

Poles

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lish-speaking people.

Belonging to a Polish parish helped the secretary adapt to her new life when she first arrived in the United States. "When you hear the Polish language and everything, that was important in those days because we didn't know English ... I think it helped me to adjust. When I came as a young girl, I was very homesick, but in the long run (the parish) helped me."

For first-, second- and third-generation Poles, the parish has helped preserve a sense of ethnicity, remarked Anne Tomczak, who was baptized at St. Stanislaus 28 years after its founding. Tomczak's parents married in 1910, after leaving Poland, and later joined the parish.

Tomczak remembered that her father stubbornly insisted his children speak Polish. "If you spoke to him in English, he'd be deaf and dumb," she recalled. "My mother, on the other hand, wanted to learn English."

So do many of the new Polish immigrants, Tomczak said, noting that these parishioners need to be encouraged to retain their heritage. "I encourage people not

to be ashamed of their culture and to speak Polish," she said.

Love of Polish culture motivated Maureen McCoy, whose grandmother was from Poland, to rejoin the parish in 1979 along with her mother. McCoy had been a parishioner at St. Margaret Mary's in Irondequoit for many years, and although she still lives in the suburban town, she was drawn back to the urban parish by its beauty and Polish character.

McCoy is helping keep her heritage alive by serving as the parish's media contact for its centennial celebration during the next year. The parish kicked off its commemoration at the Bobby Vinton concert in the Eastman Theatre, Saturday night, Sept. 16. Proceeds from the show will help defray the cost of the many anniversary events St. Stanislaus is planning over the next year.

McCoy gained the spotlight for a few minutes when the "Polish Prince" walked out into his audience and asked her if she could speak Polish. "I said I could speak like a chipmunk," McCoy recalled.

On a more serious note, McCoy said that belonging to St. Stanislaus has renewed her sense of communal identity. "Once you're a Pole, you don't forget it," she said, adding, "you always stick together."

Soviets

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rainian Catholics in Poland.

The ceremony was held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa, in Czestochowa, Poland, the site of Poland's most revered Catholic shrine.

Bishop Martyniak will be attached to the Archdiocese of Warsaw and Gniezno as an auxiliary.

The Ukraine was controlled by Poland between 1919 and 1938. It was annexed after World War II by the Soviet Union. In 1946, the Soviet government orchestrated a spurious Ukrainian Catholic synod which broke with Rome and supposedly united with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Although outlawed, the Ukrainian Catholic Church has continued to function underground with a following estimated by church authorities to be in the millions.

Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, Rome-based head of the Ukrainian church, said of Bishop Martyniak's installation that "we are encouraged by the recent developments for the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe and hope that soon this new openness will become reality for Ukrainian Catholics in Ukraine."

Emigration to the West became a reality for thousands of East Germans in September as Hungary defied its Eastern-bloc neighbors to allow the emigres to cross into West Germany through its frontier. Many of the East Germans had traveled to Hungary as tourists to take advantage of Budapest's policy.

But Bishop Sterzinsky, installed that day as head of the Berlin Diocese, expressed concern Sept. 10 about the exodus.

The bishop, who lives in communist East Berlin, asked whether "these people (are)

seeking the way by which the Lord wants to lead them, or are they looking only for the most comfortable way?"

Bishop Sterzinsky was speaking in a homily during his first Mass in West Berlin, which is part of his diocese. He is allowed by East German authorities to visit the West German sector of the city 10 days of each month.

Clusters

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superintendent for schools outside Monroe County, the clusters' boards will now receive the assistance and guidance they need, she said.

The cluster planning boards and the cluster commission will benefit from the experience gained from school restructuring in Monroe County this past year, Sister Binsack said, noting, "I think we've learned a lot from the quadrants. I think we learned to listen to what the people are saying."

Sister Binsack added that some of the schools in the clusters — such as the Holy Family Catholic School System in Elmira and Blessed Trinity School in Auburn — have already consolidated, giving parishes a taste of working cooperatively to support Catholic schools. "I think we're trying to build on their experience already," she concluded.

Henry L. Zurowski, active in church affairs

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Henry L. Zurowski, a longtime resident of the Rochester area who was active in the Polish community, on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Vincent DePaul Church, 11 N. Main St., Churchville.

Mr. Zurowski died December 2, 1988, in Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Tarpon Springs, Fla. He was 83 years old.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Zurowski and his wife of 60 years, Sophie, moved to Rochester in 1928. After working briefly for Eastman Kodak Co., he established and operated Hank's Roofing Company. After World War II, Mr. Zurowski was instrumental in assisting a number of his employees who were veterans to become self employed.

Mr. Zurowski was very active in the Polish community. A member of St. Stanislaus Parish, he helped organize The Holy Name of Jesus Society and the Boy Scouts of America Troup 64, which he served as scoutmaster for several years. He also volunteered as an usher at the Rochester church.

In their later years, Mr. Zurowski and his wife moved to Churchville. He served

as an usher at St. Vincent DePaul Church and maintained an active membership in the local Chamber of Commerce. During his leisure time, he loved to tend his vegetable garden and fruit orchard.

Mr. Zurowski is survived by his wife, Sophie R.; a son, H. Raymond (Norma), New Port Richey, Fla.; a daughter, Theresa (Terry) Powers, Henrietta; several sisters and brothers, Sister Mary of Jesus, Lancaster, Pa.; Sister Philomena, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Martha (Russ) Chuey, Rochester; John (Agnes) Greece; Bernard (Kathryn), Carnegie, Pa.; five grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law in Rochester and Florida.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Vincent DePaul Church, Holiday, Fla., and interment took place at Meadowlawn Memorial Gardens, New Port Richey, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation in the memory of Mr. Zurowski be sent to St. Vincent DePaul Church or Churchville Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Correction

In an obituary in the *Catholic Courier* of Sept. 14, Monsignor Richard K. Burns' age at the time of death was incorrectly reported. Monsignor Burns was 77. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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