



Annual Report 2021



Both a Thank You and a Reminder!

This year of 2022 marks the beginning a new and lasting phase of the Polish Heritage Center. The first phase of the project was the Capital Campaign which focused on raising the donations to build and open the Polish Heritage Center. As **Counsel General Robert Rusiecki** remarked at the Blessing Event, *“You are not at the end, but only the beginning!”* He is right! This new beginning of our Polish Heritage Center is the Sustainability Phase. This simply means that the Center is now opened and, like every other entity, needs to dedicate itself to do what is required to stay open. **Executive Director Angelica Docog** will be rolling out and introducing innovative plans and information to do just that! Included will be the solicitation of donations. A few things to remember when making a donation to Polish Heritage Center: 1) If possible, please use the remit envelope; it is helpful to completely and legibly fill out ALL of the information. 2) This includes providing a wife’s maiden name if there is a Polish background. 3) Be sure to include a way to contact you if needed by either supplying your phone, email, or physical address in case we need to contact you for clarification. 4) This may be a bit sticky, but according to the current IRS rules, only the name on the check can claim a deduction. This is important when group memorials and funeral donations are sent by a single check.

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If you have **ANY** questions, please feel free to call the Polish Heritage Center at:

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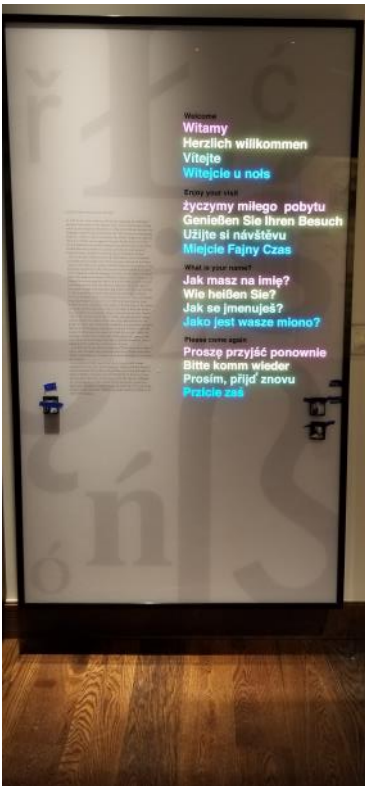
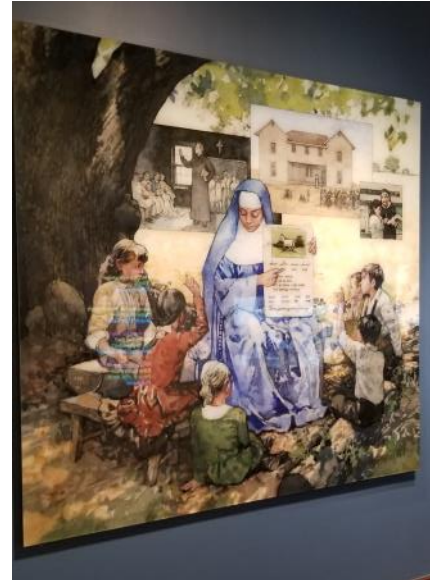




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Moving forward!



With a joyous heart, I give thanks to God's Providence and to the many of you who have made the building and opening of the Polish Heritage Center a reality! The early, unaudited reports, do show that with all of your unfailing support, the Capital Campaign was successful in achieving the goal of \$14,000,000 before the end of 2021! This has been a long process. But drawing on our faith and the spirit of our ancestors, neither will be forgotten now.

We now enter a new, exciting chapter in celebrating our immigrant ancestors and their faith. At the Blessing Ceremony of the Center in October, **Counsel General Robert Rusiecki** reminded us that the real work now lies before us. We all have been working so long and hard during the Capitol Campaign, that although it would be natural to want this effort come to an "end," we must now change gears.

The changing of gears means that no longer are we in the *Capitol Campaign* mode, but we are now in the *Sustainability mode*. We are now no longer *building* the Center, but now we are working on *building* the depth of information and quality material that represent our local immigration and larger Polonia as we preserve and celebrate those who came before us. We aspire to teach the new generations in the same way that our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents *taught* us.

We may not have to face the challenges and trials of 50, 100, or 167 years ago, but we will have our own new challenges to confront and overcome. And they will be as new to us as those faced by generations before. With faith in God and your continued support, we will always rise to not only meet the challenges but to succeed.

May God bless you and yours,

†Bishop John W. Yanta