



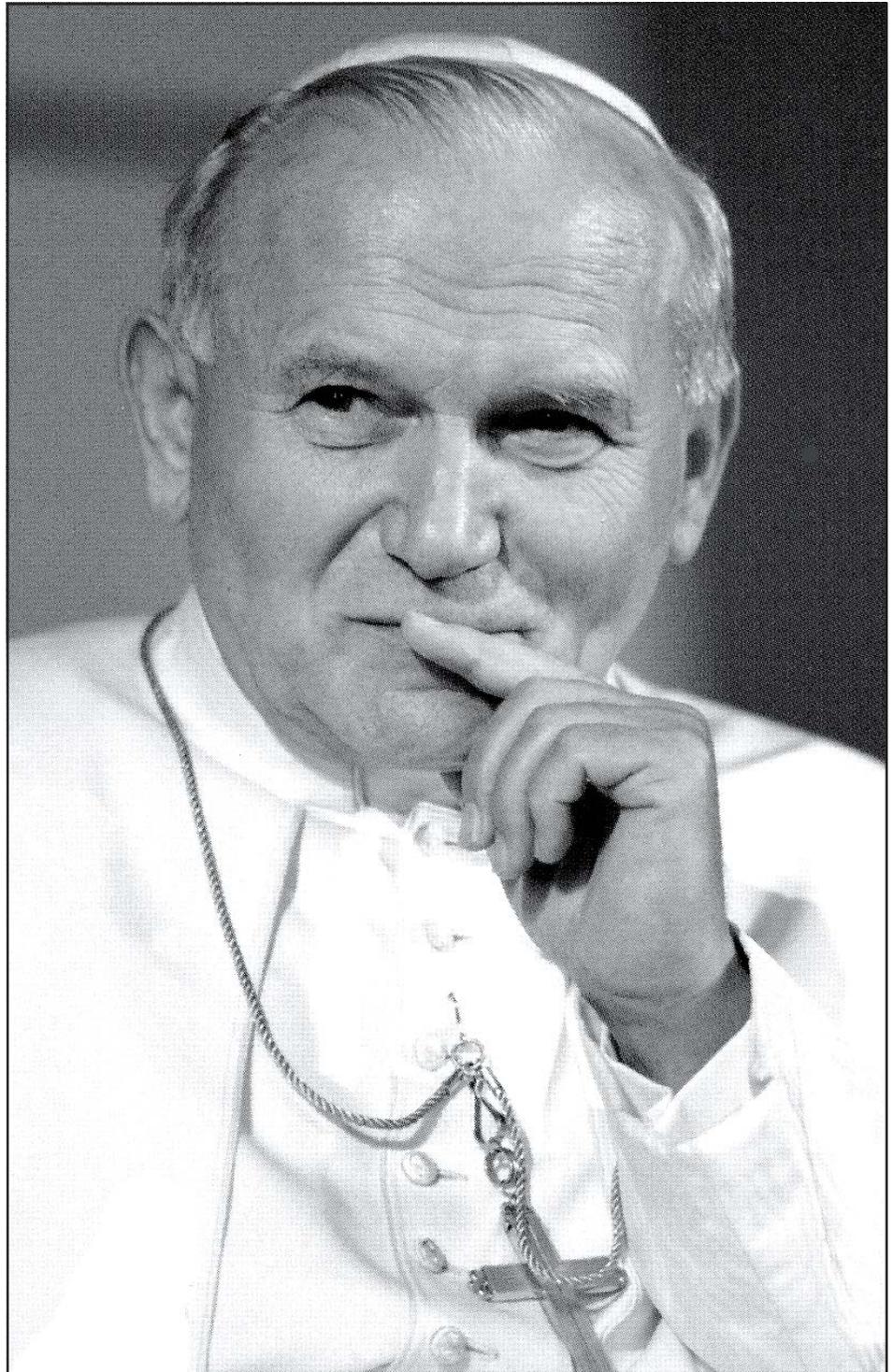
“Friends” Plan Week-end Celebration of John Paul II’s Papacy

On Saturday, October 19, 2013 the Friends of John Paul II Foundation will hold their annual fund-raiser “Wadowice on the Potomac”. This year’s banquet will be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II’s election to the Papacy. The dinner is being held at the Apostolic Nunciature and will honor H.E. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Ambassador of the Holy See to the United States. Invitations to the limited seating event have been mailed to the members.

On Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 2pm Mass and the official unveiling of a mosaic of Pope John Paul II, a gift from the Polish-American Bishops, will take place at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Washington, DC.

Following the ceremony, light refreshments will be served at Catholic University, McGivney Hall, Pontifical John Paul II Institute located across from the Shrine.

Event Chair- Cecelia Glembocki
For more details - see our Website
www.jp2friends.org



Friends of John Paul II Foundation Metropolitan Washington DC Chapter President's Activity Summary 2013

As my presidency comes to an end after four years. I reflect upon the many things that the Washington DC chapter has accomplished including financially supporting the Foundation in Rome and accomplishing a wide range of activities which promote the legacy of Blessed John Paul II.

As one studies the legacy of John Paul, and the people whom he influenced, they marvel at the wonder of this man. Here in our life time, many met him personally, dined and shared precious moments with him. We all wanted to claim him as our friend. Now, the world looks upon the day that our Blessed John Paul II will become a saint. The world will once again wonder how one man with whom we knew or felt as though we knew; influenced world culture, Christianity and the Catholic Church. The man from Wadowice, Son of Poland became Pope to the World. As the Foundation that promotes his legacy, let us look back upon our Chapter accomplishments over the last four years.

A **New Brochure** for the chapter was created noting objectives, purposes and activities. We wanted to be sure there was a distinction between the JPPII Cultural Center building and the JPPII Foundation in Washington, DC.

Our **Chapter Newsletter**, the best of the world wide Foundation, focused on the accomplishments of the chapter and recognized important events. It is interesting reading and professionally created.

Our long standing annual events continue to financially support our chapter. The May event celebrating **John Paul's Birthday**, provides lectures on the theology developed by John Paul.

Our fall event "**Wadowice on the**



Cecilia Glembocki

Potomac" celebrates John Paul's election to the papacy and honors clergy, theologians and lay people who live and promote the legacy of John Paul. The event name symbolically joins John Paul's home town Wadowice, Poland with Washington, DC.

In 2013 we will honor Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano at the Apostolic Nunciature. Other recent honorees included Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC and Mrs. Barbara Comstock Delegate to the Virginia Legislative Assembly.

Also in conjunction with this 2013 event the Polish American Bishops, will have a mass and an unveiling of a **Mosaic of Blessed John Paul II** donated by the Polish American Bishops. The chapter will host a reception following the presentation of the mosaic.

In 2010, we started the **Educational Outreach Program** in the three diocesan school districts of Washington, Baltimore and Arlington. The Chapter

distributed 300 DVDs of "Nine Days that changed the World" to media centers. The Vince Haley's lesson plans were used to encourage teachers to use the DVD as a teaching tool concerning history, geography, art, religion and ethics. As the project progressed plans are currently being made to hold a month long educational project for the three diocesan schools where students will focus on the life of Blessed John Paul II and his works as a priest, bishop and Pope. He will soon be canonized and an effort will be made to bring forth highlights of his life. Students will be asked to participate in a contest where they can present projects about Blessed John Paul II's life through art, video, computer graphics, drama, poetry and writing. Students will be rewarded for their participation by being presented a medal, book mark and poster for their classroom. The school with the most students participating will receive a framed picture of Blessed John Paul II. Scholarship dollars may be awarded at the end of the project.

Books and magazines will be placed in media centers to remember the legacy of John Paul II. The final phase of the educational legacy project was to work with colleges and universities.

In the final phase of our educational **Legacy Project**, The Dominican House of Studies are interested in pursuing programs that could be used at the high school CCD programs and adult education. Social Media outreach projects would be involved to promote the legacy of John Paul II with a special focus on the month of April 2014 when John Paul's canonization is expected. Our Chapter board funded the **Legacy Project** as an ongoing effort of the Chapter.

Partnerships were formed with the following organizations to work cooperatively with the intent to promote John Paul's legacy.

Polish American Congress Washington Division and the John Paul II Cultural Foundation co-sponsored a primer showing of the "Nine Days that Changed the World". More than 150 guests thanked Speaker Newt and Callista Gingrich for their contribution to promoting the legacy of Blessed John Paul II.

The Polish American Congress's Charitable Foundation awarded the **Polish Perspectives Project** \$2,500 for their educational objectives for the Social Studies Conference. This Project includes John Paul's legacy as a prominent part of its presentation to four thousand teachers.

The American Council for Polish Culture's- Polish Perspectives Exhibit displays at the National Council for the Social Studies Educational conference to four thousand educators. The "Nine Days that changed the World" DVDs are distributed as well as lesson plans for students from grades 7-12. The Friends of John Paul II Foundation awarded the Educational Outreach project a grant of \$1,500 to continue promoting Blessed John Paul during this conference. Posters, book marks and DVDs will be made available during this National conference in St. Louis in 2013..

The Polish American Arts Association of the Greater Washington DC area has worked cooperatively by co-sponsoring a request for a grant "Keep our Heritage Alive". We must instill the contributions Poles made upon the history of the United States and the significance of John Paul's papacy made

upon the history of mankind.

The Friends of the John Paul II Foundation established a working relationship with the **Polish Embassy** in Washington DC in order to sponsor events at the Embassy honoring Blessed John Paul II.

A request for funds to promote our educational efforts was presented to Consul Konowrocki for funds from the **Ministry of Polish Culture in Poland**. Members of the Foundation attended an event sponsored by the Polish Embassy where they featured an evening with Pope's Maestro Levine. Maestro Levine shared his thoughts about how intimately he worked with Blessed John Paul II and the types of musical scores the Pope enjoyed. Many dignitaries including Cardinal Wuerl and Archbishop Viganò were in attendance.

During the Wadowice on the Potomac in 2012, the Chapter presented an award to **Barbara Comstock**, state legislative delegate to the **Virginia Legislative Assembly**. She was responsible for the passage of a bill through the Virginia legislature that stated June 2 of 2011 to be a day of remembrance to honor John Paul II. Mrs. Comstock honored John Paul II's 1979 pilgrimage to Poland and that was the beginning of the day that changed the course of History. She issued a proclamation June 2 as a Day of honor for Pope John Paul II. This proclamation is on exhibit at the Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia.

The John Paul II Cultural Center respected our Foundation and presented us with numerous books, photos and memorabilia of the Pope. These items are being used to support our Educational Legacy Project. Some of the items that were in the Polish Heritage room

were sent to the **Polish American Museum in Chicago and the Orchard Lake Schools in Michigan**. The cost of the transfer were funded by a Flanagan Family Donation

The Chapter has developed a turn-key project for schools where they can use the poster and book marks about John Paul II to commemorate October as **Polish Heritage Month**.

Two Bronze Busts of John Paul are commissioned that would be used at the bequest of member Carl Sharek to be placed in institutions where John Paul II visited.

An Advisory Council has been established to have a greater outreach in the community. Members for this Council were selected because of their outreach in the community and their ability to promote the Legacy of Blessed John Paul II. These 12 members will submit ideas, projects and provide the board of directors on how they too may promote the legacy of our late Pope.

Yearly the **Catholic Information Center** provides an award called the **John Paul II Evangelization Award**.

The first recipient was Cardinal David Wuerl. This second year, 2013 George Weigel will receive this award. In his honor, the Friends Foundation of Washington will present a monetary gift in his name to the Foundation in Rome, Italy.

The cooperation and hard work of the Chapter Board of Directors during my two terms as president is sincerely appreciated. I pray the future officers are successful in their efforts to lead the Chapter and I look forward to continuing my efforts to promote the legacy of **Blessed John Paul II the Great**.

Chaplains' Corner



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

THE SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS

A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give us grace. The grace of pardon and peace is what we receive when we confess our sinful faults and become reconciled with Christ and his church. Often in daily life circumstances we say; pardon me please; excuse me; forgive me or I apologize and so we make reconciliation with our neighbor and also with our God.

Pope Francis on the plane from Rio to Rome said "If a person has committed a sin and then that person experienced conversion, the Lord forgives and when the Lord forgives, the Lord forgets, and this is very important for our lives. When we go to confession and we truly say 'I have sinned in this matter,' the Lord forgets, and we do not have the right not to forget, because we run the risk that the Lord will not forget our sins. This is a danger. This is what is important: a Theology of sin. So many times I think of Saint Peter: he committed one of the worst sins denying Christ. And with this sin they made him Pope. We must think about that fact often."

So after being pardoned, we become at peace to live out our lives in being an instrument of peace within the mosaic of God's creation.

Rev. Canon Philip S, Majka



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

Unfortunately Fr. Fiedurek was unable to send us his article in time for us to go to press. His Chaplain's Corner will appear in our next issue.

Coming Soon

A New Look For Our Web Page

Our WebMaster, Dr. William Klepczynski has been working on revising the Web Page for the Friends of John Paul II Foundation. He has completed a draft for the remodeled website. Once completed the new website will be at the old address and anyone with an email address wishing to receive John Paul II Foundation information in that media are invited to provide their email address to: Gloria Klepczynski - EM:gloriak3530@comcast.net.

Some changes in the new website:

- 1) The new site has the navigational panel on the left side of the page instead of across the top;
- 2) Some new pages added
 - a. The short biography of John Paul II is now an explicit page.
 - b. A new "Road to Sainthood" page
 - c. Meeting and Events on separate pages
 - d. New "Highlights" page emphasize certain functions
 - e. Washington Chapter and the Foundation in Rome are on separate pages

Dr. Klepczynski is also looking into setting up a "Pay Pal" account so that members and prospective members would have the option to use a charge card to pay their dues.

UNESCO Conference - John Paul II's Timely Thoughts for An Individual, Education and Culture

On Wednesday, February 13, 2013 in Paris - under the patronage of UNESCO - a conference was organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to UNESCO along with Monsignor Francesco Folio, the John Paul II Foundation along with His Eminency Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko and the Director of the Center for Documentation and Research of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome - Andrzej Dobrzynski.

The conference took place in one of the huge halls of UNESCO, in the place - where on June 2, 1980 Pope John Paul II made his phenomenal speech about culture and man. That speech has been described later as one of the most important speeches that were made since the UNESCO's establishment.

Monsignor Francesco Folio, due to the absence of Ms. Irina Bokova - the General Director of UNESCO, made the introductions. While, His Eminence Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the President of the John Paul II Foundation, co-organizer of this event opened the symposium titled "John Paul II's - current thoughts for man, education and culture"

Cardinal Rylko, as the President of the Foundation, expressed his joy for this event which was organized to learn more about the teachings of Pope John Paul II. In accordance with the John Paul II's thoughts, "A man has a special place" as Stanislaw Rylko said: "He (John Paul II) is offering us solid guidelines which help us to direct us in time of deep cultural changes."

With satisfaction, Cardinal Rylko accepted the fact that this symposium met with great interest from a wide and qualified audience. The Cardinal cited a few phrases from the John Paul II speech: "Man lives a really human *life thanks to culture*. Human life is culture in this sense too that, through it, man is distinguished and differentiated from everything that exists elsewhere in the visible world: man cannot do without culture... *the primacy and essential task of culture* in general, and also of all culture, *is education* . Education consists in fact in enabling man to become more man, to "be" more and not just to "have" more and consequently, through everything he "has", everything he "possesses", to "be" man more fully."

Presenters - each in his/her own field - addressed the thoughts of John Paul II on modern culture in a way to allow man to be a human being more fully. A man can live authentically as a human being among people.

The following individuals gave a speech:

Professor Fabrice Hadjadj, Director of the "Philantropos" institute in Fribourg in Switzerland, who gave a speech about "Importance and role of the Evangelical values in today's culture";

Professor Thomas Hong-Soon Han — the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies - Seoul, South Korea, about "Economy and integral development of a human being";

Professor Rossana Reguillo Cruz from ITESO - the Jesuit University of Guadalajara in Mexico - about "Young people in the labyrinth of modern culture";

Rev. Professor Father Jozef Z. Kijas, O.F.M. Conv. From the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow, Poland, about "The need of the transcendent dimension in man's development process";

Professor Genevieve Medevielle from the Catholic Institute of Paris, France - spoke about "a woman's dignity and her development process in the teachings of John Paul II";

His Eminence Cardinal Andre Vingt -Trois, the Archbishop of Paris, gave the final speech.

All speeches were coordinated by the famous Polish movie director Krzysztof Zanussi.

Among numerous people who were sitting in the auditorium, it was easy to notice many Ambassadors appointed by UNESCO among them the Ambassador of Poland Mr. Krzysztof Kocela, Bishops from France along with His Eminence Andre Vingt -Trois, His Eminence Dubost ; many priests, monks and nuns; His Excellency Mr. Tomasz Orlowski, the Ambassador of Poland in France, representatives of many organizations and members of the John Paul II Foundation. The hall which can accommodate 450 people was full.

At the end of this event, the Ambassador of Poland appointed by UNESCO, Mr. Krzysztof Kocel offered refreshments and in this way invited participants of this event to a further discussion at the delicious buffet.

Christiane Rogowski

We Need Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation. Your financial support through membership is invaluable in aiding our main goals i.e. keeping alive the legacy of Pope John Paul II and supporting his Foundation in Rome.

In November we will have our annual general meeting and elections. Members attendance is very important as well as volunteering to serve on the Board.

The elected officers keep the programs to achieve our goals working effectively. It is both an honor and responsibility to be elected an officer of Friends of John Paul II Foundation. Requirements: attending meetings and supporting events. Board meetings are held four times a year and members are expected to attend unless excused.

If you could devote some time to serve - your participation will be most welcome and appreciated both by the Foundation and in heaven.

The officers of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation shall be:

Executive Board

President: Although not specified in our By-Laws it stands to reason that anyone running for President will have served on the Board prior to election and has experience with our programs. President shall preside at all meetings and appoint chairpersons of all appointed committees. The president shall prepare a meeting agenda, annual report, countersign all checks over \$1,000. Serve as ex-officio member on all committees, and handle any arising appointments and duties.

1st Vice-President: Shall perform duties of the president when the president is indisposed. Traditionally, the 1st VP Chairs the membership committee.

2nd Vice-President: Serves on the Finance Committee

Treasurer: Receives and deposits financial contributions and income into bank accounts as directed by the Board of Directors. Keeps accurate records and reports at all board and general meetings. Signs checks for all disbursements

of funds, after securing authorization from the President and Board of Directors. Prepares financial reports, tax returns and other proper reports, necessary for annual audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Sends notices of all meetings; reads correspondence at meetings.

Recording Secretary: Keeps accurate and accountable minutes of all Board meetings and General meetings.

Board of Directors: Attend Board meetings and serve on any one of the active committees such as the Wadowice fundraiser, or other events.

If you are willing to serve in any capacity, please let Mary Flanagan, Nominations Chair, know of your generosity by calling: 703-536-7085 or Email: mflan90753@aol.com before November 2.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 19, 2013
"Wadowice on the Potomac"
annual fundraiser banquet
5:30pm at the Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC

Sunday, October 20, at 2:00 pm
Mass and unveiling of a mosaic of John Paul II - a gift from the Polish-American Bishops at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave. NE,
Washington, DC

Tuesday, 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. Parish Hall, Our Lady Queen of Poland & Bl. Maksimilian Kolbe Church. 11:00 am. - Luncheon follows.

Request for Email Addresses

We are in the process of developing an email list of members to inform you of events in a timely manner and to help keep our printing and postage expenses down. We do have some of your email addresses, but need to update information and add more members to the list. Please be

assured that the email list will only be used by the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Washington DC Chapter and will not be given to any company or group. Please email your address to our Membership Chairperson, Gloria Klepczynski at: gloriak3530@comcast.net Thank you for considering our request!

Thank You for Your Support

We extend to you our gratitude and appreciation for your continued patronage and loyal support throughout the years to the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Washington DC Chapter.

So far this year 2013, we have been able to send to the John Paul II Foundation in Rome, Italy over \$9,500.00 to help with the overall projects at the Home and Center for Research & Documentation, more later this year. Also, some of the funds will provide for scholarships to assist talented young people coming from Eastern and Central European countries to attend the Catholic University of John Paul II in Lublin, Poland.

Your generosity is also helping to support our local Educational Outreach Program in Catholic Schools by providing educational materials, lesson plans and a DVD – ‘Nine Days That Changed the World’.

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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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, as well as membership.

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There is still time to pay your **Membership Dues for 2013!** Please complete the membership form and enclose it with your check. Please indicate whether you are paying for the 2013 year or in advance for 2014. Thank you for continuing your membership with the Friends of John Paul II Foundation.



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