



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am appealing for your support of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia.

Catholics in the United States have been faithfully assisting the Church in Poland through the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia for the past 77 years. They provided material and spiritual support to the Church in a nation devastated by World War II and oppressed by communism for many years afterwards in order to sustain the faith and strengthen the hope of the Polish people. While Poland has regained its independence, the Church in Poland now faces the same challenges of most Western societies.

Unlike 1943, the Catholic League today funds initiatives that extend beyond Poland. Scholarships assist priests from Poland taking graduate courses in Rome, Italy. Scholarships have also become available for Polish-American students at Catholic universities here in the United States. While the fund provides charitable aid to parishes and Catholic institutions in Poland, it also aids Polish religious in their missionary activities across the world. Finally, Bishop Andrew Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and executive director of the Catholic League, is seeking to train lay leaders for family ministry in Polish parishes here in the United States. The evangelization initiatives of the Catholic League are truly directed toward unleashing the Gospel and forming joyful missionary disciples of Jesus.

Thank you for your generosity in the past. In the face of current social and economic conditions, whatever donation you can make will be greatly appreciated. This year's appeal is scheduled to be taken up October 24-25, close to the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II (October 22) who encouraged us to have faith and be not afraid. Please be generous. I thank you for your support.

Asking God's blessings upon you through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
Archbishop of Detroit

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