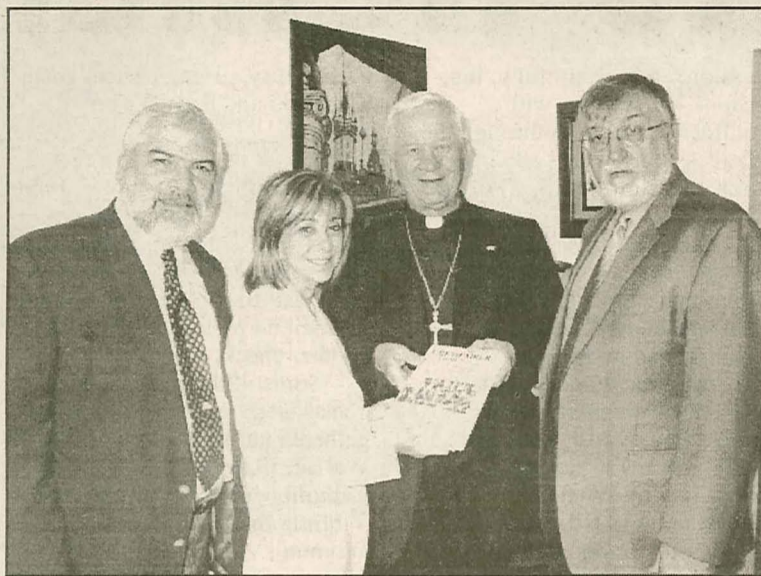


Adam Cardinal Maida Blesses "Piaist Institute"

On Monday, August 25, Adam Cardinal Maida visited the offices of the Piaist Institute at 3841 Talbot St. in Detroit to bless the newly established Institute. The Institute is a national research center and think tank on Polish and Polish-American affairs. The Piaist Institute was created to sponsor research and disseminate information about Poland and Polonia through publications, lectures, conferences, exhibits and popular programs using both Polonia and mainstream media. It is establishing a network of fellows and corresponding scholars at academic centers throughout the United States and Poland to



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and service. He held up to them the model of the recently canonized St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland, as someone to be emulated in her life and work by those who seek to promote learning, service to the common good and unity of all peoples in harmony. The institute has chosen her as its patron. The niece of the last Piaist Dynasty King of Poland, Jadwiga, has been venerated for her intelligence and good work and her patronage of learning as the re-founder of the University of Kraków. By her decision to marry Jagiello, Grand Duke of Lithuania, she helped to unite the peoples of East Central Europe into a prosperous and generous multinational commonwealth.

The Institute was founded by Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski, former President of St. Mary's College and a well-known scholar who has published extensively on Polonia, Poland and Eastern Europe. He has also served at the National Endowment for the Humanities and as a consultant to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the U.S. Bureau of the Census on matters of ethnicity and the economic status of peoples of east Central European ancestry. The co-founder, Ms. Virginia Skrzyaniarz, has many years of experience in the direction of non-profit organizations with special emphasis on community health and housing issues. She was SE Michigan Director of Hope Network and Vice President for Administration at Saint Mary's College. She has been involved in Polish cultural and community organizations since childhood. The Institute's Business Administrator is Ms. Kathryn Hartman.

For further information on the Piaist Institute contact: Ms. Virginia Skrzyaniarz at 313-891-8156 or 866-PIAST-US (742-7887).

During the ceremony Ms. Brenda Naomi Rosenberg of the American Jewish Committee presented to Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit and the Head of the Polish Catholic Apostolate in America, copies of the Polish and English versions of the book "Everyday I Remember" ("Pamiętam każdy dzień") published by the Remembrance and Reconciliation Foundation of Ann Arbor. The presentation was made in the name of Dr.



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John Hartman, the President of the Foundation who has just taken a new appointment at the University of South Florida. Dr. Hartman co-authored the book with Polish historian Dr. Jacek Krochmal, Senior Archivist at the Polish National Archives. The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit supported the publication of the work by a subvention of \$3,000.

"Everyday I Remember" chronicles the history of the Jewish community of Przemyśl, Poland, its destruction during the Second World War by the Germans and the relations between the Jews of the city and their gentile neighbors. The book is dedicated to the Jews who perished in the Shoah because of hatred and prejudice and the Poles and Ukrainians who died trying to aid them.

In addition to this publication, the Remembrance and Reconciliation Foundation has refurbished the wall and the gate of the Jewish cemetery at Przemyśl. The re-dedication of the Krasiczyn cemetery was done by an Orthodox rabbi accompanied by Roman Rite and Byzantine Rite Catholic priests of the town and the children of the town's school. The next project of the foundation is the refurbishing and marking of the graves of 100 leading Jewish citizens of Przemyśl who were murdered by the Germans during the first days of the occupation in 1939.

In making the presentation Ms. Rosenberg quoted back to Cardinal Maida the words he spoke at the interfaith caravan at the September 11, 2002 remembrance: "We can turn the tides of evil into the rivers of peace when we partner in faith, hope and love." In responding

to the presentation the Cardinal welcomed the book and the other achievements of the Foundation as an example of the kind of cooperative work by people of faith and goodwill that is necessary to build a world based on community that transcends nationality, ethnicity and religion and realizes the shared hopes of humankind born out of the traditions and teaching of its great religions.

In attendance at the presentation were Remembrance and Reconciliation board members: Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski, President of the "Piaist Institute" and Mr. Michael Szymanski, Esq., editor-in-chief of the "Polish Weekly," Polish-American newspaper. Board member Mr. Michael Traison, Esq. of Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone was unable to attend. The fifth Board member, the late Mr. Henry Landau, Ann Arbor businessman and philanthropist who was born in Poland and survived the Holocaust, died in July 2003. The ceremony was held at the Detroit offices of the "Piaist Institute," an Institute for Polish-American affairs.

The work of the Foundation has received the recognition and blessing of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. The "Piaist Institute" presented copies of the work in Polish and English to the Pope through his secretary, Bishop Stanisław Dziwisz on behalf of the Foundation. The honorary chair of the Foundation's advisory board is Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, who is a native of Przemyśl. For information on the Reconciliation and Remembrance Foundation call: 313/891-8156 or contact via e-mail: vpaist@sbcglobal.net

assist in its network and to keep it abreast of current issues of importance.

In his remarks, Cardinal Maida lauded the Institute for its goals to unify and serve the Polish community and Poland, to advocate their interests through research and education, to expand knowledge of Poland as she assumes new role in the world and to preserve the richness of Polish history and culture for Polish-Americans and their fellow Americans. He noted that the promotion of understanding and good

relations between ethnic and national groups in Europe and America which the Piaist Institute has also chosen as a goal should be the natural outgrowth of such work if it is done in a spirit of charity and brotherhood which faith demands of all of us.

Cardinal Maida congratulated the founders and supporters of the Piaist Institute on their vision and wished them well in the accomplishment of their goals to bring about enlightenment and understanding through research

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