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Sacred Heart Mass and PRCUA 135th Anniversary

One-hundred and thirty four years ago, delegates of the one-year-old Polish Roman Catholic Union of America held their second annual convention. The site was St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at Noble and Evergreen Streets in Chicago, IL - in what was quickly developing into the heart of Chicago's Polish American community.

The PRCUA proudly returned to its roots on June 22, 2008, when the Annual Sacred Heart Mass for living and deceased members was celebrated at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish at 10 a.m., where officers and members were cordially welcomed by Rev. Anthony Bus, C.R., Pastor.

The Sacred Heart Mass began with a procession led by the PRCUA flag bearers, James Robaczewski of Dist. 7, John Frankowicz of Dist. 8 and Paul Pawlowski of Dist. 9. Dancers from the Northwest Center of Traditional Polish Dancing and from District 9 followed them, attired in colorful Polish folk dress. Next came Past Dir. Bill Mrowka; Past Dir. Stefan and Irene Delonka; Chairperson of the 59th PRCUA Convention Joan Smuda; Past Treasurer Joseph Boruta; President Emeritus Edward and Loretta Dykla. They were followed by the PRCUA Board of Directors: Dir. Kasimer and Past Dir. Freida Zabek of Dist. 1; Dir.



(L-r) PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Walter Ptak, Rev. Anthony Bus, C.R., PRCUA Vice Chaplain Rev. Anthony Iwuc and Rev. Edmund Jastrzebski, C.R. celebrating the Annual Sacred Heart Mass & 135th Anniversary Mass before the Iconic monstrance of Our Lady of the Sign, Ark of Mercy at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Chicago, IL

William Nowakowski of Dist. 2; Dir. Joanne Zajac and Dir. Edward Kaplaniak of Dist. 3; Dir. Richard Turkiewicz of Dist. 4; Dir. Joan Sylak of Dist. 5; Dir. Sharon Haberski of Dist. 6; Dir. Lillian Stempinski and Dir. Robert and Mrs. Dona Bugielski of Dist. 7; Dir. Krystyna and Tadeusz Lech and Dir. James and Past Dir. Barbara Rustik of Dist. 8; Dir. Elizabeth and Konrad Grabowski of Dist. 9; Dir. Barbara and Ron Toboy and Dir. Thomas Lisiecki of Dist. 10; Secretary-Treasurer Joyce and Walter Szarowicz; Vice President Robert and Eleanor Bielenda; Resident Vice President Anna and Mark Sokolowski; President

Wallace and First Lady Joann Ozog; Rev. Edmund Jastrzebski, C.R. Rev. Anthony Bus, C.R., Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish; Rev. Anthony D. Iwuc, National Vice Chaplain and Rev. Walter Ptak, National Chaplain.

Father Ptak was the main celebrant and homilist of the Mass. The church choir, under the direction of Sophie Zak, did a splendid job of inspiring the faithful with their beautiful hymns, for which we are most grateful.

During the homily, Fr. Ptak spoke about PRCUA's early years at St. Stanislaus Parish beginning in 1874 and its 135 year history of reaching out to Polonia in

Chicago.

At the Offertory the directors and officers brought to the altar gifts of bread and salt, in accordance to Polish tradition; a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; pictures of PRCUA founders Rev. Teodor Gieryk and Rev. Wicenty Barzynski; the PRCUA Charter; wheat and grapes, a candle, ciborium, chalice, water and wine and paten and hosts.

After Mass, Fr. Anthony Bus, Pastor, addressed the faithful, giving some details about the history of the Parish. St. Stanislaus Kostka is the first Polish Roman Catholic Church in Chicago - having opened in 1867. Bishop Foley placed the Parish under the

leadership of the Congregation of the Resurrection priests and dedicated St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on June 18, 1871. The real growth of the parish is associated with Rev. Vincent Barzynski, CR, who began his work in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Sept. 18, 1874. He was one of the founders of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. During Vincent Barzynski's pastorate (1874-1899) he organized nearly 25 parishes throughout the diocese, including the Churches of St. Hedwig, St. (Continued on page 10)

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Walter & Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz
Past Treasurer Joseph Boruta behind



Irene Delonka and Past Director of
District #7 Stephan Delonka



PRCUA flag
bearers
Dist. #9
Paul
Pawlowski,
Dist. #8 John
Frankowicz,
& Dist. #7
James
Robaczewski

(Cont. from page 1) John Cantius, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, St. Hyacinth, and St. Mary of the Angels. For this reason, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is recognized as the "Mother Church" of Chicago's Polish churches.

Father Bus ended the Mass by doing a Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer. This was followed by a catered luncheon in the school's cafeteria, which was enjoyed by all.

Father Bus mentioned that St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will build a Sanctuary of The Divine Mercy to serve Chicagoans and all visitors as a secure refuge where they can pray in silence under the tender mercy of our Savior. The Sanctuary is an encounter with the Living God in the silence of sacred space. There, away from the noise of the world, the soul will "contemplate the face of Christ in the school of Mary." The Sanctuary has grown from a vision experienced by Fr. Bus, who tells the story of the sanctuary in his book *A Mother's Plea - Lifting the Veil in Sanctuary*. (See details on page 4.) The project's architect, James McCreery of Washington, D.C., is a specialist in classical architecture.

On May 31, St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish unveiled its iconic monstrance of "Our Lady of the Sign, Ark of Mercy" during a Mass on the Feast of the Visitation. His Eminence Francis Cardinal George concelebrated the Mass and blessed the new monstrance - which was televised in Europe, Asia, South America and throughout the world. The iconic monstrance will be the focal point of the future Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the meantime, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 24 hours a day is taking place before the iconic monstrance in the church. Anyone wishing to commit to an hour of adoration can call the parish at (773) 278-2470 to put their name of the schedule. Men are especially encouraged to keep the night watch anytime between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Artist Malgorzata Sawczuk from Poland, who was present during the luncheon, painted the life-size model of an iconic monstrance. The icon, is a 9-foot high, hand-carved and hand-painted monstrance that is believed to be the largest in the world.

Today, St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish is well integrated, offering Masses in English, Polish and Spanish for its diverse parishioners. The Parish not only takes care of the souls of the faithful, but it also "feeds the body." Six days a week Sister Ann Shafer runs a soup kitchen that feeds a hot meal to over 200 people. It is the only facility on Chicago's near northwest side that provides a hot lunch for the poor and the homeless, many who walk 6 miles from the shelter to eat this humble lunch once a day. Often it's just a hearty soup, sandwich and a piece of fruit. It takes a lot of food and workers to feed that many people, 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Yet Sister Anne has been doing it for over 20 years. St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish is to be commended for maintaining this vitally important outreach program for the poor.

Volunteers do the cooking, serving and clean-up. Food is donated. If any of our retired members are looking for a meaningful way to be of service to others, please contact Sr. Anne to volunteer at the soup kitchen. Donations to the soup kitchen are always needed and can be sent to **Sister Anne Schafer, St. Stanislaus Kostka, 1351 W. Evergreen Ave., Chicago, IL 60622-2361.**

Since this parish was the first home of the PRCUA in Chicago, on the occasion of our 135th Anniversary, it is appropriate for us to support the soup kitchen or donate to the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy (Attn. Fr. Bus) at the same address. For more information about the Sanctuary and other aspects of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish life, please go to: www.ststansk.com



(L-r) Director William
Nowakowski of District #2,
Director Richard
Turkiewicz of District #5
and Joanne Zajac
of District #3
bringing a picture of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus and
the PRCUA founders -
Fr. T. Gieryk and Fr. W.
Barzynski - to the altar



(Left, l-r) Director James
Rustik and Director Krystyna
Lech of District #8, with
Director Barbara Toboy and
Director Thomas Lisiecki of
District #10 bringing gifts to
PRCUA National Chaplain
Rev. Walter J. Ptak



(Above)
Ron Toboy and daughter
Anna Victoria



Children from the Rafal Kalinowski School and Mala Polonia Ensemble
with reigning PRCUA 2008 Cinderella Elizabeth Kopinski

Sacred Heart Luncheon

Hosted by District #7



Dir. Joan Sylak (D5), Dir. Sharon Haberski (D6), Dir. Joanne Zajac (D3)



J. Ozog, Virginia Cudecki & Sabina P. Logisz



First Lady Joann & President Wallace Ozog



Mark & Res. Vice President Anna Sokolowski



Fr. Walter Ptak & cousin Nancy Marchel



Joan Smuda & Father Anthony Iwuc



Vice President Robert & Eleanor Bielenda



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Dona & Director Robert Bugielski, District #7



Tadeusz & Director Krystyna Lech, Dist. #8



Elizabeth & Exec. Editor Kasia Rosypal



Dorothy Bialek



Past Dir. Steven Cieslicki



Past Dir. Martha Kwiat



Director Elizabeth (D9) & Konrad Grabowski



Paul and Supervisor Barbara Pawlowski



Irena & Brian Gavaghan & A. Sokolowski (ctr.)



Alice, Tom, Jim & Joey Robaczewski



Bernice & Stan Jezior, Dir. L. Stempinski (D7)



Anna Sokolowski & Mary Gorny



Barbara & John Frankowicz



Supervisor Edward & Angie Muszalski



Elaine Robaczewski & Kevin Kucik



Marlene & Kenneth Gill



Danuta Lenkos, Stella Szweczyk and Josephine Premetz



Arlene Prugar



Mary Jane Robles