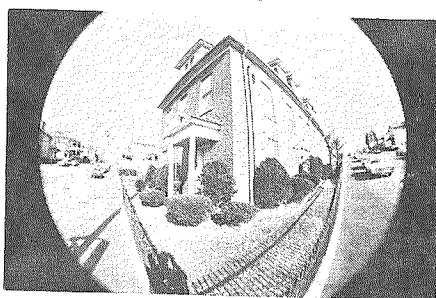
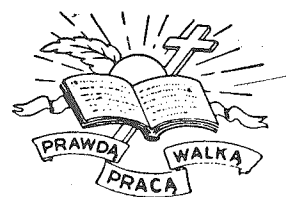


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PASTORAL RENEWAL

by Rev. Robert Janowski

From the moment of man's awareness, he has sought two distinct principles; his longing for truth and purpose. Man's universal hunger is for a meaningful life.

Often we wonder why this quest has expressed itself in so many ways. For example, the Christian Church exploring various avenues of enlightenment and expression; a passion for radicalism in attempting to change established institutions, and an issue equally important but rarely openly discussed -- the Church's minority of clergy who either abandon totally or leave on absence their priesthood.

Our Church is not that different than any other religious denomination. We must face this issue now and in the years ahead.

When his fellow parishioners hear of their priest leaving his vocation, they react differently. Some are shocked, many hurt, and a few relieved. But the mission of the Church continues.

Some clergy leave on absence because they are frustrated and emotionally immature. Others are unable to cope with the regulations of the religious life. Some leave for reasons known to them and God.

The priest who leaves innately knows that within time he will be able to work out his own particular problem and hopefully return a better and well-adjusted individual. This should in no way imply that his superiors are unable to understand him when needed most. Many fine bishops, seniors, and fellow clergymen are readily available and qualified.

A priest on leave sometimes desires a new or different perspective on life, a time to grow and experience the realities that he thought he once knew. Whether it is worthy or unworthy is not our responsibility to determine. Every human being bears a cross in some manner or another, but only the human priest follows the way of the cross throughout his life.

On the day of his ordination the Sacrament of Holy Orders are conferred upon him knowing that he is a priest forever. The Church says Holy Orders are a character imprint lasting forever. As stated in the Book of Hebrews 5:6 "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek". There is no escaping the work of God.

Can we perhaps view renewal as Bishop Walter Slowakiewicz once said



"To those who return without any doubt have found a greater glory of God and a renewal of service for the benefit of the Church".

Saint Paul said, "For the love of Him I lost everything, treat everything else as refuse. If I may have Christ to my credit...I only press on, in hope of winning the mastery, as Christ Jesus won the mastery over me".

Bishop Francis Hodur wrote, "Only when humanity has placed their thirsty lips to the chalice in which God has placed truth, justice and happiness can we ever find ourselves."

Renewal can be expressed in various forms. It can be an inward as well as an outward attribute.

JUNE: VOCATIONS MONTH

by Deacon Michael R. Mietlicki

June is not only the month of Fathers' Day, vacations or a time for weddings. It has a special meaning for Polish National Catholics. It is Vocations Month.

Begun by the Priests of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese in the summer of 1974 as a diocesan project, the Vocations campaign consisted of articles, specially prepared pamphlets and personal contacts. Basically its purpose was to reach the young men of our Church to encourage them to enter our theological school and also to inform the faithful of the PNCC as to the needs of our seminary.

Today, as a result of the enactments of the recently held XIV General Synod, this one-time diocesan program has gone Church-wide. According to one spokesman of the Alumni Association, the sponsoring organization, this year's activities will include posters, pamphlets, collection envelopes and articles in the *Rola Boża*.

Consequently, the month of June brings added responsibilities to every Polish National Catholic. Throughout the whole year but especially during this month it is our duty to support the seminary through prayer and action. It is a time of encouraging that young man in your parish who has shown interest in Christ's Priesthood to seriously consider it. If, by chance, your pastor isn't aware of a potential candidate's interest, bring it to his attention. Conduct a retreat for the young males of your parish and have your pastor speak to them or invite a guest clerical speaker. This may be held on the seniorate level or the parish level. Discuss our seminary among your friends and at parish society meetings. In the same manner, send a gift subscription of the seminary publication, *The Student Press*, to a potential candidate in your area to acquaint him with Savonarola. Most importantly keep the administration, faculty, graduates and students of Savonarola Theological Seminary in your prayers and in your heart.

June is Vocations Month in the Polish National Catholic Church. All year we prepare ourselves spiritually and educationally to serve you. During the month of June we reach out to you for your help. Support Sacred Vocations in your area!

JAK WYŻYWIĆ GŁODNY ŚWIAT?

by Student Czesław Kulickowski

'And they did all eat, and were filled'
(St. Mark 6. 42)
Today the alarm is sounded throughout the world over the food crisis. Millions of people from many countries are underfed, hundreds of thousands literally die of starvation. Thus the FAO calls for an intensification of farming and, after all, field and also horticulture.

Prognozy na temat żywnościowej przyszłości świata oscylują od kilkanastu lat między krańcowym pesymizmem i optymizmem. Mowi się, że olbrzymie obszary naszego globu czeka epoka chronicznego głodu, to znow, że agrotechnika potrafi wyżywić pięć, a nawet dziesięć razy większą liczbę ludności niż tą, która żyje obecnie na świecie.

Z punktu widzenia globalnego i technicznego przyszłość wyżywienia ludności całego świata napawa optymizmem, ponieważ;

a. Dotąd tylko 1/10 ładow, czyli około 1,4 mld. hektarów (1 akr-0,4 hektara) znajduje się pod uprawą, dalsze 23% to łąki i pastwiska. Istnieje możliwość powiększenia arealu ornej ziemi o 1 mld. hektarów.

b. Niewiarygodne osiągnięcia agrotechniki i związane z nią inne gałęzie napawają nas optymizmem. USA wyprodukowało w 1930 roku 115 mln. ton ziarna na obszarze 150 mln. hektarów, a w 1975 roku na tym samym obszarze zebrały 241 mln. ton ziarna. Podobnie Francja, która w roku 1930 wyprodukowała 14 mln. ton zboża, a w 1975-40 mln. ton.

c. Botanika zna 80 000 jadalnych roślin z których tylko 150 jest uprawiane przez człowieka na szerszą skalę. Wciąż są tworzone nowe krzyżówki i odmiany różnych zapewniające wzrost ilości i jakości plonów.

d. Optymizm budzi wielki postęp w zakresie mechanizacji i ochrony roślin, które są takie dalekie od wyczerpania swych możliwości w dziedzinie rolnictwa.

Gdyby ludzkość była jedną wielką rodziną, oraz gdyby świat tworzył jednolity organizm gospodarczy nie byłoby problemów z wyżywieniem. Nadwyżki plonów z jednego obszaru byłyby swobodnie przekazywane do obszarów odczuwających głód.

Nawet pomoc żywnościowa bezpłatna nie rozwiązuje problemu na stałe choć ma bardzo pozytywne znaczenie w przypadkach klęsk żywiołowych; upały, powodzie itp.

Dlatego też większość krajów należących do Światowej Organizacji Wyżywienia i Rolnictwa-FAO domaga się utworzenia światowego funduszu zbożowego.

Należy podkreślić następujący fakt, prawie 1/4 rocznej produkcji ulega dzisiaj zniszczeniu w drodze z pola do talerza, czyli około 250mln ton ziarna.

Szczury, wołek zbożowy i inne szkodniki zjadają rocznie 1/10 światowej produkcji ziarna.

Jak podają badania naukowców w każdym kraju 10% żywności wyprodukowanej ulega zniszczeniu na skutek marnotrawstwa w domach. Jak więc widać



z przytoczonych przykładów wiele jeszcze jest do zrobienia aby przy obecnych zbiorach można było znacznie więcej otrzymać gotowej żywności.

Obecna sytuacja żywnościowa na świecie wymaga, że poszczególne państwa nie tylko mogą, ale muszą podjąć wysiłek uruchomienia rezerw w produkcji rolnej, walki z marnotrawstwem, a także odpowiedniej polityki populacyjnej. Szczególnie ten ostatni problem dotyczy krajów trzeciego świata. Dlatego też aby słowa;

'And they did all eat, and were full' stały się aktualne w każdym kraju, musi nastąpić okres zgodnego współżycia wielkiej rodziny narodów, opartej na zasadach nauki Jezusa Chrystusa.

Jeżeli tej współpracy i wysiłku zabraknie, to słowa *'The World is hungry'* staną się wielkim ostrzeżeniem dla ludzkości.

ANNIVERSARY

By Deacon David Gajda

The Student Press has come a long way since its inception last year. It has grown considerably from the first small mimeographed edition of May, 1975 and its everchanging appearance testifies to its growth.

Beside the changes in the physical appearance of the paper, the content changed considerably in scope and in quality. The resources provided by the varied interests of the student body, in addition to the writing skills acquired in class as preparation for journalistic endeavors, contribute to making *The Student Press* more sophisticated, challenging and professionally written.

We were fortunate to have on our staff such specialized workers as an illustrator and a photographer to add to the graphic beauty of the paper.

The Student Press, in its first year, has admirably served its subscribers with much information about the seminary and the Church. New enrollments, faculty profiles, seminary activities, articles of historical interest dealing with the priesthood, and information of the curricula have been covered within the pages of this newest Church publication.

Contrition: Sorrow for Sins

The essential condition for the Sacrament of Penance, as indispensable as water is for Baptism, is sorrow for sin. Without this interior attitude, the absolution is of no avail. At the same time the very foundation of the Sacrament of Penance is this wonderful truth: God is capable of transforming the human heart, of turning a sinful heart into an innocent one (Isaia I. 16-18), better disposed to hear the good news of salvation.

Penance and conversion are an essential dimension of every Christian's life on earth. In our own lives this means to avoid sin and to do penance.

As St. Augustine points out, as do also many prophets, conversion means to leave the wrong way and to return to the

right one. It means to be contrite. It means sorrow for our misdeeds and the determination to sin no more. It can be difficult at times to feel sorry for our sins, or ashamed of our misdeeds. But we must still admit that we did wrong.

There is, however, the other part of contrition: the firm purpose of amendment, which we have to consider, especially when we have always the same little sins to confess. We must not stop at a vague resolution; we have to take definite steps. We must consider the how and why of our sinning, so that by changing these conditions, we overcome one sin at a time. We must be responsive to the words of the Our Father: "And lead us not into temptation."

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AN EDITORIAL

"See you in September" portrays what is an unfortunate set of circumstances concerning our seminary. As another academic year comes to a close at Savonarola and students leave for summer vacations, the doors are closed until the fall term. The life-filled building that is bursting with activity from September to June becomes lifeless as summer arrives. Our Seminary is unique in the respect that it is probably one of the few educational institutions in the United States that completely shuts down for the summer months.

Wouldn't it be nice and very beneficial if summer refresher courses could be offered for students and priests at our seminary during the summer? Or, if spiritual retreats were conducted. In the same manner, why not conduct Church commission meetings in the seminary while

students are vacationing? After all, the kitchen facilities, sleeping quarters and meeting rooms at the seminary would hold expenses down considerably. This would be especially beneficial when in some cases certain commissions can not meet because of the high cost of hotels and other related expenses.

In this respect, a beginning has been made by the Alumni Association of Savonarola. They have tentatively scheduled two seminars for the summer months.

These seminars, being held at the seminary, will be conducted for the benefit of the clergy of our Church. More Church commissions and organizations should follow this example so that our seminary building may live on through those lonely summer months while at the same time offering a greater service to the Church.

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The Vice Rector: Our Man Behind the Scenes

By Deacon William Uchic

Every institution has someone who deserves special attention. We at Savonarola Theological Seminary have one such person. Rev. Bronisław Danis, Vice-Rector of the Seminary, is our man behind the scenes. Along with being our spiritual father, he is also counselor, disciplinarian, and teacher.

Rev. Danis was born of mixed Polish and Lithuanian ancestry. He was educated in Lithuania and Germany. Upon his graduation from Bishop Valanchis College, he entered the Theological Seminary at the University of Kaunas in Lithuania, where he earned a master of arts degree. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1933. He worked as an assistant pastor and chaplain to several high-schools in Lithuania. It was then that Rev. Danis published his first work, "A Mystical Rose" consisting of short sermons for May Devotions to the Blessed Mother Mary.

Before World War II, Rev. Danis was appointed as a parochial pastor, in which time he built a new church and rectory. Unfortunately, during the War, the church was totally destroyed and the rectory was later converted into a grammar school.

During the War, Rev. Danis was occupied with his pastoral work in Germany, teaching religion and Latin in high-schools organized by war refugees. Seeing a great shortage of text books, he published three booklets on Latin Gram-



Rev. Bruno S. Danis

mar, Latin Readings, and a Latin-Lithuanian Dictionary. He also prepared religious material for the schools in which he taught. Along with this work, he also helped Polish Chaplains in the camps for displaced persons, and German priests in their pastoral work.

After the War, Rev. Danis came to America with his parents, now deceased,

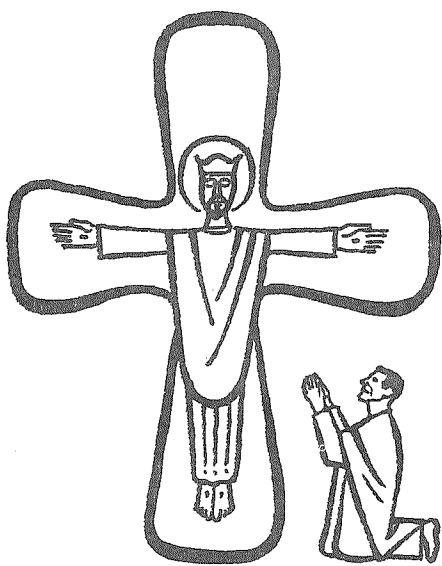
and worked with the Roman Catholic Church in the Scranton area 14 years. In 1964, Rev. Danis took a leave of absence from his duties, in which time he worked in the architectural field as a draftsman, designer, and instructor in several offices and institutions. During his leave, Rev. Danis married the former Miss Ann Grenus.

With help and influence from the late Rev. M. Valadka and the Very Rev. F.S. Banas, Rev. Danis joined the active priesthood of the Polish National Catholic Church in 1969. He was soon appointed pastor in Our Lord's Ascension parish in Bethlehem, Pa. and then in Mother of God parish in Albany, N.Y. and in 1972 accepted the position of Vice-Rector at Savonarola Theological Seminary. As Vice-Rector, he emphasizes the necessity of well-disciplined and well-educated priests. "The P.N.C.C. needs holy priests, -- priests of good will, priests totally and sincerely dedicated to a spiritual life and the Holy Church," he says.

Rev. Danis is professor of dogmatics at the seminary and chaplain at Spójnia Home for the Aged. In the past, Rev. Danis has written articles for German and Lithuanian newspapers, but at the present time, has limited his writings to our Church's organ, *Rola Boża*. His articles have also been reprinted in the *American Church News*, an Episcopal paper, and *Areo* (American Review of Eastern Orthodoxy). Rev. Danis has accumulated vast information for Sundays and Holy days, and hopes to publish yet more material in the future.

The seminarians are proud to study under this man of noted accomplishments. His humble and dedicated attitude serves as a fine example to future priests.

Essence of the Priesthood



By Dr. Joseph L. Victor

If there is any sentence in the Gospel that expresses in a very concentrated way the essence of priesthood, it is the sentence spoken by Jesus to his Apostles the day before His death. "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13)

These words of Christ summarize the meaning of all Christian ministry and are best accomplished through effective teaching, preaching, counseling, organizing, and celebrating. These duties are inextricably tied to the priest's own spiritual life, and they must be directed towards a creative dialogue between priest and parishioner if they are to be rewarding. Each of these functions be-

FIVE KEY FUNCTIONS

come true ministry only when the priest moves beyond his professional role and leaves himself open, takes risks, and, in the words of the Gospel, "lays down his life for his friends" in order to give new life.

Briefly, the five key functions of the priest are accomplished in the following:

Counseling - (or individual care) becomes ministry when he who wants to be of help moves beyond the careful balance of give and take with a willingness to risk his own life and remain faithful to his suffering fellow man even when his own name and fame are in danger.

Organizing - becomes ministry when the organizer moves beyond his desire for concrete results and looks at his world with the unwavering hope for a total renewal.

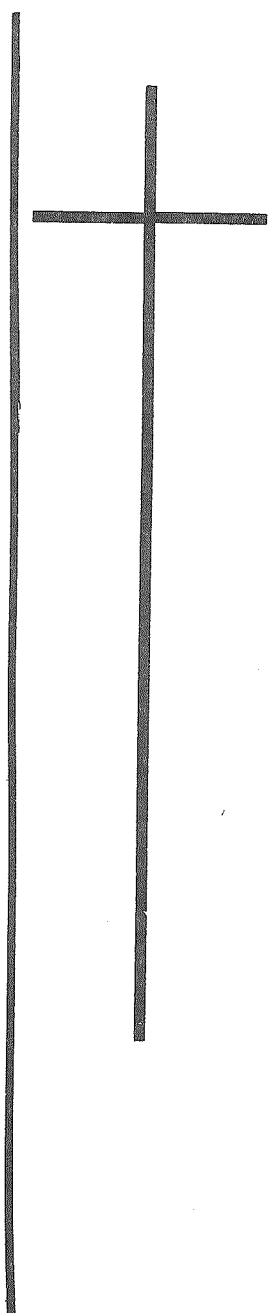
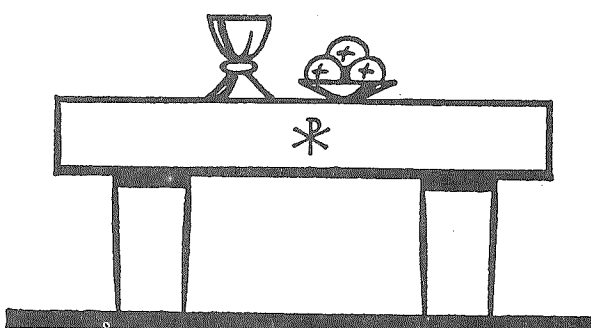
Teaching - becomes ministry when the priest (as teacher) moves beyond the transference of knowledge and is willing to offer his own life experience to his parishioners so that paralyzing anxiety can be removed, new liberating insight can come about, and genuine learning can take place.

Preaching - becomes ministry when the priest moves beyond the "telling of the story" and makes his deepest self available to his hearers so that they will be able to receive the Word of God.

Celebrating - becomes ministry when the celebrant moves beyond the limits of protective rituals to an obedient acceptance of life as a gift.

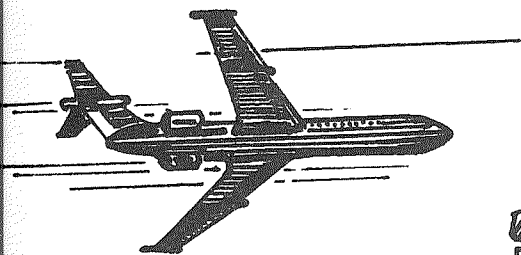
But, one may ask: Why does a man lay down his life for his friends? There is only one answer to that question: to give new life. All functions of the ministry are life-giving. Whether a priest teaches, preaches, counsels, plans, or celebrates, his aim is to open new perspectives, to offer new insight, to give new strength, to break through the chains of death and destruction, and to create new life which can be affirmed. In short -- to make his weakness creative.

So, if a man wants to be a priest, let him be happy to make his weaknesses his special boasts so that the power of Christ may stay over him...for when he is weak then he is strong (St. Paul, 2 Cor. 12: 9-10).



Seminarians

Study in Poland



by Student Frank Rowinski

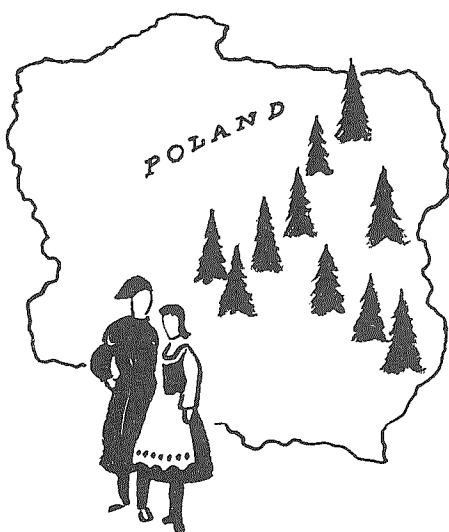
A trip to Europe is an experience many Americans dream about their entire lifetime. As you read this article the students of Savonarola Theological Seminary are excitedly preparing for just such a journey. The Most Rev. Thaddeus Zielinski has announced plans to provide all interested students of the seminary with the opportunity to study in Poland during the summer months.

Tentative plans will enable the seminarians to participate in an intensive six-week course in Polish language and history. The course will be sponsored by the Catholic Univeristy of Lublin, one of the major centers of higher learning in Poland.

Classes will begin July 10th and continue through August 20th. Six hours of classroom work every day of the week will be supplemented by field trips to various historic and cultural centers throughout the country on weekends. The participation of other seminarians from throughout the world also will add to the breadth and richness of the trip. Instructors, materials, food and housing will be provided by the University.

Due to financial aide from the Polish National Catholic Church, The Polish National Union, The Polish Catholic Church in Poland and The Polish Society for Relations with Poles Abroad, all expenses in Poland have been taken care of. One-half the transportation cost to Europe will be provided each seminarian.

The summer of 1976 holds special promise for the students at Savonarola Theological Seminary.



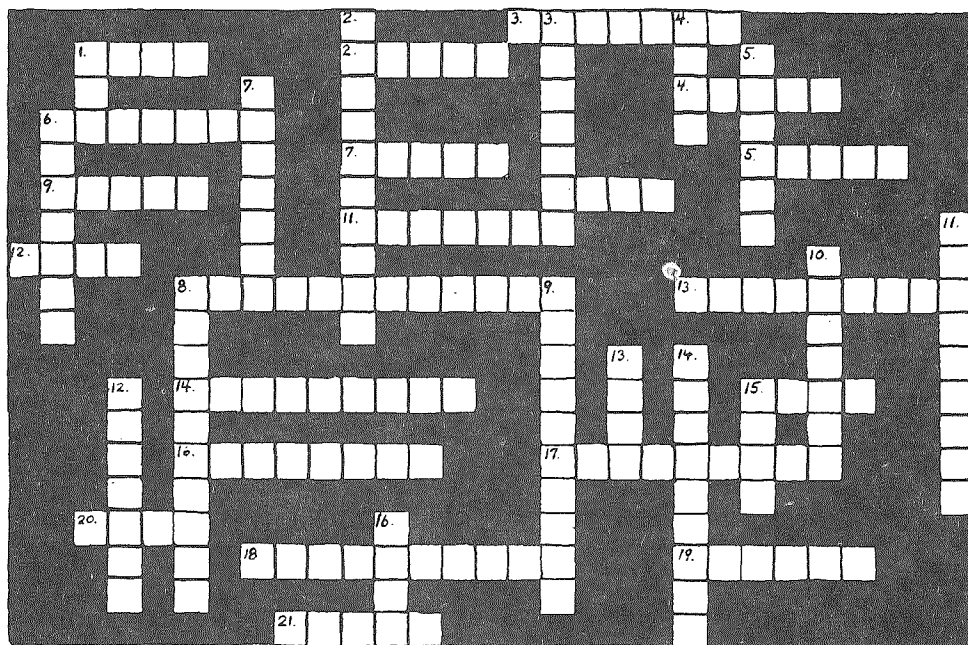
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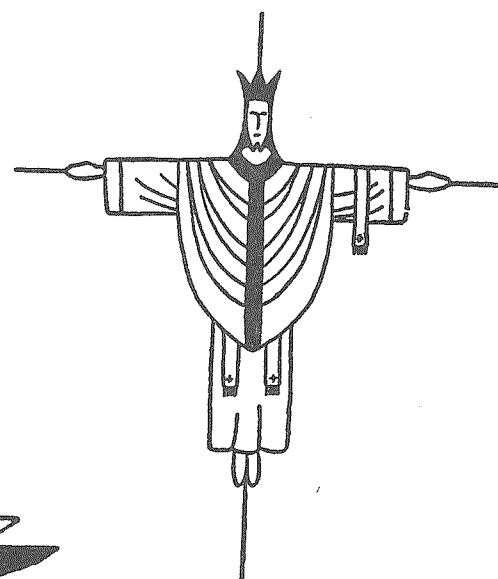
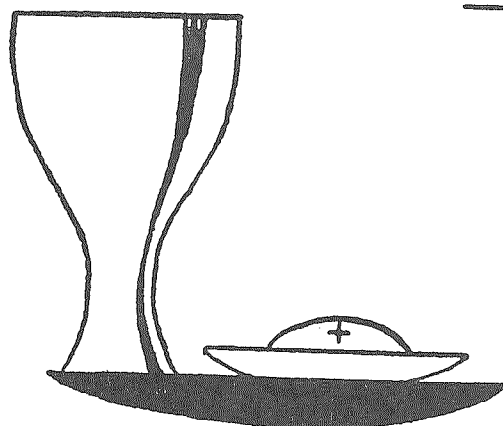


Across

1. The Polish National Catholic Church does not support the infallibility of the
2. Bishop Hodur was a former priest.
3. The diocese of the PNCC whose See is located in Scranton.
4. The First Official Organ of the PNCC.
5. The city in Poland in which Bishop Hodur was born.
6. The XIV General Synod was held in what city?
7. The PNCC was organized by Bishop.....
8. Presently, the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.
9. The legislative authority of our Church is vested in the
10. The Supreme Council of the PNCC is sometimes referred to as the
11. The diocese whose See is located in Chicago.
12. General Synods are held every years.
13. In 1895 under the leadership of an independent parish was established in Chicago. This parish later was to join the PNC movement.
14. Father Hodur was in a Roman Catholic Parish in Pennsylvania when he was called to organize our church.
15. Presently, the Editor of *Rola Boża* (*God's Field*).
16. The See of the PNCC is in
17. The present Bishop of Canada.
18. was elected Bishop at the XIII General Synod.
19. Former Bishop of Chicago and organizer of a Rest Home in Davie, Florida.
20. Same as question 10 Across.
21. The month in which the PNCC observes its anniversary.

DOWN

1. Popular initials for Spojnia.
2. The Second Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church.
3. The diocese of the PNCC whose See is in Manchester, New Hampshire.
4. A Roman Catholic German priest who pastored Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Parish in Scranton, Pa. during the PNCC break from Rome.
5. The PNCC's newest mission abroad.
6. Successors of the Apostles.
7. The XIII General Synod was held in Canada.
8. St. Cathedral was organized in 1897. by Bishop Hodur and group of Christians.
9. The Third Prime Bishop of the PNCC.
10. The present Bishop of the Western Diocese.
11. The PNCC is in intercommunion with the Church of the United States.
12. Father Hodur went to which country seeking Apostolic Succession?
13. There are PNCC dioceses in North America.
14. The First Bishop Ordinary of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese was
15. Presently, the Bishop of the Central Diocese.
16. The Polish National Catholic Church.



YOU SHALL KNOW
THE TRUTH
AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET
YOU FREE