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We Need Jobs! - From January 23, 2010

In my last commentary I stated that we need small, medium and large American businesses to create at least 15 million jobs in the U.S.A. in order for America's employment base to return to a level of normalcy. The reaction to this statement was widespread and it's good to see that more people are voicing their concerns regarding the plight of American workers and our nation's economy. Today, I want to add one more point for discussion: the need to create new business opportunities to meet the demands of America's consumers. By this I mean, if we continue to be more vocal about the imbalance of American made products in our stores and go out of our way to purchase the American made products still available in stores, more businesses will want to expand manufacturing in America to meet the demands of customers seeking products with a made in America label. When businesses see they can make a profit from products made in America, more employment opportunities will be created for American workers on all levels: manufacturing, management, sales, marketing, shipping and many others.

The unemployment rate in America is also a major concern to all of us as it affects our families, friends and neighbors. We all know, Americans should not be in this difficult situation, but since it is a reality, **it's time to unite through our purchasing power** and make wise choices as to where we shop and how we spend our hard earned dollars.

If we, as America's consumers, continue to express strong displeasure with the imbalance between foreign made and American made products in our stores, it will be heard by business owners concerned about making future profits in the U.S.A. We must also make it known to government officials that we need them to offer business owners tax incentives to help restore jobs in communities across the U.S.A. As outsourcing continues, you can see for yourself, American workers are losing the skills needed to maintain America's manufacturing base and be competitive suppliers of the items purchased regularly by the American people. Let's not waste anymore time and permit more jobs to leave the U.S.A. Look for and ask for American made products, then spread the word about what American items you're purchasing, where you purchased them and invite others to shop at those stores.

Spreading the word is the most important thing you can do for the Buy American Made Campaign, American workers and America's economy. To help you better understand the need to unite our efforts, there are several informational links on the front page of AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com.

Polish American Cultural Center Museum

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Memorial Gifts Are Appreciated

Memorial gifts in honor of relatives and friends help continue the mission and programs provided at the Polish American Cultural Center and Museum Exhibit Hall, 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia. The Center promotes public awareness of Polish history and heritage among Delaware Valley residents. It also welcomes tourists from across the United States and around the world who visit the Exhibit Hall during their tour of Historic Philadelphia.

Kindly use the below form to make your donation. Every donor will receive a donation acknowledgement letter along with a Memorial Acknowledgement Card which can be sent to the family of the deceased. We would also appreciate having you list the Polish American Cultural Center as a suggested charity in obituary notices. For additional information, contact the Center Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. (215) 922-1700.

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Maria Koleda, President

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They say that times are difficult but at our St. Adalbert Polish Language School things are going well. I thank all our parents for all their help and dedication. The children keep on coming to school and we are thriving.

Around Christmas time it's always busy. We thank the Polish American Congress for a great time during their Christmas Open House. Our students, teachers and parents always enjoy this day away from the books. Swiety Mikolaj was especially generous and each child went home with a gift.

Again this year, the students sang at Midnight Mass at St. Adalbert Church. We are so proud of our beautiful Christmas Carols and are grateful for this time of worship together.

On New Year's Eve we partied well into the night at our party, our annual fundraiser. Thank you to all who were able to join us and support this great cause.

But our biggest and proudest moment was our presentation of Jaselka on January 10th. It is a time for the children to truly shine by telling the story of Jesus' birth in verse and song. Our Polish koledy are perfect backbone for the Nativity story.

Thank you Polonia for your support last year and every year. Together we shall prosper and overcome all hardships.

Szczesliwego Nowego Roku from all of us, students, parents, teachers any myself, St. Adalbert Polish Lanugage School family.



St. Adalbert Polish Language School students perform the traditional Polish Christmas Show "Jaselka" at St. Adalbert parish hall in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, PA.



Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School students perform the traditional Polish Christmas Show "Jaselka" at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA.

Polish Americans Support the Earthquake Recovery for Haiti

Since January 12, 2010, when a 7.0 earthquake struck near Port-au-Prince in Haiti, people all over the world have rallied to support the earthquake victims. Polish Americans continue to support the many charities helping the people of Haiti to recover from this major disaster. The United States of America and other nations are helping recovery efforts, and you are asked to direct your donations to one of the charities listed on the top front page of the Cultural Center's Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. Thanks for your assistance. Your donations are appreciated. Dziękujemy Bardzo!

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