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WELCOME CARDINAL DZIWIŚZ - WITAMY

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is pleased to issue a warm "Welcome - Witamy" to the Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, His Eminence Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz. Cardinal Dziwisz was invited to visit Canada by the Polish Priests' Conference of Eastern Canada. While there, Cardinal Dziwisz participated in the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City from June 15-22, 2008. On June 15, he took part in the 3rd Annual John Paul II Parade in Brampton. This parade promoted the teachings of the late Pontiff on human dignity, social justice and peace.

The week's activities centered on the theme "The Eucharist: Gift of God for the Life of the World." It included testimonials, workshops, roundtables from an international array of scholars, catechists and contributors from every continent. The Congress concluded with a procession through the City of Quebec.

After the Congress, Cardinal Dziwisz visited the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, where he concelebrated a Solemn Mass at 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 22nd.

On Tuesday, June 24, the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. will host the Cardinal at a Welcome Reception from 6 to 7:30 pm that is open to the public. Cardinal Dziwisz will also be the main celebrant for Mass at the Center at Noon on Wednesday, June 25.

On Thursday, June 26, His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Arch-bishop of Detroit, will host the pastoral visit of Cardinal Dziwisz at Orchard Lake Schools in MI. The

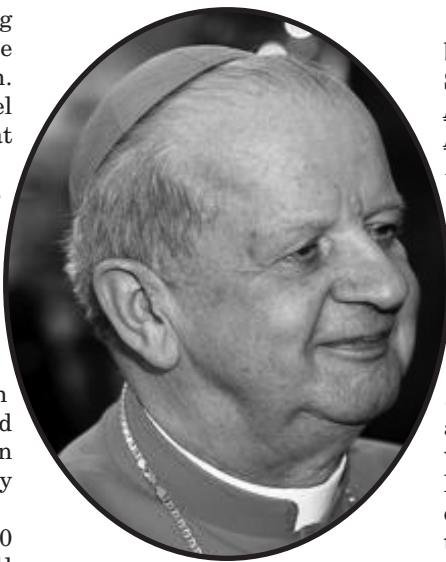
program includes the Blessing of the Pope John Paul II statue at Lourdes Grotto at 5:30 p.m. and Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake at 6:00 p.m.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George will welcome Cardinal Dziwisz to Chicago for a visit from June 27 - 29. On Saturday, June 28th at Noon, Cardinal Dziwisz will have lunch with representatives of Polish American organizations and businesses at Jolly Inn Restaurant. This is a by invitation only event.

On Sunday, June 29, at 10 a.m. Cardinal Dziwisz will concelebrate Mass with Cardinal George at Holy Trinity Polish Mission, Noble and Division Ave., Chicago, IL. Polonia will get another chance to pray with the Polish Cardinal at 12:30 on Sunday, June 29 when Cardinal Dziwisz will also be the main celebrant for Mass at St. Hyacinth Basilica at 3635 W George St., Chicago, IL.

That evening, His Eminence Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz will be the honored guest at the 5th Annual Bishop Abramowicz Seminary Banquet being held at the White Eagle, 6835 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. At this event, Cardinal George will present the prestigious *Caritas Christi Award* for service to Polonia to Cardinal Dziwisz. The Silent Auction and reception begins at 4:30 p.m. and the dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. For information, contact the Seminary Development Office at 312-666-3675. For tickets contact Camille Kopielski at 847-394-2520

Born on April 27, 1939, in the Polish village Raba Wyzna, Stanislaw Dziwisz studied in



His Eminence
Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz,
Archbishop of Krakow

local seminaries and after successful completion of theological studies was ordained a priest on June 23, 1963 for the diocese of Krakow by His Excellency Karol Jozef Wojtyla, Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow. Bishop Wojtyla kept Fr. Dziwisz on his staff as his personal secretary during his time as Bishop and later as Archbishop.

When Cardinal Wojtyla was elected pope, Fr. Dziwisz continued in the diocese until he was summoned once more for service as private secretary to Pope John Paul II.

Fr. Dziwisz was appointed titular bishop of San Leone and joint head of the Prefecture of the Papal Household on February 7, 1998. He was ordained a Bishop on March 19, 1998. Pope John Paul II elevated Bishop Dziwisz to the rank of Archbishop on September 29, 2003, having the titular see of San Leone.

Cardinal Dziwisz wrote a book that was released this Spring, entitled *A Life with Karol: My Forty-Year Friendship with the Man Who Became Pope.*

SECRETARY TO THE POPE - As Pope John Paul II's private secretary, Fr. Dziwisz dedicated his priesthood to humbly serving the Pontiff and became one of his most trusted aides. He was always near him during Mass, and was with him almost every waking moment. During John Paul's papacy, he became one of the most influential voices in the Vatican, often issuing statements on behalf of the Pope.

On March 31, 2005, when Pope John Paul II's health condition was serious, it was Archbishop Dziwisz who administered the Anointing of the Sick to the Pope. Before the death of Pope John Paul II, Dziwisz was reported to have helped him write a message to his staff not to grieve, that he (John Paul) was happy and that they should be, too.

When the Holy Father died on April 2, 2005, Archbishop Dziwisz was at his bedside. According to rules created by Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Dziwisz packed his belongings and was forced to vacate the papal apartments before they were sealed by the *camerlengo*.

It was believed that John Paul had hoped to appoint Archbishop Dziwisz as Archbishop of Krakow and elevate him to the rank of Cardinal, however a vacancy did not occur before Pope John Paul II's death. It was Pope Benedict XVI who named Bishop Dziwisz to the post of Archbishop of Krakow and later elevated him to Cardinal.

During the Mass of Requiem on April 8 for Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Dziwisz had the honor of placing a white silk veil over the face of the Pope before the body was lowered into three separate caskets. It was the symbolic last act of service of Archbishop Dziwisz as papal secretary for Pope John Paul II.

ARCHBISHOP OF KRAKOW - On June 3, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Dziwisz as successor to the retiring Macharski as Archbishop of Krakow. Pope Benedict XVI is believed to have made the appointment as one of the last wishes of John Paul II. It is customary for the Archbishops of certain important episcopal sees, such as Krakow, to be elevated to the College of Cardinals.

At the Consistory of March 24, 2006, Archbishop Dziwisz was raised to the *cardinalate*, becoming Cardinal of the Titulus S. Mariae de Populo. This will allow him to participate in any upcoming papal conclaves until his 80th birthday in 2019.

In May of 2006, Pope Benedict XVI named Cardinal Dziwisz to be a member of the Congregation for Catholic Education and the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The PRCUA extends congratulations to His Eminence Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz as recipient of the *Caritas Christi Award* and invites him to visit the PRCUA headquarters and the Polish Museum on his next visit to Chicagoland.