

Make room reservations directly with the Hotel on or before July 1, 2013 for the Convention rate of  
\$129.00 + tax Single or Double  
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Use the reservation code **ACPC**

For further information contact:

**Tom Payne 703 354-5457**

or **Richard M. Wiermanski  
410 798-7512**

#### Costs:

Arrive Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ \$450.00  
Arrive Thursday after lunch \_\_\_\_ \$400.00  
Arrive Friday after lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$350.00  
Guest Banquet Ticket \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00  
(black tie optional)  
Please remit full amount or deposit of \$200.00 per person by July 1, 2013  
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### AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR POLISH CULTURE 65TH CONVENTION REGISTRATION

#### ACPC Convention Registration Form

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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".

## Of Interest

The John Paul II Center in Lublin is preparing a Newsletter "a live memorial of John Paul II", concerned with a variety of institutes and events (in Poland and around the world) related to the Polish Pope. They want this Newsletter to fulfill the function of being informative and also collaborational - that it may become the reason for widespread cooperation (for example for undertaking joint initiatives), that it would facilitate dialog among institutions (exchange of experiences, ideas, mutual help and aid). They also wish it will become a singular "bank of grace" received by the intercession of Blessed John Paul II.

That is why they have turned to us with an appeal for assistance in promoting the Newsletter (transmitting information on the Internet). They also ask that we send information - posters, photos (electronically) regarding related organized events, undertakings relative to John Paul II. They also invite active participation (as much as possible) in joining in preparing materials (reports, notes, reviews, etc) to be placed in the next Newsletter.

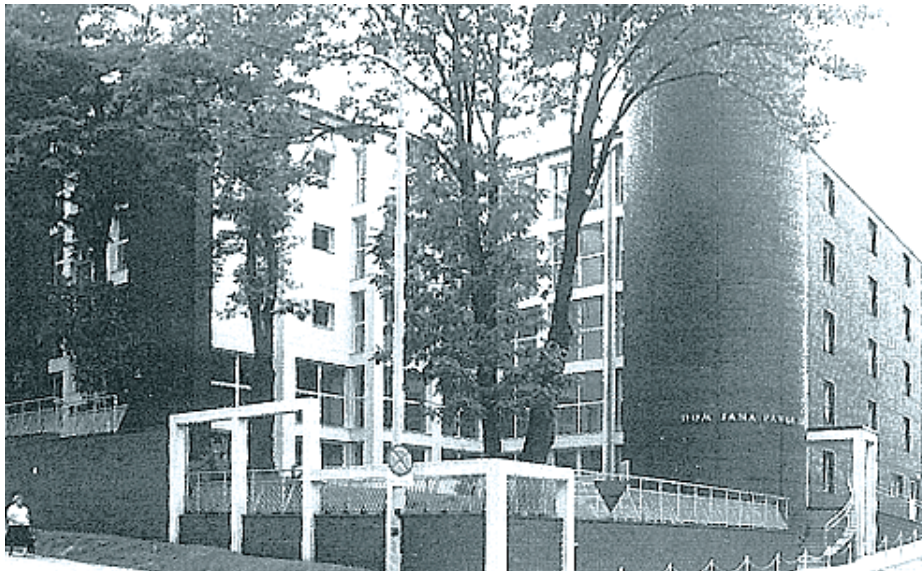
This will be considered at our Board Meeting, most likely we can ask them to refer to our Newsletter on the Internet.

## Another de Rosen Memorial

Jan de Rosen is one of the great mural artists of his century. He brought his work in the tradition of Europe's greatest artists to this country just before the Second World War. These beautiful works can be found in churches and public buildings from coast to coast where they inspire admiration and spiritual experiences in the viewer. He was a founding member of the Polish Arts League of Pittsburgh, PA and the Polish American Arts Association of Washington, DC. During his last years, he lived in Arlington, Virginia.

In the past, the American Council for Polish Culture raised funds for a cenotaph (a memorial marker without the remains) to be placed in the Avenue of the Meritorious at the cemetery of the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. It was necessary to place a cenotaph because legal complications prevented the removal of de Rosen's remains to Doylestown.

He is buried at Columbia Gardens Memorial Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Father Canon Philip Majka has undertaken the task of getting a proper memorial marker for his grave. To date, the monument space at the site of his grave has been purchased and now a campaign to raise funds for the marker is in progress. Our member Gordon Kray, who sculpted the cenotaph and is known for his beautiful busts of Pope John Paul II among a plethora of other large sculptures in our area has been contacted to make a proposal in this respect. Anyone wishing to donate toward this cause may do so by sending a check to the Friends of John Paul II Foundation and indicating for Rosen memorial on the memo line.



*The John Paul II Center in Lublin*

# Chaplains' Corner



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

## The Year of Faith

**B**enedict XVI has asked us to consider our Faith which is the fundamental gift from God the Father received at our Baptism into the Lord. Faith is the theological virtue along with Hope and Charity which guides our soul, the principal of life, as we live, move and have our being within the community of the created world. From the dawn of each new day we are challenged to be the light and salt of His world. This divine gift is nurtured as we grow in wisdom and age through our parents, god parents family and friends. In time as we mature, we practice a daily witness that is a guiding light to the world. We understand that this is the natural way of life with God, country and neighbor. Faith has been infused within us. We practice the Faith; but what is Faith? Faith is the acceptance of God's gift received at baptism and the fact that He is our God and we are His people all the days of our life.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead this Easter Day, our Faith reminds us that He died so that our faults could be forgiven and that by this act of His mercy we are now eligible for a place in Heaven.

May God bless you and yours this Easter Season is my prayer.

*Rev. Canon Philip S. Majka*



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

**A**s I write these words, we in the Church are living through "sede vacante".

We await a new successor to St. Peter's Throne. However, we do not feel abandoned. We are not like "sheep without a shepherd", because our Shepherd and the Head of the Church is Christ.

The Media, not knowing or understanding the Church and the role of the Pope, multiply speculations on that subject. We, as believers, know that no human reasons, but the Holy Ghost will accomplish the election of the next Holy Father. Rather we should pray that the successor of Benedict XVI will be a person of faith and holiness, that he will be a Father who will feed us by word and the Eucharist and direct us on the road to redemption. Let us leave the rest to the Holy Spirit. It is He who will choose the person of the Church, immersed in faith, who will point the road of love, as did John Paul II and Benedict XVI. In view of the Media's nonsense, which we are witness to, such a solution seems straightforward, normal and churchlike.

With faith, in the spirit of penance we are living through Lent, in order to more joyously hear the words of the angel on Easter morning: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is Risen!"

God did not die, but returned to us. He didn't forget, didn't abandon us. He says to us "Come". God is more powerful than death, than everything that kills, destroys, causes sorrow and numbness. If I die with Jesus, with Him I will exit the tomb of my sins, fears, from the darkness. Only with Him can I truly live, because only He is the One who truly loves me: to the end, without conditions. There are so many weights that press on me. Only He can raise them, saying "Live!, Live truly!"

Blessed Holydays of the Lord's Resurrection!

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*An Easter Message  
to all our members and  
friends.*

*Blessings to one and all.*

*May the spirit of this  
sacred season of Easter*

*Renewal*

*Rebirth*

*Hope*

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