

## Polonia Extends Best Wishes to Pope Francis

VATICAN CITY - The world's 1.2 billion Catholics have a new leader: Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, a name taken in honor of the humble patron saint of Italy, Saint Francis of Assisi - whose humility the new pope hopes to emulate.

The former Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a member of the Jesuit Order, is the first pope from the new world. Born in Argentina to parents of Italian descent, he represents a bridge between the Church's European roots and its future in Latin America. Cardinal Bergoglio's chosen name, Francis, is a nod to the patron saint of Italy, Saint Francis of Assisi.

"I know him," Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo, a Director of the North American College in Rome said, "He is complete simplicity - down to Earth - a man with the people."

It took the 115 cardinal electors just a day and a half to send a cloud of white smoke up a chimney above St. Peter's Square, signaling the conclusive vote that at least 77 cardinals agreed that Bergoglio was the right man to succeed Pope Benedict XVI.

One of Francis' first phone calls as pope was to his predecessor, the now-Pope Emeritus Benedict. The Rev. Thomas Rosica, deputy Vatican spokesman, said the new pontiff was already "writing the playbook" with his unscripted move.

Pope Francis' Installation Mass was held on March 19th. Pope Francis is the 266th pope and the 265th successor to St. Peter the Apostle. With many of the world's leaders in attendance at his installation, the Pope told them, "Please, let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

Let us keep Pope Francis in our daily prayers, asking that the Holy Spirit may continually inspire him, as he guides our beloved Church through this first segment of the 21st century. "Long live Pope Francis!"



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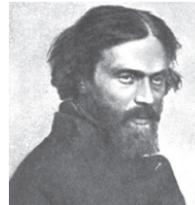


### May 21, 1674 - Jan Sobieski (Coronation)

Jan Sobieski became King of Poland on May 21, 1674. It was Sobieski who defeated the Turkish Armies during the battle of Vienna in 1683, which in turn saved Europe and Western civilization. He has been honored for centuries as the "Defender of Christendom."

### May 22, 1993 - Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Died)

Pianist Mieczyslaw Horszowski was an internationally acclaimed pianist and music teacher whose performances were widely recorded. Mieczyslaw Horszowski was also a teacher at the Curtis Institute and continued to teach and perform until shortly before his death in Philadelphia in 1993 at the age of 100.

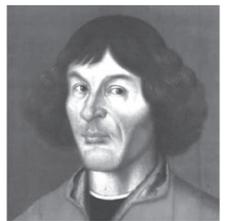


### May 23, 1883 - Cyprian Norwid (Died)

Cyprian Norwid was a nationally esteemed Polish poet, as well as a prominent sculptor, dramatist and painter. His work was not appreciated during his lifetime. Cyprian Norwid is now considered one of the four most influential poets of Poland.

### May 24, 1543 - Mikolaj Kopernik (Died)

Polish astronomer Mikolaj Kopernik, known by his Latin name "Nicholas Copernicus", was born in the city of Torun, Poland. Copernicus is the Father of Modern Astronomy, known as the man who moved the earth and stopped the sun.

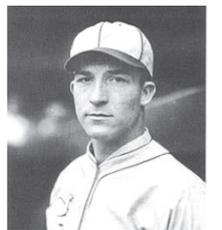


### May 25, 992 - Mieszko I (Coronation)

Mieszko I was a Duke of Poland and the first historical ruler of Poland. Member of the Piast dynasty, he was son of the legendary Siemomysl, grandchild of Lestek and father to Boleslaw Chrobry, the first crowned prince of Poland, and Swietoslawa-Sygyryda, a Nordic queen.

### May 26, 1956 - Aloysius Szymanski (Died)

Aloysius Szymanski, professionally known as Al Simmons, was a player in Major League Baseball for over three decades. Al Simmons was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953. He is on the list of the 100 Greatest Baseball Players in Major League Baseball.

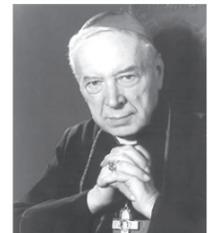


### May 27, 1887 - Kazimierz Fajans (Born)

Kazimierz Fajans, a Polish American physical chemist, was the co-author of a work entitled, "The Science of Radioactivity" and helped to formulate the law of radioactive moves. Kazimierz Fajans served as a university professor and researcher in Germany, England and the United States.

### May 28, 1981 - Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski (Died)

Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski was the leader of Poland's Catholic Church during the dark days of Soviet Communist rule in Poland. Cardinal Wyszynski was the chief church official, the Primate of Poland, from 1948 until his death on May 28th in 1981.



### May 29, 1987 - Jack Ham (Hall of Fame Induction)

Jack Ham was inducted into the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame on May 29, 1987. He played for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1970's and is considered one of the greatest outside linebackers in the history of the NFL.

### May 30, 2005 - Tomasz Pacynski (Died)

Tomasz Pacynski was a Polish fantasy and science fiction writer. He was one of the creators, and since 2004, the chief editor of Fahrenheit, the first Polish Internet science fiction fanzine. He published short stories in such magazines as Science Fiction, SFera, and Fantasy, and in Internet fanzines such as Fahrenheit, Esensja, Fantazin and Srebrny Glob. He also wrote articles published in SFera and Science Fiction.



### May 31, 1957 - Leopold Staff (Died)

Leopold Staff was one of the most recognized Polish poets in the first half of the 20th century. Staff was also an editor, dramatist and prolific translator. He was associated with the Young Poland Movement.

## St. Joseph's Church Honors Service Personnel and Battleship New Jersey Veterans

St. Joseph's History Society of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic (Polish) Church, Camden, NJ will honor those who served on the Battleship New Jersey and active military personnel during the annual Armed Forces Day Mass at 10:30 AM on Sunday, May 19th, 2013.

For the past five years, the History Society has recognized the sacrifice of US service men and women in honor of Armed Forces Day. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the commission of the Battleship New Jersey on May 23, 1943 and special recognition will also go to those who valiantly served on the ship during four decades of service.

As in the past, the names of active military personnel will be remembered and read during Mass, and family and friends who wish to participate are asked to send the name and branch of service of loved ones in uniform to sthistory@yahoo.com.

The Battleship New Jersey, America's most decorated Battleship, was decommissioned for the final time in 1991 and began service as a museum and memorial on the Delaware River in October 2001. It has become one of Camden's most recognizable landmarks.

Just as the Battleship New Jersey remains today a proud symbol of the shared sacrifice of those who fought to defend our cherished freedoms, St. Joseph's Church, founded in 1892, survives today as a living symbol of the sacrifice and toil of thousands of Polish immigrants who came to America seeking freedom and opportunity in the once mighty industrial City of Camden.

A reception in the church hall will immediately follow the Mass, where photographs, documents, uniforms and other memorabilia of parishioners who have served in the US Armed Forces will be displayed.

For more information, please contact Grant Wilinski at 609-965-2614 or grantwilinski@comcast.net. St. Joseph's Church is located at 10th and Mechanic Sts. Camden, NJ. 08104. The church's Webpage can be viewed at: <http://www.stjosephscamdennj.org/>

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