

A group of children in white dresses are participating in a religious procession. They are walking on a paved surface, and pink petals are being thrown in the air around them. The children are holding small baskets, and some are looking down at them. The background shows a clear blue sky with some clouds and a traffic light.

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CHICAGO CATHOLIC IMMIGRANTS CONFERENCE: THE POLES

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2015

9–9:30 OPENING SESSION AND WELCOME

- **Mark Bosco, S.J.**, director, Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage
- **Thomas Regan, S.J.**, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- **Bożena Nowicka McLees**, director, Interdisciplinary Polish Studies, Loyola University Chicago
- **Paulina Kapuścińska**, consul general, Republic of Poland in Chicago

9:30–10 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Most Rev. Andrew P. Wypych, DD, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Chicago

Bishop Wypych is Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V in the Archdiocese of Chicago and serves as the national executive director of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia. He was ordained in Krakow, Poland, in 1979 with a degree in Liturgy from the Papal Theological Academy in Krakow and a Masters in Theology. Prior to his Episcopal Ordination, he served as pastor at St. Pancratius, Five Holy Martyrs, and St. Francis Borgia parishes.

10–11:30 PANEL 1: POLES COMING TO CHICAGO, A HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE

- **Dominic Pacyga**, Columbia College Chicago. “Rodacy: Polish Communal Catholicism, Peasant Identity, Working-Class Consciousness, and Union Militancy in Chicago 1917-1922”
- **Bartosz Rydliński**, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. “Between Faith and Social Liberation: Polish Workers in Chicago”
- **Mary Patrice Erdmans**, Case Western Reserve University. “Polish Immigrant Communities in Chicago, 1970-2000”

MODERATOR: Marek Suszko, Loyola University Chicago

11:30–11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45–12:45 PANEL 2: IMMIGRATION, TRANSNATIONALISM, AND CULTURAL IDENTITY

- **Donald Pienkos**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. “Ethnic Involvement in American Polonia—Milestones in the Evolution of a Community”
- **John Pawlikowski, OSM**, Catholic Theological Union. “Poles and Jews: The Original Immigration to America, and Their Relationship Today”

MODERATOR: Mary Patrice Erdmans, Case Western Reserve University

12:45–2 **BUFFET LUNCH IN PALM COURT, MUNDELEIN CENTER**

2–3:15 **PANEL 3:
FIRST PARISHES AND POLISH CATHOLIC ORGANIZERS AND
ACTIVISTS**

- **Megan Geigner**, Northwestern University. “Szczęsny Zahajkiewicz: Performances in Polish–American Identity in Chicago”
- **Karolina Kierłańczyk**, Loyola University Chicago, “American Polonia Through the Eyes of Hieronim Derdowski and His ‘Wiarus’ (1886-1902)”
- **Tomasz Pudłocki**, Jagiellonian University, Daemen College, “Roman Dyboski and Polish Catholics in Chicago in 1929”

MODERATOR: Angela Pienkos, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

3:15–3:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

3:30–4:45 **PANEL 4:
POLISH AMERICAN EDUCATION IN CHICAGO**

- **James Pula**, Purdue University. “Educating Polonia’s Second Generation, 1920-1940”
- **Lidia Filus, Sr. Stephanie Blaszczyński, and Josephine Nocula**, Council of Educators in Polonia
- **Anna Rosa**, Polish Teachers Association of America
- **Barbara Chałko**, Polish Scouting Organization of Illinois—ZHP

MODERATOR: Bożena Nowicka McLees, Loyola University Chicago

4:45–6 **PANEL 5:
MAJOR POLISH ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Joseph Drobot, Jr.**, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
- **Frank Spula**, Polish National Alliance and Polish American Congress
- **Małgorzata Kot**, Polish Museum of America

MODERATOR: Donald Pienkos, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2015

9–9:45 DAY TWO OPENING SESSION

Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Chancellor, Loyola University Chicago

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stuart Dybek, Northwestern University, distinguished writer in residence

Dybek is the author of three books of fiction: *I Sailed With Magellan*, *The Coast of Chicago*, and *Childhood and Other Neighborhoods*. He recently published two collections of short stories: *Ecstatic Cahoots: Fifty Short Stories* and *Paper Lantern: Love Stories*.

9:45–10 COFFEE BREAK

10–11:45 PANEL 6: POLISH CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE IN LITERATURE, POLISH AMERICAN WRITERS IN CHICAGO

- **Leonard Kniffel**, author
- **John Guzowski**, author
- **Brigid Pasulka**, author
- **Martyna Majok**, playwright
- **Agnieszka Janiak**, University of Lower Silesia. “Other than Aesthetic Functions of Literature an Example of 10 Year Activity of the Polish Writers Association in the Jesuit Millennium Center in Chicago”

MODERATOR: John Merchant, Loyola University Chicago

11:45–12 COFFEE BREAK

12–1 VISUAL PRESENTATION ON THE ARCHITECTURE OF POLISH CHURCHES IN CHICAGO

- **Robert Kostro**, The Polish History Museum in Warsaw to Present the Polish Chicago Exhibit
- **Daniel Pogorzelski**, Forgotten Chicago
- **Victoria Granacki**, Mundelein College alumna and Chicago architectural historian

1– 2:15 LUNCH AT LOYOLA DINING HALLS FOR ALL REGISTERED GUESTS

**2:15–3:30 PANEL 7:
POLISH CATHOLIC CULTURE EXPRESSED IN FINE AND VISUAL ARTS**

- **Łukasz Jasina**, Museum of Polish History. “Image of Polish Immigrants in Polish and American Film”
- **Iwona Biedermann**, photographer, Dreambox Gallery
- **Jerzy Kenar**, artist
- **Mirosław Rogala**, artist, Knowledge Systems Institute Graduate School
- **Małgorzata Sawczuk**, artist and art conservator

MODERATOR: Kinga Kosmala, University of Chicago

3:30– 3:45 COFFEE BREAK

**3:45– 4:45 PANEL 8:
POLISH PARISHES AND JESUIT CENTER IN CHICAGO**

- **Jerzy Karpiński, S.J.**, Jesuit Millennium Center in Chicago
- **Fr. Adam Słomiński, SChr**, Holy Trinity Parish

MODERATOR: Mark Bosco, S.J., Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage

**4:45–5:45 PANEL 9:
CHICAGO POLISH CATHOLICISM FOR THE 21ST
CENTURY PERSPECTIVES FROM LOYOLA STUDENTS**

- Polish Student Alliance at Loyola
- Recent Loyola graduates

MODERATOR: Bożena Nowicka McLees, Loyola University Chicago

5:45–6 CLOSING REMARKS

**6 SACRED LITURGY IN CELEBRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE AT MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL**

Music performed by the Lira Ensemble

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CONFERENCE RELATED EVENTS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Discussion of Contemporary Polish Catholic Culture (in Polish) at the Polish Jesuits Millennium Center 5835 W. Irving Park Road 2pm. Open to the public.

SPRING 2016

Gary Seibert, S.J., adaptation of the play, *The Jeweler's Shop*, written by Pope John Paul II

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- **Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago**
- **Polish History Museum in Warsaw, Poland**
- **Polish Roman Catholic Union of America**
- **Polish Museum of America**
- **Polish National Alliance**
- **Polish Daily ZGODA—Dziennik Związkowy**
- **Polvision TV and Polskie Radio**

COVER IMAGE

The photo was taken by Iwona Biedermann during the Corpus Christi Celebration in Chicago.

The photograph is from a procession organized by Holy Trinity Church. The Corpus Christi celebration in Chicago is an example of how Polish immigrants bring and cultivate their religious and cultural traditions. In Chicago, there is no official holiday that Thursday and many parishes serving the Polish community celebrate Corpus Christi on Sunday after the mass.

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