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JOHN PAUL II
FOUNDATION
Washington, DC Chapter

Wadowice-on-the-Potomac

*Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of
Pope St. John Paul II's Inauguration to the Papacy*



*Honoring
His Excellency Piotr Wilczek
The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland*

*Sunday, November 18, 2018
Apostolic Nunciature
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Washington, D.C. 20008*



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The John Paul II Foundation was established by a Papal Decree on October 16, 1981 in Rome, Italy as a religious, educational, charitable and non-profit organization in response to the historic election of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła to the Holy See. Its purpose is to support and implement initiatives of a scholarly, cultural, religious and charitable nature.

The Metropolitan Washington, DC, Chapter of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation was founded and accredited within the Washington Archdiocese on November 5, 1985. Sir Walter Zachariasiewicz was the driving force that established this local Chapter.

Our purpose and objectives are to perpetuate the legacy, ideals and teachings of Saint John Paul II and support the Foundation in Rome, Italy.

This celebratory evening of Saint John Paul II's life and papacy is entitled Wadowice-on-the-Potomac. This is the major fundraiser of the Friends of the Foundation. Wadowice (pronounced Vah.doh.vee.tse), is the birthplace of Pope Saint John Paul II (who was born Karol Jozef Wojtyła).

Proceeds from our Dinner Program will support the Foundation's work. Thank you for being a "Friend."

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Welcome

Raymond Glembocki, *Master of Ceremonies*

National Anthems of the United States & Poland

Laura Kafka-Price, soprano & Eileen Cornett, piano

Special Guest Recognition

Sharon Brzostowski, *President*

Invocation

His Excellency, Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio, Washington DC

Luncheon

Honoree - Ambassador Piotr Wilczek

Presentation of Flags

Rep. Barbara Comstock (VA-10)

Highlights of the Foundation

Marianna Eckel, *Vice President*

Gifts Presentation

Cecilia Glembocki, *Legacy Project*

Singing of St. John Paul II's Favorite Songs

Laura Kafka-Price, soprano & Eileen Cornett, piano

Blessing

Rev. Canon Philip Majka

His Excellency Piotr Wilczek *The Ambassador of the Republic of Poland*



Ambassador Piotr Wilczek was born on 26 April 1962, in Chorzów, Poland. A prolific literary scholar, intellectual historian, writer, and translator, he graduated in 1986 from the University of Silesia in Katowice, where he also received his Ph.D. (1992) and Habilitation (2001). Recruited by his Alma Mater, he remained there until 2008 as a professor and Faculty Dean. In 2006, he received the title of Professor of the Humanities from the President of the Republic of Poland.

In 2008, he joined the University of Warsaw faculty at the new, experimental Artes Liberales program. He became the Founding Director of Collegium Artes Liberales (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) where he helped establish and chaired Centre for the Study of the Reformation and Intellectual Culture in Early-Modern Europe. Since 2010, he has also been at the helm of the Artes Liberales Doctoral Studies Program. An international scholar active in Europe and the United States, he has been promoting liberal arts education, which breaks the existing barriers between narrow fields of specialization traditionally favored in the continental Europe.

In the United States from 1998 to 2001, he taught Polish literature and language as a visiting professor at Rice University, the University of Illinois, and the University of Chicago. He was invited to give public lectures at Harvard University and the University of Texas at Austin and conducted research as a visiting scholar at Boston College and Cleveland State University.

He was Representative in Poland of the New York-based Kosciuszko Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to educational, cultural, and artistic exchange between the United States and Poland, and also served as President of the Foundation's affiliate in Warsaw.

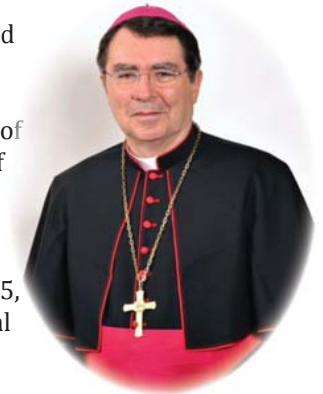
In May 2017 he was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Cleveland State University.

On 21 October 2016 the President of the Republic of Poland nominated him Ambassador to the United States and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.



His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre *Apostolic Nuncio, Washington DC*

Archbishop Christophe Pierre was born on January 30, 1946 in Rennes, France. He completed his primary education in Madagascar, and his secondary schooling in France, and Morocco. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Rennes (1963-1969) and the Catholic Institute of Paris (1969-1971).



He did the Military Service from July 1965, to October 1966. He was ordained a priest on April 5, 1970, in Saint-Malo, France and became Parochial Vicar of the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Colombes, France (1970-1973).

He has a Master in Sacred Theology and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (1973-1977).

In 1977 he completed his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, in Rome and started his service in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See. He was appointed first to the Pontifical Representation in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean (1977-1981). Subsequently he served in Mozambique (1981); in Zimbabwe (1982-1986); in Cuba (1986-1989); in Brazil (1989-1991); at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (1991-1995).

He was elected Titular Archbishop of Gunela on July 12, 1995, and received the Episcopal Consecration on September 24, 1995, in Saint-Malo, France. Archbishop Christophe Pierre served as Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti, from 1995 until 1999. He has also been the Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda (1999-2007) and Mexico (2007-2016). He was appointed as Apostolic Nuncio of the United States of America by His Holiness, Pope Francis on April 12, 2016. Archbishop Pierre speaks French, English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese.



BARKA

Barka was written by Cesáreo Gabaráin Azurmendi, a Spanish Basque priest and is widely recognized to have been the favorite song of Pope Saint John Paul II. Its Spanish title is Pescador de hombres (Fisher of Men). Barka (The Barge), as it is better known, was most significant for the Holy Father. It contained the theme that he adopted for his pontificate, since Christ had called him, as he called his apostles, and told him not to be afraid, as henceforth he would be a fisherman of men.

(Polish)

1. *Pan kiedyś stanął nad brzegiem, Szukał ludzi gotowych
pójść za Nim; By łowić serca Słów Bożych prawdą.*

*Ref. O Panie, to Ty na mnie spojrzales,
Twoje usta dziś wyrzekły me imię.
Swoją barkę pozostawiam na brzegu,
Razem z Tobą nowy zacznę dziś łów.*

2. *Jestem ubogim człowiekiem, Moim skarbem są ręce gotowe.
Do pracy z Tobą I czyste serce. Ref.*

(English)

1. *Lord, when you came to the seashore; You weren't seeking the
wise or the wealthy, But only asking that I might follow.*

*Ref. O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing;
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying.
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;
Close to you, I will find other seas.*

2. *Lord, you knew what my boat carried; Neither money nor
weapons for fighting, but nets for fishing, my daily labor. Ref.*

Prayer for the Intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II



*O Blessed Trinity,
we thank You for having graced the Church
with Saint John Paul II
and for allowing the tenderness of Your Fatherly care,
the glory of the Cross of Christ,
and the splendor of the Spirit of love, to shine through him.
Trusting fully in Your infinite mercy
and in the maternal intercession of Mary,
he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd,
and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure
of ordinary Christian life
and is the way of achieving eternal communion with You.
Grant us, by his intercession,
and according to Your will,
the graces we implore,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Rep. Barbara Comstock

U.S. Congressional Representative, VA

Barbara Comstock is a two-term representative of Virginia's 10th Congressional District (Loudoun County, Clarke County, Frederick County, and parts of Fairfax County and Prince William County as well as the Cities of Winchester, Manassas

Park, and Manassas City). 2016 was Barbara's sixth electoral victory in eight years including her years serving in the Virginia House of Delegates. Barbara has served on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, the Science, Space and Technology Committee, where she was Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Research and Technology, the House Administration Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the bicameral Joint Economic Committee. As Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Congresswoman Comstock has focused on cybersecurity and the cyber threats facing our nation.

Barbara was appointed to serve on the Governor's Economic Development and Job Creation Commission and, was also appointed by Virginia's House of Delegates Speaker to serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. In the summer of 2010, Barbara was selected as one of 50 state legislators to participate in the "Emerging Political Leaders" program sponsored by the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.



Laura Kafka-Price

soprano

Laura Kafka-Price is an American soprano of Polish heritage from Monterey, California with a multi-dimensional career as a singer, scholar, and educator. Polish music has played a great role in her career. Her concerts always include works by Polish composers.

She studied at universities in North Carolina and Alaska and received a doctorate in musicology from the University of Maryland College Park.

She maintains a private teaching studio and enjoys an active singing career.



Eileen Cornett

pianist

Eileen Cornett is director of the graduate Vocal Accompanying Program at The Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University and is the principal faculty coach with Peabody's Opera Department. She has conducted, coached, and arranged musical and operatic productions for numerous regional and international companies. Cornett has performed as solo, rehearsal, and orchestral pianist with the National Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, and Kennedy Center Opera/Ballet Orchestras, for conductors James Levine, Leonard Slatkin, Marin Alsop, among others.

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Wadowice is a city lying along the Skawa River in southern Poland, not far from Kraków (Cracow). It was awarded city status before 1327. Prince Władysław, Lord at Oswiecim bestowed a coat of arms on the city on which appears a golden Piast eagle on a blue background and a white tower on a red background. The eagle was from the coat of arms of Prince Wladyslaw and the tower from the device of Oswiecim.



This old city became world famous when Cardinal Karol Wojtyła, Metropolitan of Kraków, was elected Pope John Paul II in 1978. Karol Wojtyła was born in Wadowice on May 18, 1920. Here he was raised and educated. He graduated from the Marcin Wadowity High School before going on to the Jagiellonian University in Kraków.

Wadowice has a rich history and has produced many well-known scholars and meritorious individuals.

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