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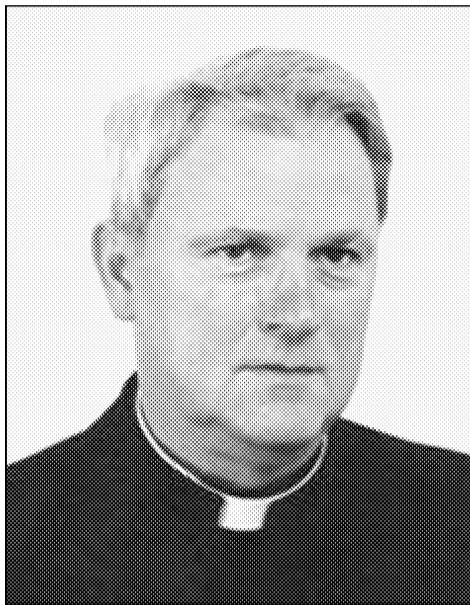
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And all the others that perished
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Rev. Tadeusz Winnicki New Pastor of the Nativity Church



Rev. Tadeusz Winnicki was born in Hrubieszów in 1946, and attended elementary and high school in his home town.

In 1965 he entered the Poznań Seminary of the Society of Christ (a special ministry which cares for Polish Migrants throughout the world). In the course of seven years he completed his philosophical and theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood in 1972 by Archbishop A. Baraniak in Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral. After his ordination he worked in northwestern Poland's Archdiocese of Szczeciń ministering to the parishioners in the cities of Dobrzany and Szczeciń.

After four years of pastoral ministry in Poland, he was sent by his superiors to Australia in 1976, where for the first two years he preached to retreatants in various Polish speaking communities. In 1978 he became the Rector of Our Lady of Częstochowa Church in Marayong, a western suburb of Sydney.

In 1981 he was transferred by his superiors to the North American Province and worked in St. Stanislaus Parish - Fall River, Mass. He was appointed the Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Wyandotte, Michigan, and Pastor of Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish in Washington, DC.

In 1989 he was nominated for the office of the Provincial of the Society of Christ in North America. During the General Chapter of the Society of Christ in 1995 he was elected as the Superior General of the Order and resided in the Society's headquarters in Poznań Poland, and oversaw the ministry of the priests of the Society of Christ worldwide.

Father Winnicki was invited by the Holy Father John Paul II to attend the Synod of Bishops for Europe in the Jubilee Year of 2000. He actively participated in the work of the Major Superiors "Consulta" in Poland, and in the Superiors General meetings in Rome. After the completion of two terms (12 years) as the Superior General, he returned to the United States and was appointed the Pastor of Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

On August 15, 2008, Father Winnicki was appointed the Pastor of the Nativity of the Lord Parish in San Francisco.

The Society of Christ was founded in 1932 by Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland. □

Archdiocesan Migration Day Mass and Festival of Cultures

By: *Natalia Kamińska*



Karolina Chudyba
Read the liturgy in Polish

On September 13, 2008 the international Catholic community of greater Los Angeles was celebrating the Annual Migration Day Mass and Festival of Cultures at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The theme of this year's celebration "From Many, One Family of God" points to the wonderful cultural diversity that we are part of, and at the same time, reminds us that we belong to a one great human family.

It was indeed heart-warming to see various ethnic communities participating in the Holy Mass; the blessing of the Altar by Native American and African American groups, the Japanese Kaiko drummers' performance, the Liturgical Dance by a Basque folk group, beautiful singing, liturgical readings and prayers in many different languages, including Polish which was read by Karolina Chudyba. The vibrant folk costumes of the ethnic groups brought many colors to a large crowd of faithful gathered in the Cathedral.

The Principal Celebrant was Cardinal Roger Mahony with auxiliary bishops and many priests concelebrating the Migration Day Mass. Following a church celebration, the Festival of Cultures continued at the LA County Hall of Administration Court with more music, ethnic food and more enjoyment. Hopefully, in the future, our Polish community will be better represented and more visible at this great event rather than the very small group which participated this year.

This year's celebration was organized by the Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic Ministry and an Ethnic Community Council of which Polish American Congress President Richard Wideryński was a participant.

The Migration Mass will be held again next year. The Polish American Congress of Southern California welcomes all of Southern California Polonia to actively participate in this worthwhile endeavor which acts as a showcase of ethnic communities making up the Los Angeles Archdiocese. □

Georgia and the Missile Shield

By: *Marek Jan Chodakiewicz*

Russia's war against Georgia jolted the US into concluding a defense deal with Poland. The agreement provides for the deployment of a battery of Patriot missiles on Polish soil. It complements an earlier accord with the Czech Republic, which consented to host the radar component of the American defense system. This so-called "Missile Shield" is a tactical device set up to guard Europe and Israel against a rocket attack by Iran or other rouge state, according to Washington. For Warsaw and Prague, however, the Shield is of strategic significance. Its unheralded role is to protect the former Soviet satellites from a new Russian aggression. It is also the first step to achieve US military presence in those countries modeled after the South Korean paradigm. That is precisely how Moscow views the defense installation.

The Kremlin is very unhappy. It has even threatened a nuclear strike against Poland. Its increasingly shrill rhetoric coupled with its brutal military campaign in Georgia indicates Russia's confident return to its old imperial ways. It has also shown that it can flaunt international law in regards to the "near abroad," the nations formerly incorporated in the USSR. Ukraine, the Baltic states, Azerbeidzhan, and others can hardly ignore the Georgian lesson as they are next on the list of "re-assembling the lands of Russia." Eschewing a lightning strike and bidding its time, the Kremlin will continue a gradual mode of undermining their sovereignty, including through the energy weapon. Moscow has further played its propaganda game very skillfully, reinforcing Russophile tendencies in much of the EU. Thus, Italy has supported Russia brazenly, while Germany more discreetly. France scurried to foist upon Georgia the Kremlin's ultimatum disguised as a cease fire agreement. Great Britain and a few smaller countries followed America's lead to condemn Russia's aggression.

Thus, the European Union has failed to elucidate a common policy regarding the crisis in Georgia. Moreover, some of its leading member states have shown themselves to prefer solutions incompatible with freedom, justice, and democracy, which supposedly are the cornerstones of the EU. Their excuse is the apparent "moderation" of the Kremlin.

Russia has proceeded cautiously and gradually thus far in Georgia. It could have overrun all of it and practically done pretty much anything it wanted to with impunity. The West would have abandoned Georgia, limiting itself to pious condemnations of the aggressor, as it did after Soviet Russia's assault on Central-Eastern Europe (1944-1947), Hungary (1956), and Czechoslovakia (1968). There would have been neither any "rollback" nor "liberation" of Georgia any more than there ever was of half of Europe suffering under the Kremlin's yoke.

Russia does not want to overplay its hand, however. Excessive rapaciousness at this stage could trigger adverse reactions in the West. First, it would validate the fears of the former satellites,

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