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In September we will welcome students to our seventh school year at Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School. The school has fifty students, and there is always room to welcome new faces! We have classes for all ages, ranging from kindergarten to adult groups. All students are split into classes based on their knowledge of the Polish language upon entering the school. Students meet every Saturday from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. in the classrooms located on the lower level of the Visitor Center at Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Children learn to read, write and speak Polish, and hear lessons about Polish history and culture and religious practices. Students share their talents through song, dance and other customs in our community. They also participate with the Polish American Congress at activities like Polish Constitution Day, Pulaski Day Parade, and Kosciuszko Day, and events held at the Shrine of Czestochowa. Every first Sunday of the month, a children's Mass is celebrated in St. Anne's Chapel at 10 A.M. We invite all to join in the Mass! Children who graduated are always welcomed to help in our school. These activities include community service work that count towards scholarships.

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## In Remembrance of Myra Lenard



May 1, 2006, marked the sixth anniversary of the passing of Myra Lenard, who at the time of her death served as the Executive Director of the Polish American Congress, Washington, D.C. Office.

Myra was a caring person devoted to her family and spent most of her life doing charitable service for others. Her humanitarian efforts were not only providing services to the Polish American community in the United States but also extended to the country of her birth, Poland.

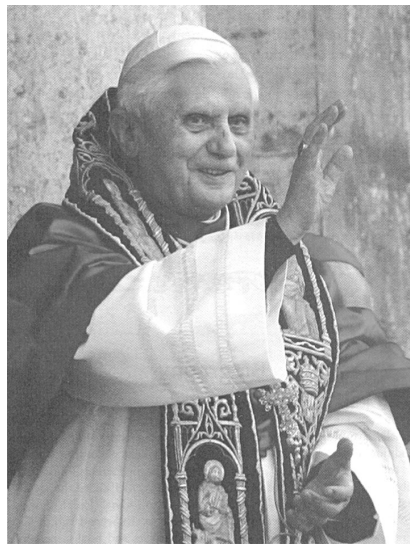
Dr. G. Scott Rose, the head of the medical team at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, who treated Myra, was so impressed with Myra's determination and passion for her work for the Polish American Congress, including the health care and welfare of women in Poland, that in the early part of 2000, he and another member of his medical team volunteered their services to travel to Krakow, Poland, to offer their surgical expertise to cancer patients and helped to initiate a Cervical Cancer Control Program at the Jagiellonian University. To this day, this program continues to maintain a partnership with Walter Reed.

Her impact on the medical team at Walter Reed and on Dr. Rose still continues to this day. On Friday, January 6, 2006, Walter Reed Army Medical Center honored Myra by dedicating their new "Woman's Wellness Lounge" in her memory at their new Gynecologic Disease Center which combines research, administration, education and patient care.

During the presentation at the Grand Opening ceremony, it was pointed out that the Walter Reed Army Medical Center treats approximately 3,000 cancer patients a year, and although all the patients and their families are very special to the doctors at Walter Reed, the one that had the most impact on the doctors and staff was Myra Lenard. After the speeches and ribbon cutting, Colonel Cas Lenard, Myra's husband, was the first to open the door to the Women's Wellness Lounge. On this door is a photo of Myra with the inscription "In Remembrance of Myra Lenard."

May she rest in peace!

## Pope Benedict XVI Visits Poland



History was made again in Poland from Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, May 28th, 2006, as the people of Poland welcomed Pope Benedict XVI. This was an official visit to celebrate the faith of Poland's people and honor the memory of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, known as "Pope John Paul The Great".

Pope Benedict XVI was welcomed by Poland's Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, visited with Poland's President Lech Kaczynski in Warsaw, made a stop at the Shrine of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa, and on Saturday, May 27th, visited the home of Pope John Paul II in Wadowice, and the City of Krakow. On Sunday the 28th, he visited the Nazi Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Oswiecim.

The Pope celebrated two public Masses, one in Warsaw's Pilsudski Square and another at Blonia Common in Krakow.

Pope Benedict is well-acquainted with Poland because, as Cardinal, he had visited Poland eight times during the 26 years he worked with Pope John Paul II.

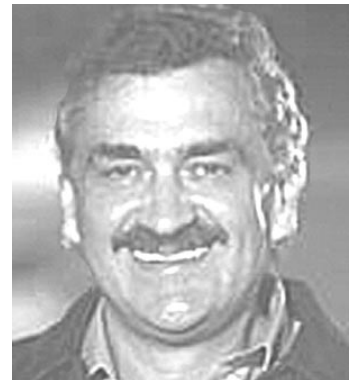
Because of several visits by Pope John Paul II over the past two-and-a-half decades, the people of Poland were well-prepared to extend an enthusiastic welcome to Benedict XVI.

Highlights of the papal visit to Poland were aired on EWTN Television, in the general media, and on the daily Polish language radio program on 1540 AM Radio with hostess Barbara Ilnicka. Rebroadcasts were available on the Internet at: [PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com](http://PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com).

Polonia wishes Pope Benedict XVI Sto Lat!

## Congratulations Janusz Liberkowski "Top American Inventor"

On May 18, 2006, Janusz Liberkowski, a Polish American mechanical engineer from San Jose, CA, was voted as the Top American Inventor in ABC's reality show American Inventor.



Janusz Liberkowski's invention is a spherical safety seat. It is described as: "A new kind of infant car seat where the baby sits inside nested spheres instead of the usual seat. In a collision, the spheres spin and automatically position the child's neck and back so that they are perpendicular to the impact force, thus shielding the baby from the destructive force of the impact."

Liberkowski, 52, and his wife are the parents of one-and-a-half year old twins. Janusz' older daughter, Anecia, passed away in a car accident seven years ago, which inspired Janusz to create this revolutionary seat, in the hope that it will save children's lives.

Twenty-two years ago, Polish-born Liberkowski, a successful businessman, decided that he and his family had no future under Communist oppression. He decided to give up everything and seek freedom with his family in the United States. After receiving their citizenship, they settled in Northern California.

Besides being a mechanical engineer with 8 patents plus one pending, he is also a painter, poet, scuba diver, chess player and, according to his wife, a great dancer. Prior to the competition he was designing mechanical components for advanced medical equipment.

Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and Polonia extend congratulations, best wishes, and much success in the future. Sto Lat!

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