



Pope John Paul II Polish Heritage Day

“Celebrating God’s Gift to Us”

Saturday, October 25, 2008

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

3900 Harewood Road, NE Washington, DC

Schedule of Programs and Events

OPENING AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Pope John Paul II Theater

Moderator: Mr. Thaddeus Mirecki

Greeting by **Adam Cardinal Maida**

Archbishop of Detroit, President and Founder of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

“Overview of the Cultural Center and the Papal and Polish Heritage Room”

Interactive discussion with visiting Bishops from Poland

Bishop Stanislaw Budzik

General Secretary of the Polish Conference of Bishops

“Fulfilling the Legacy of Pope John Paul II on Combating Secularism”

Bishop Zygmund Zimowski

Delegate of the Polish Conference of Bishops

for Polish speaking Catholics outside of Poland

“The Vision of Polish Conference of Bishops for Polonia”

There will be an opportunity for audience participation during the program.

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cultural Center Café

Selection of Polish foods available a la carte

Kielbasa Factory, Inc. Rockville, MD

12:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Gallery of Mary

Storytelling by **Adam Mazurek**

Polish legends and folklore

12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Rotunda

Krakowiaki Dance Group - Youth of Polish National Alliance Council 21, from Baltimore, MD.

Aria Chorus #303 of the Polish Singers Alliance of America from Wallington, NJ, performing a variety of Polish songs. Alicja Rusewicz- Pagorek, Director.

Songs by the **Marcella Kochanska Sembrich**, female chorus of the Polish Singers Alliance of America, and dances by **Polskie Kolko Miedzykolejalne** from Philadelphia, PA.

“Messenger of Mercy,” Catholic performing artist Nancy Simone performs a drama on the life of St. Faustina based on the Diary of Sister Faustina with inspirational hymns.

Francis Conlon, Music Minister, Annunciation Catholic Church, Washington, DC performs selections by Frederick Chopin on the piano.



Pope John Paul II Theatre

Film: *Conscience of the World*
Show times: 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotion

3:00 p.m. Chapel

Visit the Papal and Polish Heritage Room

View photographs, artwork and personal memorabilia from
Pope John Paul's childhood through his Papacy

Gallery of Mary

View beautiful display panels on Polish Heritage and Culture,
and Polish crafts by area artist, Carla Tomaszewski.

Private Prayer in the Chapel

Pray for the canonization of Pope John Paul II on the kneeler graced by our Holy Father, Pope
Benedict XVI, during his April visit to the Center

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Vigil Mass for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Gallery of Mary

Adam Cardinal Maida

Chief Celebrant

*The Chalice being used during Holy Mass is a
gift of Pope John Paul II to the Cultural Center.*

Aria Chorus #303

Choir

Collection will be for the support of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center



Open to the public. Handicapped accessible. Parking.

OCTOBER IS POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

