

Pardon His Polish

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

A lady called up the other day to correct Father Andrew Greeley's greeting, in Polish, to Pope John Paul II — "may Jesus Christ bless you." (C-J 12/20/78). It reads more like Russian or Ukrainian, she said.

The way to say it, she

said, is "Niech Bedzie Pochwalony."

The construction properly should be what we heard about in Latin as the hortatory subjunctive: "let him be blessed . . ."

The lady is Berth Wirtz, a chatechist at Blessed Sacrament. She came here two years ago from New Jersey, where she was

acquainted, she now thinks, with a nephew of John Paul II. Her English speech is first class.

She has written to the new pope about her feelings "as a Pole, but more as a Catholic . . . a pope outside the Curia . . . now really, the Church Universal!" He'll probably get 1,000 such letters, she said. One thousand?

Father Kellner Takes Kolping Praeses Post

Father Winfried M. Kellner, associate pastor of St. Boniface Church, will be installed as praeses of the Kolping Society during the annual German Christmas Mass, slated this year for Sunday, Jan. 7 at 3 p.m. in St. Anne's Church.

Father Kellner will fill the position recently vacated by Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, who held the post since 1966.

Msgr. Boyle, pastor of St. Anne's, will preside over the Mass. Father Kellner will preach the homily. The music, under the direction of William Karas, will include pieces played on zithers.

Following the Mass there will be a Christmas Party with zither entertainment and a Sauerbraten and Spaetzle dinner. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. German

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According to Eleanor Schwind, president of Kolping, "All parts of the Mass will be in German as well as the sermon. There will be singing of the favorite German Christmas hymns."

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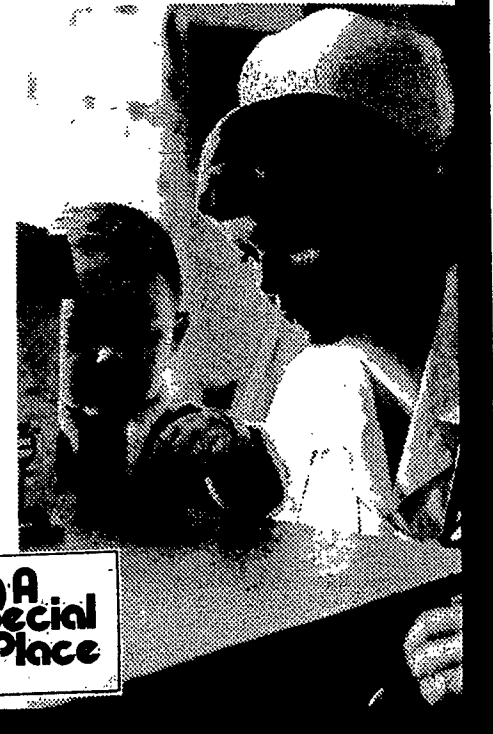


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