



Polish Heritage Center

Visitor Experience,
#29 in Series



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Gone to Texas

This is the fourth of five views provided by our designer, Steve Harding, giving us a glimpse into our beautiful Polish Heritage Center. The first view is what you will first encounter when you enter the Heritage Center and are standing in the lobby. The large 30

foot curved mural greets you and is a hint of what you will experience. The second view of the rotunda reveals the center of Polish life and her spirituality. The life size image of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in the center reminds visitors that it was the result of their missionary work that the Polish would enter the Christian sphere. Surrounding them would be major figures that give testimony to the strength of their faith: St. Stanislaus, St. Hedwig, St. Hyacinth, and St. Pope John Paul II. The third view begins the journey of the Polish people, when the Polish Duke Mieszko married the Czech Princess Dobrawa, not only did Mieszko become Catholic, so did all the people! And now, designer Steve Harding continues our journey and will share with us this next view entitled:

Gone to Texas



Gone to Texas

By Designer Steve Harding

On the far right, the visitor is greeted by a large illustration of a family, at home in Upper Silesia, reading a letter from America by firelight. *“Beloved parents and you my dear brothers and sisters . . . ”* This letter from Father Moczygamba offers a picture of Texas as a land of opportunity, a place where everyone has a chance to succeed and the opportunity to realize a better life.

The visitor’s next stop, at center right, is a large lenticular—an accordion-like display of two images; one is seen as the visitor approaches and the other as the visitor passes by and looks back. One view denotes a field in Silesia with cold, dark stormy skies indicating rain and, from the opposite direction, the second view shows a chapel in an amber wood, symbolizing the strong faith that will sustain the emigrants as they leave their homeland and embark on a new venture in a distant land. In the foreground there are three trunks, similar to those the immigrants would have brought on their ocean voyage. Two of the trunks are open revealing their contents—clothing, household and farming implements, tools, seeds, a Prayer Book—all intended for starting a new life, in a new place. In front of the display is a long stanchion with three touch screen monitors. These monitors display the list of the families who made the remarkable voyage from Upper Silesia to Texas from 1854 through the 1890s.

The view now shifts to the large mural, far left, of the port at Galveston where the immigrants disembarked. Wearing their native country attire, the settlers were “made fun of” and ridiculed. Their short, above-the-ankle skirts, traditional woolen coats and pants, and unfamiliar language provided a new and strange experience for the people of Galveston. Here, the visitor becomes part of the group arriving in a new land and hears the derisive laughter from the people at the port. The first large mural is flanked by a second, a view of the settlers starting their journey to Panna Maria. After travelling to Indianola by ship, the settlers are seen on their trek to San Antonio, a long walk through the rough landscape while accompanied by ox carts loaded with their belongings and driven by Mexican teamsters. Above the illustrations is a series of projected images, stills and video, featuring the Texas Gulf Coast, tall grasses, flocks of birds in flight, landscapes, and big skies that symbolize the new environment.

The *Gone to Texas* exhibit area also provides a glimpse into the next large exhibit area, center left, which includes stories and displays describing life, hardship and success in the new land.

Are you Receiving Oil & Gas Royalty Income?

Would you like to reduce your tax liability while honoring your ancestors who made your royalty income possible?

The following tax benefits analysis highlights the taxation benefits of royalty income when the **depletion allowance deduction of 15%** and the **deduction of a donation** to the Polish Heritage Center are considered together.

We cite several simplified examples here. Our examples are meant to illustrate the tax saving and the true cost of a major donation compared to donors without a depletion allowance deduction. A donation to the PHC before the end of this calendar year may be very beneficial to you. **Taxes are quite complex, so be sure to consult your tax advisor.** These examples are for illustration only and assume only royalty income.

What is evident with these simple examples is that the combination of depletion allowance and donation is to your financial benefit. **While “the numbers” are important, we believe the tribute to our ancestors, to our families, is overriding.**

ALL donations are welcome and appreciated by the Polish Heritage Center, but MAJOR donations, as noted in the above examples, are essential to our success. Not-for-profit organizations like the PHC know that 80% of their capital campaign needs will come from MAJOR donors. We sincerely thank our many current MAJOR donors, and we urge those of you who can become MAJOR donors to do so. Please note that numerous sponsorships are also available to MAJOR donors.

Let's all pitch in and get the Polish Heritage Center project completed.

Thank you all for your generosity!

POLISH HERITAGE CENTER AT PANNA MARIA FOUNDATION
TAX BENEFIT ANALYSIS RELATED TO DEPLETION ALLOWANCE AND DONATIONS
NOVEMBER, 2018

ASSUMPTIONS:					
ROYALTY INCOME	1,000,000	800,000	600,000	400,000	300,000
DONATION AMOUNT	200,000	150,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
MARGINAL TAX RATE	37%	37%	35%	32%	24%
INVESTMENT INCOME TAX RATE	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
PERCENTAGE DEPLETION RATE	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
TAXABLE INCOME:					
ROYALTY INCOME	1,000,000	800,000	600,000	400,000	300,000
DEPLETION DEDUCTION	(150,000)	(120,000)	(90,000)	(60,000)	(45,000)
DONATION DEDUCTION	(200,000)	(150,000)	(100,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
TAXABLE INCOME	650,000	530,000	410,000	290,000	205,000
TAX COST:					
INCOME TAX	240,500	196,100	143,500	92,800	49,200
INVESTMENT INCOME TAX	22,800	16,340	9,880	3,420	190
TOTAL TAX COST	263,300	212,440	153,380	96,220	49,390
TAX BENEFITS (REDUCTION) RECEIVED:					
DEPLETION DEDUCTION:					
REGULAR INCOME TAX	(55,500)	(44,400)	(31,500)	(19,200)	(10,800)
INVESTMENT INCOME TAX	(5,700)	(4,560)	(3,420)	(2,280)	(1,710)
TAX REDUCTION RELATED TO DEPLETION	(61,200)	(48,960)	(34,920)	(21,480)	(12,510)
DONATION DEDUCTION:					
REGULAR INCOME TAX ONLY					
TAX REDUCTION RELATED TO DONATION	(74,000)	(55,500)	(35,000)	(16,000)	(12,000)
TOTAL TAX REDUCTION RECEIVED	(135,200)	(104,460)	(69,920)	(37,480)	(24,510)

NOTES:

TAXES ARE QUITE COMPLEX, SO BE SURE TO CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR

SEPARATE CALCULATIONS ABOVE ILLUSTRATE THE ESTIMATED TAX REDUCTION RELATED TO THE DEPLETION DEDUCTION, THE DONATION DEDUCTION, AND THE TOTAL ESTIMATED TAX REDUCTION FROM BOTH DEDUCTIONS

THE ABOVE ASSUMPTIONS IGNORE THE IMPACT OF ANY OTHER INCOME, DEDUCTIONS, OR OTHER TAX CONSIDERATIONS, AND APPLY THE MARGINAL TAX RATE TO THE TAXABLE INCOME EXAMPLES SHOWN

THE INVESTMENT INCOME TAX BENEFIT IS CALCULATED AT 3.8% OF THE DEPLETION DEDUCTION AFTER APPLYING THE \$250,000 THRESHHOLD AMOUNT. THE DONATION DEDUCTION DOES NOT REDUCE INVESTMENT INCOME.

From Bishop Yanta's mailbox:

Dear Bishop Yanta,

I enjoy your newsletters, and I especially enjoyed the #26 issue honoring **Rev. Msgr. Peter Foegelle**. I was born and grew up in Kosciusko, Texas. He is the only priest I remember growing up and later in years.

When in school in Kosciusko, he taught religion in different grades before and after school hours. The **Incarnate Word Nuns** taught there at that time. Often **Msgr. Foegelle** would walk around at recess, watch the children play different sports or whatever they were doing. I don't ever remember any fights or misbehavior. Every Friday before school started, we would go to Mass as a group.

There were mostly Polish families, so Polish was spoken a lot – but he stressed to speak English in school and on the grounds because this is America, and everyone should learn the English language.

He was very involved in everything in the parish; we had a great youth club. Once a month, 1st Sunday of the month – all the young girls wore white dresses with blue satin capes, and the boys wore suits to Mass as a group in front pews. **Msgr. Foegelle** was always dressed in priestly attire and very neat.

Often on Sunday evening he would come to our home (**Edmond** and **Emilia Lyssy**), and my Dad and some uncles and friends would play cards – a game called “*Pitch*.” The ladies would visit, and children played different games. Happy memories.

Besides my parents, **Msgr. Foegelle** and the nuns were my greatest teachers. Thank you for the memories.

Josephine Lyssy Moczygemba

Request from Steve Harding!

These letters that Bishop Yanta receives are wonderful, but our designer Steve Harding reminds us that he still asking for “little stories.” These stories can be simple recollections of ancestors, relatives, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, or friends. They are to reflect the charming, tender, sometimes sad, and humorous experiences that reflect life growing up in the tight knight Polish communities of Texas. Perhaps one has a story of an ancestor in the Civil War, World War I or World War II, Korea, Vietnam, or a current conflict? Or of a special event, work experience, day with family and/or friends, or a special church or school event. Life milestones, such as birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings are of interest also. You can email to johnwyanta@gmail.com, mail to PO Box 28125, San Antonio, Texas, 78228, or call 210-387-7472 if you need further help. Thank you!

*Contemplating a Move
to Memorialize a Priest, Nun, or Religious Brother?*



Photograph of unidentified Priests courtesy of Loretta Dziuk Niestroy (1937-2018)

We already have received some very generous donations to honor the following:

Rev. Peter Foegelle by **Linda C. Janysek** of Runge and her family

Rev. Theodore Janysek by **Linda C. Janysek** of Runge and her family

Sister Charlotte Moczygemba by her niece and nephews: **Barbara Moczygemba Hoffman, Clifford Moczygemba, Roger L. Moczygemba, and William L. Moczygemba**

Father Lawrence Swartz by **Howard and Lorraine Manka Ponish**, Uvalde, Texas

Each departed religious vocation from our immigrant families can be recognized! If you would like to memorialize a priest, nun, monk, or religious brother for a \$10,000 donation, please contact **John Wojtasczyk** at 210-387-7472.

My Tribute Story

By John Wojtasczyk

My great-grandfather, **Leopold Wojtasczyk** (son of **Frank Wojtasczyk, Sr.** and **Katherine Morawietz**) lived in George West, Texas. Leopold came from the *old country* when he was 7. Certainly old enough to have memories and certainly old enough to tell of the family's traveling in a wooden hull vessel. This is what drew my attention. Here was a man born in a foreign land, sailed here in a wooden ship, arrived with only what they could carry to start a new life. They would see the development of electricity, hot water in the winter, cold water in the summer, air conditioning, and television showing a man walking on the moon! I was amazed at all that he had experienced in the span of his life! He never really mastered English. He always spoke with that heavy Polish brogue. But he loved his grandchildren and



great-grandchildren! While the other aunts, uncles, and older cousins were in the house visiting, telling stories, and eating, Great-Grandpa Leopold would be out in the yard playing with us kids! We'd chase the chickens, and he would take us riding on the tractor and tell us as best as he could his stories in that heavy Polish brogue. In hind sight, we grandkids and great-grandkids here his treasure. We were why his family left all they knew for only a chance of a *better* life. We were the fruit and gift of their labor, and we were thriving! Because of this, I took an interest early on in my family's history. I wanted to know what drove them, what was important to them, what they were thinking. I attempted to soak up all I could. But regrettably, some of what I have learned about those early folks in and around George West I've lost. But what I have retained, I cherish. I do not want to lose any more of my

legacy. I want to teach and show my nieces and nephews what I know, so they can pass it on to my grandnieces and grandnephews. I want so much to share with them what I have experienced. But all I have now are photos and stories. At least I have that! That is why I work on this project. This is why I celebrate our legacy and pay tribute to all my ancestors. We still would like *your* tribute story. Contact me at 210-387-7472.

Questions and Answers

We are pleased to receive questions about the Heritage Center and believe it is helpful to all of our readers to study these questions and the answers to them. So, from time to time we'll publish a "Q & A". We encourage all of our readers to submit their questions to Editor John Wojtasczyk at wojtasczyk@sbcglobal.net.

Following are some common questions:

<p>Q: Why is the Heritage Center located in Panna Maria as opposed to San Antonio, or somewhere else?</p>	<p>A: Panna Maria is the actual location of the first Polish settlement. It happened right here! The Center is in Panna Maria for the same reason the Plymouth Plantation Museum is in Plymouth, Massachusetts. That museum, founded in 1947, replicates the original settlement of the <u>Plymouth Colony</u> established in 1620 by <u>English colonists</u>. There are other such "first settlement heritage centers" honoring different ethnic groups scattered across America.</p>
<p>Q: When will it be completed?</p>	<p>A: It will be completed when the funds necessary for the finishing have been raised. Completion depends on the generosity of many across the country. Our goal is to be "open" by the 4th quarter of 2019. We will keep donors and website viewers apprised of our progress.</p>
<p>Q: How will the Heritage Center be staffed?</p>	<p>A: We will have a professional Director and staff that will be compensated through an endowment fund. There may be an opportunity for volunteers as well.</p>
<p>Q: Why is the building the size that it is?</p>	<p>A: The Center must have the ability to tell the epic story of Poland, the issues leading up to the immigration and the struggles and successes of those original Polish people and parishes. That 1,000 year-plus history requires recognition of this expanse.</p> <p>The center will contain an expansive exhibit area, a library/genealogy room, a theatre, conference room, archives, and more.</p> <p>Plus, we 10 million Polish-Americans are the 8th largest ethnic group in America. This Heritage Center, a national treasure, is for the benefit of all of us.</p>
<p>Q: Why is the Center so close to Immaculate Conception parish?</p>	<p>A: The history of both are intertwined, inseparable, inexorably linked. It was Fr. Leopold Moczygemba who was responsible for this settlement, and it was those first settlers who founded the first parish in 1855. They face each other, <u>by design</u>, in a gesture of mutual respect and remembrance...with <u>Immaculate Conception</u> being the preeminent edifice.</p>

The Public is Invited to join us in
CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS
on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018**
for Our Annual Meeting, Awards,
Holy Mass, Lunch, Parade, Tours, Performances, Music &
three very special Lifetime Achievement Awards to

POLISH EAGLES BAND, DANIEL CENDALSKI, PETE & THEODORE "TADO" KWIATKOWSKI

PACT meetings: at Chappell Hill
Museum, 9220 Poplar St.

8:00 a.m. - PACT Directors only

9:00 a.m. - Membership Mtg. *for
all new and current members!*

Public Events:

10:00 a.m. - Tour Chappell Hill Museum

10:30 a.m. - Official Welcome
at the Chappell Hill Visitor
Office, 9000 Hwy 290 E near
the Polish scarecrows.

12:00 Noon - Polish Independence
Day Procession; from Polish
scarecrows to church. Bring your
parish or Polish organization banner
for the procession! Feel free to wear
traditional Polish costumes!

12:30 p.m. - Holy Mass at St.
Stanislaus Catholic Church, 9175 FM
1371, celebrated by Father Jozef
Musiol; including Polish hymns.

Silent Auction
benefit for PACT
Scholarships!



1:30 p.m. - LUNCH
beef, sausage & chicken, BBQ & MORE!
in St. Stanislaus parish hall; catering by
Chappell Hill Bakery & Deli
Public Invited!

Reservations deadline Nov. 15

Tickets \$10 in advance online,
PolishAmericanCouncilofTexas.org
or mail to PACT, PO Box 1357,
La Vernia TX 78121 before deadline
or \$15 at the door.

1:30 & 4:00 p.m. Performances by
Polish Folk Dance Groups,

Wawel, Jagoda, & Mazurka

Dancing Music by

Polish Eagles/Daniel Cendaski

*Plus! Andrzej & Stanislaw Horbik,
of Pobiedziska, Poland*

3:00 p.m. - Polish Texan Lifetime
Achievement Award Presentations
followed by more dancing 'til 5:30pm!

Contact: PACofTX@yahoo.com, 830-779-2636

We appreciate our Sponsors, Johnny & Carolyn Kopycinski of Chappell Hill
Bakery & Deli, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Mazurkiewicz, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church,
and MORE SPONSORS will be added as we approach the event!

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Donations & Memorials



Edna Pawelek

Courtesy of Judge Alfred Pawelek

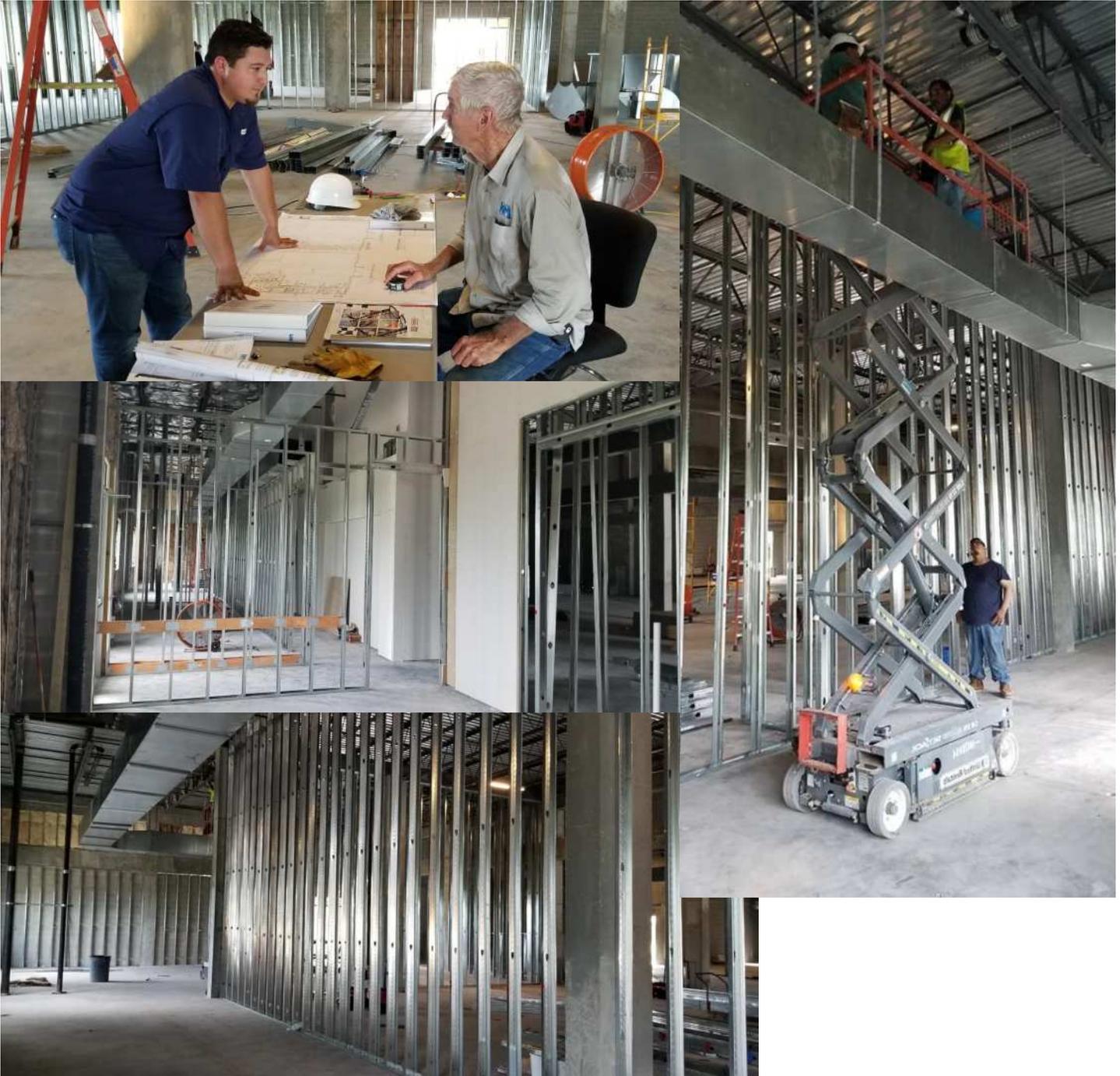
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CORRECTION!: The last newsletter inadvertently included the Library and Genealogy Research Room among those areas open to sponsorship; it is not! This room was generously sponsored very early on by the *Father Leopold Moczygomba Foundation* for \$100,000. We are deeply grateful for their stepping up to ensure the Heritage Center's success!

Dziękuję Ci Bardzo!

Construction pushes ahead!

Work on the Administrative portion of the Polish Heritage Center continues at full steam!



The excitement grows as the works continues!



Bishop's Thoughts



Bishop Yanta participating at a Rosary in front of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on October 30, 2018

The Month of November, the month of our Ancestors

We celebrate the Communion of Saints, the unity in Christ of all the redeemed, those on earth and those who have died. We celebrated the Feast of All Saints on November 1st. The Church recognizes all in heaven as true saints. Yes, the Church truly believes in purgatory, the final purification. Our beloved deceased await the end of the world and general judgment day. Our Polish parish cemeteries are immaculate and are well cared for. When we go to Poland, the first thing we do in the village is to seek out our relatives in the cemeteries. What a joy when we find a tombstone of our relatives. The Polish Heritage Center of Panna Maria will bolster the faith connection to our deceased. My hope is for you to memorialize your family and ancestors. There are literally dozens of ways to remember your deceased. We keep good records of every donation. Each newsletter gives you a report of donations for that time period since the last newsletter. Shortly after January 1st, 2019, we will again give an annual report in cumulative form of all donations. Pray that God will bless us with a generous heart so we can finish the interior of our building. Our exhibits will tell the story from the Baptism of Poland up to today. Please consider your generous gift for our Center.

God love you,

†Bishop John W. Yanta