



2019 Annual Report



Presenting our Annual Contribution Report

This *cumulative* report covers the period from March 27, 2012, to December 31, 2019. This *cumulative* report is prepared as soon as the previous year's accounting information was received and processed, which should be in the January/February time frame of this year. Many of you have made more than one gift in the progress of the Polish Heritage Center. When you send your gift over time, the collected effect might escape you. That is the reason for this *cumulative* report — to show you how your REPEATED gifts build over time, make a difference, and are truly appreciated. It is hoped that this example might help others to consider a similar practice of supporting the Polish Heritage Center. Not everyone can make a large one-time gift, but all can make gifts over time. Whether it is monthly, quarterly, annually, or whatever frequency, your repeated gifts will make help make this worthwhile project a reality! The purpose is that as a 501(C)(3), non-profit organization, every effort will be made that you, our generous benefactors, will always know where your contributions have gone and what they are accomplishing. We are always accountable to you. Every effort has been made to ensure that this report is accurate and reflects correctly the levels of each of your contributions. If there are any corrections, please contact me, John Wojtasczyk, at either 210-387-7472 or wojtasczyk@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you.

***Signifies Heritage Circle Membership**

† Signifies those now deceased

***Saint John Paul II Society**

(\$1,000,000.00 and up)

John & Mary Pollok Yanta Memorial Trust, Bishop John W. Yanta, trustee

***Fr. Leopold Moczygemba Society**

(\$750,000.00 to \$999, 999.99)

No members yet

***Families of Original Settlers Society**

(\$500,000.00 to \$749,999.99)

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Bishop John W Yanta

***Saint Faustina Kowalska Society**

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Yanta Cattle Company

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(\$100,000.00 to \$249,999.99)

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**Pictures from the 2019 Dziękuję Event
 held December 14, 2019 in the Polish Heritage Center**

Photos courtesy of John Wojtasczyk



Above: Bishop John Yanta, Consul General Robert Rusiecki, Dorothy Kissling



Above: the gathering in the Main Exhibit Area



Above: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz giving the main presentation



Above: Bishop John Yanta speaking with one of the guests.



Left: Bishop John Yanta with Master of Ceremony Al Notzon

Thank you for your continued support!

As we begin a new year and hurry towards the completion of our beautiful Polish Heritage Center, we ask that you take a moment and remember a few pointers that will help in our Center becoming a reality:

- 1) According to IRS rules, the person writing a check for a 501(c)(3) organization is the individual who is able to claim the deduction benefit on his or her taxes.
- 2) On whatever correspondence that you provide, please help to make it clear and legible. This is very important on memorializations and tributes.
- 3) When possible, please include your phone number. See number 2 above for why!
- 4) For married women, please include your maiden name. This helps us to understand the Polish connectedness.
- 5) If you wish to remain anonymous, we respect and honor that. Mark the form that you wish to remain anonymous or include a note. But please provide your contact information with your gift. Example, we recently received a cash donation along with a memorialization. Luckily the memorialization was *just* clear enough to read. But if not, I would have had no way to clarify or correctly record and note the intent of the gift!

IMPORTANT!

Those who have supported our Polish Heritage Center and have made memorializations will receive in the mail a form for specifically the stating and wording your memorialization. A location within the Heritage Center has been determined to be the *Donor Galley* and the placing of the *Societies* in the Donor Galley has also been worked out. The Donor Galley is located immediately past the Lobby, through the door straight ahead, in the space on the right and in the hall on the left that connects to the Concession area.

This next phase is **EXTREMELY** important. It involves the spacing allotted to each Society and its respective font size. To be clear, the space allotted and the corresponding font size is commensurate with that Society. Everyone who has donated \$1,000 and more will be displayed in the Donor Galley in their respective Society. Be assured that the recording and displaying of all names and memorializations will be easily readable. Those who have given less will at least be recorded in the *American Polonia Book*. Remember that all gifts are cumulative and that the displays will be periodically updated.

When you receive your form in the mail from us, it will use a block form to finalize how you wish the memorialization to appear. You do not have to use all of the blocks, but there is no ability to go beyond, except by continuing to donate so that you ascend to the next Society level. It is important to remember that in the memorialization, the space between words is actually a character and counts as such.

Dziękuję y'all!

John Wojtasczyk (wojtasczyk@sbcglobal.net or 210-387-7472)

OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA GUILD



The Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild has been created to recognize donors who have included the Polish Heritage Center in their estate planning. Planned gifts are a meaningful way to ensure that the needs of the Polish Heritage Center are met now and well into the future.

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your planned deferred giving can dramatically make a lasting difference. This thoughtful generosity will ensure the continuity of the Polish Heritage Center for many generations to come. It will enable the Polish Heritage Center to remain the preeminent site in the United States honoring those courageous immigrants, the first and oldest permanent Polish settlement, and the many nearby settlements and parishes it spawned. Your investment will help maintain and secure a first-rate teaching and learning experience for your descendants and all visitors. When donors notify the Polish Heritage Center of planned gifts we honor those individuals or families by recognizing them as members of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild.



Becoming a member of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild is quite simple. In fact, if you have named the Center in your will or have otherwise included the institution in your estate plans, you are already a member. If you have not yet notified us of your bequest, please contact a Center representative to inform us of your decision and complete a simple Guild reservation form.

WHICH METHOD IS BEST FOR YOU?

Reflect upon your needs and your commitment to the Polish Heritage Center. Consult your financial advisor. By joining the Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild, you are making a powerful pledge.

You may choose any of the following opportunities to secure Guild membership:

- Make a bequest through a will or trust.
- Name the PHC as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, a pension plan, or a bank account.
- Name the PHC as a beneficiary of a charitable lead trust.
- Make a life income gift, securing a guaranteed life income for yourself, and a designated beneficiary if desired by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity, or creating a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Please meet with your financial advisor to discuss what option is best for you. The Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria Foundation is a Texas 501c(3) non-profit, and our tax ID# is 46-0561240

Creating an Endowment

With the assistance of your financial advisor consider an endowment, which is a self-perpetuating gift. The principal of an endowment can be sustained, and the income derived from it annually may be used as your bequest gift to memorialize a beloved family member in perpetuity.



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GUILD BENEFITS

- Enrollment listing with fellow members in all publications.
- A special personalized keepsake and a certificate of membership
- A special plaque with the names of all Guild members displayed in a prominent location in the Heritage Center.
- The personal satisfaction that comes with knowing you have made a lasting impact.





Bishop John W. Yanta, surrounded by the Seraphic Sisters, following the Mass celebrating his 25th anniversary of being ordained bishop on December 29, 2019 in Panna Maria, Texas.

OUR GREAT & GREATEST LEGACIES

I am writing these thoughts on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12th. We owe a lot to God through our parents, grandparents, pastors, and teachers.

As members of the Polish Heritage Center, we all are reminded about the word “LEGACY.” The dictionary states that a legacy is: **something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past** (Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition). For example, this can be our health, IQ, bodily features, our personalities, and the greatest of all – OUR FAITH – the greatest legacy of all. *We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).*

The Polish Heritage Center will help us all grow in faith which we have inherited generally. How easy we have it in our lives compared to the many hardships that our ancestors endured. Now we have the chance to permanently memorialize their lives.

Please pray that we take a little time and energy to help complete our Polish Heritage Center. It is a wonderful Holy Spirit led, “must” do for our **New Year 2020**. We hope to open later this year, God willing. Please pray for the success of our Polish Heritage Center daily.

May God bless You and Yours in Christ,