



Visitor Experience #45



*Look at what is in
store for you!*

Thank you for your support!

As you go through this issue of the newsletter and view pictures of the wide array of offerings located within the Polish Heritage Center, you will be viewing the many and varied, individual and collective tributes to our immigrant ancestors. You can confidently nod your head and beam with pride, knowing that your grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and beyond, are not forgotten. And indeed, they will be here to introduce themselves to you, your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, for ages to come!

Your support has made this bright vision possible. All of us who are involved with the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria remain eternally grateful for that support, as quite frankly this project would not have been possible without it. Moving forward, your continued support is MORE important than ever! We are too near to the end to ease off the effort.

Your year-end gift is precious to us, no matter its size, because it reflects your love for your heritage. For those who are able, please see the next page. But to everyone, we ask that you remember us in your year-end gift giving plans and include the Polish Heritage Center with the projects you support. And if you have not yet taken the opportunity to donate to our Heritage Center, this is a wonderful time of year to start!

Remember that it may be possible to reduce your taxable liability and if you need to do so, please consult your tax specialist. For your ease, there is included in this newsletter a remit envelope for your convenience. Thank you again for your support.

Dziękuję

**You Can Put Us Over the Top.
Yes. You.**

You will soon be seeing the fruits of a project that first took root more than a decade ago and has been growing slowly and steadily ever since. The Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria will soon be ready to open, and looking at the photos we feature in these newsletters, you can tell it will be amazingly beautiful and a fitting tribute to our Polish immigrant ancestors.

However, funds are still needed to finalize interior construction, complete exhibit fabrication and open the doors with enough money to insure the initial year of operation.

Together we have come so far. In the most difficult times, we have pulled together. And together we can finish the project and open the Center for the enjoyment of our friends, families, neighbors and visitors from around the world.

So We Have an Opportunity for You

Members of the Polish Heritage Center Board of Directors, along with several of our outstanding donors, have contributed \$525,000 into a fund that will match your contribution, thereby doubling the impact of your gift toward finishing the Center. In order to qualify for this match, we are asking for minimum contributions of \$25,000 and above. This would be a wonderful opportunity for families to come together for a joint gift.

There is also a special \$50,000 fund that provides the opportunity to match five \$10,000 donations to memorialize five of our religious vocations. This is an excellent way for you to honor the priests and nuns who have contributed so greatly to our Polish communities.

Your support has kept us going over these many years. For that we are forever grateful and thank the Good Lord every day for your kindness and generosity. Now, when we are so close to success, we invite you to join us at the finish line where we can celebrate a dream fulfilled and a job well done.

You Can Put Us Over the Top.



William L. Cotulla

Laredo Morning Times, Monday, October 26, 2020

Added here: Picture provided by Peters Funeral Home, Cotulla, TX

William L. Cotulla May 30, 1936 – October 19, 2020

William Lawrence Cotulla passed away in San Antonio, Texas, on October 19, 2020, at the age of 84. Bill was very proud and passionate about his heritage as the great grandson of Joseph Cotulla, a Polish immigrant who founded the town of Cotulla. He took pride in living in Cotulla most of his life. The time spent living away from there resulted only from being a university student, serving in the Armed Forces, and health reasons that ultimately caused him to move to San Antonio. Bill was a consummate learner. He was graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and then earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas Law School. After graduation from UT Law, Bill enlisted in the United States Army, where he served as an attorney. During this time, he was stationed in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon return from the Army, Bill ran Model Market, the family grocery store until 1979. He also oversaw the family ranches in La Salle, Dimmitt, and Webb counties. In addition, Bill was Director of the Stockmens National Bank for over 25 years. Passionate about service to others, Bill happily devoted time to serve as Deacon and Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church of Cotulla. He also provided the community with Bible courses held from his home. Equally important, Bill took civic duty seriously and remained active in his community. He served as Mayor of Cotulla and was a member of the City Council. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, where he was instrumental to Cotulla's recognition as part of the Texas Main Street program. He also served as an active member of the Cotulla Masonic Lodge #892 where he was Past Master. An avid reader, Bill often read a novel per day. He was very active with the Alexander Memorial Library where he served on the Board for many years. In 2011, Bill established the William L. Cotulla Endowment with the Laredo Area Community Foundation to benefit the First Baptist Church. William is preceded in death by his parents, William Paul and Elizabeth Cotulla.

Donations

From October 24, 2020 through November 21, 2020

Teresa Augustyniak, San Antonio, Texas
George Bobinski, Vestal, New York
John & Shirley Bordovsky,
San Antonio, Texas
Marvin & Janet M Boroski,
San Antonio, Texas
John & Amanda Cebrowski,
San Antonio, Texas
Karl & Stephanie Gager, Uvalde, Texas
Pat & Barbara Moczygemba Hoffmann,
San Antonio, Texas
Michael & Vivian Dziuk Hudson,
Victoria, Texas
John & Mary Pollok Yanta Trust,
San Antonio, Texas
Leonard & Mary Krzywosinski,
San Antonio, Texas
Limelight Films, Katy, Texas
Fred & Catherine Lyssy, San Antonio, Texas
Susan Moczygemba McKinsey, San Antonio
Walter & Carol Mika, San Antonio, Texas
Robert "Bobby" Moczygemba,

Panna Maria, Texas
Al & Angela McCaffrey Notzon,
San Antonio, Texas
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San Antonio, Texas
Suzanne Moczygemba Sheppard,
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Patricia Szalwinski, Pleasanton, Texas
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Silver Spring, Maryland
Dorothy & Carolyn R Uhlig,
Floresville, Texas
John & Christie Schroeder Wojtasczyk,
Panna Maria, Texas
William J & Judy L Yanta,
Silver Spring, Maryland
Bishop John W Yanta, San Antonio, Texas
William & Judy L Yanta Trust,
Silver Springs, Maryland
Don Roy Yanta, Karnes City, Texas
Thaddeus Zawistowski, Richmond, Texas
Zulu Investment Corp,

*Your support in our Polish Heritage Center has always been, and continues to be indispensable! This has been most true during this year of 2020 and the COVID epidemic. Being mindful that your first, and always most important responsibility is taking care of your family. We decided early in the year to curtail the "ask" for support. Trusting in God and His providence, we still continued the work on the Heritage Center. As you have seen in the construction photos, the final touches of the Center are clearly coming into focus. To put it another way, the construction **IS** coming to its completion. And so, we still need your support this year-end! We only ask that you consider what level of support you are able to provide. Remember us. Support us. Let's see this Center completed and opened!*

OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA GUILD

ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP



Yes, I accept membership in Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild. I understand that the Guild has been created to recognize donors who have included the Polish Heritage Center in their estate planning, and that planned gifts are a meaningful way to ensure that the needs of the Polish Heritage Center are met now and well into the future.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

I qualify for membership in the Guild by having placed the Polish Heritage Center in my estate plan through one of the following:

My Will _____ A Trust _____ Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy _____
Beneficiary of a Pension Plan _____ Beneficiary of a Bank Account _____
Creating a Charitable Gift Annuity _____

Can you please tell us why you decided to name the Polish Heritage Center in your estate planning? (Optional) _____

May we use your name and statement to promote membership in the Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild? Yes: _____ No: _____

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to membership, and for your willingness to help us encourage membership in the Guild.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



The Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria Foundation is a Texas 501(c)(3) non-profit, and our tax ID# is 46-0561240. Please mail this form to: Polish Heritage Center, PO Box 28125, San Antonio, TX 78228 Phone: 210-733-1979

WHICH METHOD IS BEST FOR YOU?

Reflect upon your needs and your commitment to the Polish Heritage Center. Consult your financial advisor. By joining the Our Lady of Czestochowa Guild, you are making a powerful pledge.

You may choose any of the following opportunities to secure Guild membership:

- Make a bequest through a will or trust.
- Name the PHC as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, a pension plan, or a bank account.
- Name the PHC as a beneficiary of a charitable lead trust.
- Make a life income gift, securing a guaranteed life income for yourself, and a designated beneficiary if desired by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity, or creating a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Please meet with your financial advisor to discuss what option is best for you. The Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria Foundation is a Texas 501(c)(3) non-profit, and our tax ID# is 46-0561240

Creating an Endowment

With the assistance of your financial advisor consider an endowment, which is a self-perpetuating gift. The principal of an endowment can be sustained, and the income derived from it annually may be used as your bequest gift to memorialize a beloved family member in perpetuity.



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GUILD BENEFITS

- Enrollment listing with fellow members in all publications.
- A special personalized keepsake and a certificate of membership
- A special plaque with the names of all Guild members displayed in a prominent location in the Heritage Center.
- The personal satisfaction that comes with knowing you have made a lasting impact.

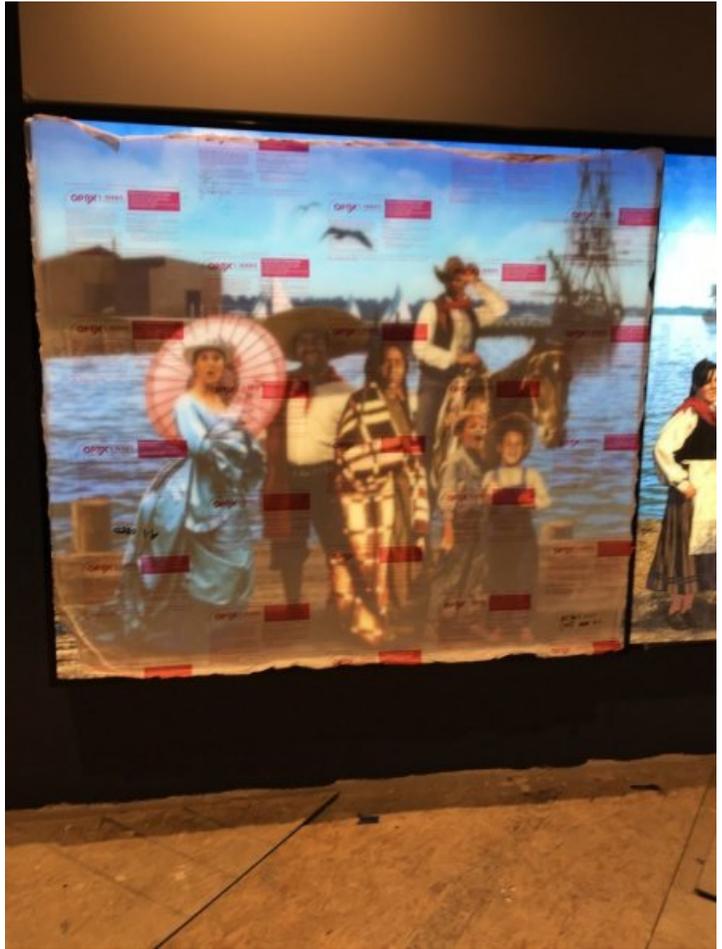




Views of the Construction







We are fast approach.





ing the grand finale!





St. Pope John Paul II, with **Msgr. Henry Moczygamba**, center, and **Msgr. Canon Bernard Goebel**, right, during the Papal visit to San Antonio, Texas, September 13, 1987.
Photo from Vatican photographer

A Shepherd for our times!

By *Bishop John W. Yanta*, Part 1 of 2

I think that with the state of the world, this would be a good time to recount the achievements that this Polish Pope accomplished. This is but a few:

- Pope Saint John Paul II, 18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005, was the head of the Catholic Church from 1978 until his death in 2005.
- John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history.
- On 4 July 1958, Pope Pius XII appointed him as the Auxiliary Bishop of Kraków. One of his co-consecrators was then-Auxiliary Bishop of Sandomierz, **Franciszek Jop**, who later became Bishop of Opole.
- During his pontificate, Pope John Paul II made trips to 129 countries, travelling more than 1,100,000 kilometers (680,000 mi) while doing so.
- As an extension of his successful work with youth as a young priest, John Paul II pioneered the international World Youth Days.
- As pope, John Paul II wrote 14 papal encyclicals.
- Pope John Paul II, President Ronald Reagan, and Lech Wałęsa, are recognized as helping to end Communist rule in Europe.
- He helped establish **Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church**, together with **Archbishop Patrick Flores** of San Antonio, Texas, as the inaugural parish for the Anglican Use liturgy.

May God Bless You and Yours,

Bishop John W. Yanta