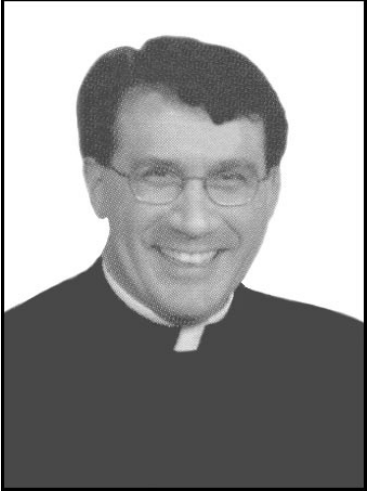


## Fr. Albin Grous Named Monsignor



Fr. Albin Grous, a native Philadelphian and proud Polish American, raised in St. John Cantius Parish in the Bridesburg section of the city, has been named Monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI. Currently assigned to the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, Fr. Grous has served as parochial vicar, St. Adalbert Parish (1987-1990), and as instructor and administrator at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan. Fr. Albin holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology in the program of priestly formation from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake (1983), a master of divinity degree from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnwood, PA (1989), and a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1999).

In expressing his feelings about his new appointment, Fr. Grous acknowledged the support of his parishioners. "Of almost 20 years of priesthood, most fondly remembered are the four-and-a-half spent in parish ministry at St. Adalbert Parish and St. Monica Parish. The parishioners of these two parishes, along with those of my home parish, St. John Cantius, continue to support and encourage me in...living my vocation, by their faith, their love for the Church and the priesthood, and their prayers."

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and the entire Polonia extend best wishes, much success and congratulations to Msgr. Albin Grous. Sto Lat!

## Polish American Congress

Eastern Pennsylvania District

Invites all to attend a community-wide

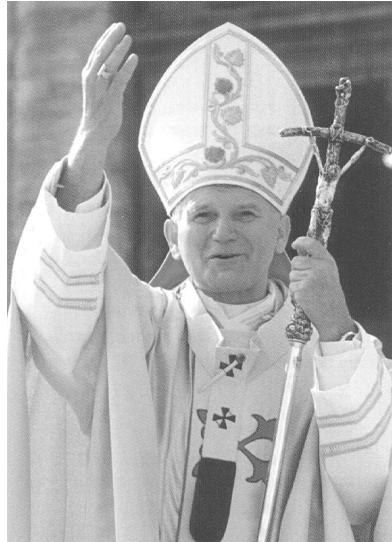
### Memorial Tribute Mass

on the Second Anniversary of the death of

### Pope John Paul The Great

Monday, April 2, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

St. Adalbert Church  
Thompson Street  
& Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA



## Piast Institute Selected as Census Information Center

The Piast Institute, a national institute of Polish and Polish American affairs, recently announced that it has been chosen as a Census Information Center (CIC) by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Macomb County, Michigan, has a Polish American population of approximately 20%.

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow made the announcement on behalf of the U.S. government. Representatives from all branches of government were invited to attend.

As a Census Information Center, the Piast Institute will develop and disseminate information about the Polish American community to print and electronic media, public officials, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations, as well as to Polish community leaders, fraternal societies.

A secondary goal of the Piast Institute CIC will be to serve the needs of other local immigrant groups as well as those who provide services to them.

The Piast Institute CIC is the only one in Michigan and the only such in the country established to serve a European American ethnic group.

The CIC program was begun by the Census Bureau to make census data available to diverse communities across the country. It serves to assist under-served communities by accessing a vast array of products available to facilitate program planning, enhance community self-understanding and assist in efforts to participate more fully in American civic life.

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## From the Desk of Hilary Czaplicki, Censor Polish National Alliance



The Polish National Alliance (PNA) was founded in Philadelphia 127 years ago by a group of Polish immigrants who sought to unite the Polish immigration in America and to secure and preserve Poland's independence as a sovereign nation.

Over more than six generations, it has grown into the largest ethnic fraternal organization in the United States. It is licensed in 38 states to conduct its insurance and financial business and fraternal programs. Its members' fraternal, social, patriotic and cultural activities flourish in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania and stretch as far north as Allentown, Bethlehem and south through Southern New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, and Northern Virginia.

Overall, through a national network of businesses and programs and Polonia activities, the PNA operates from a position of formidable strength. In addition to its insurance and annuities products, it owns several subsidiaries: two banks (Alliance FSB), two radio stations (WPNA and WEMJ), and a publishing firm (Alliance Printers and Publishers) which produces a Polish language daily newspaper (Dziennik Zwiazkowy) and maintains and publishes an official fraternal newspaper, ZGODA.

Its fraternal programs include scholarships for qualifying PNA members, spelling bees, Polish heritage and dance classes, subsidizing Polish Language Schools, bowling, golf, softball and other sports activities, and youth programs such as Easter egg hunts and Christmas functions for the younger set.

The PNA also provides humanitarian aid to members who are victimized by floods and other natural disasters.

Through its membership in the Polish American Congress, it provides leadership and actions regarding issues affecting Polish Americans and Poland.

For further information, call 1-800-621-3723 or go to the PNA website: <http://www.pna-znp.org>.

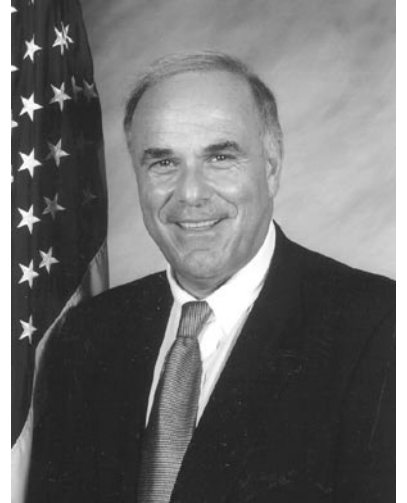
## Congratulations Governor Rendell

On Tuesday, January 16, 2007, thousands gathered at the State Capitol in Harrisburg for the second Inauguration of Edward Rendell as Governor of Pennsylvania. As seen on television and heard on the radio, the inaugural began at 12 noon and was followed by an impressive Inaugural Gala.

Polish American representatives from various parts of the state were among the thousands who attended the Inauguration ceremonies. They included both Democrats and Republicans who wanted to congratulate the Governor and wish him continued success during his second term.

Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, was part of the delegation from the Philadelphia area who offered personal best wishes to Governor Rendell.

Governor Rendell has always been a faithful friend and supporter of Polonia. He is known for attending Polish American community events during his time as Philadelphia's Mayor, and his first term as Pennsylvania's Governor. Pennsylvania's Polonia is proud to wish him continued success and Sto Lat!



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