

Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 3



October 22, 1978 - Pope John Paul II (Installed)

Pope John Paul II, was elected to be the shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church in October 1978 and served as pontiff until his death on April 2, 2005. During his 27 years as Holy Father, he was recognized as a true son of Poland and an international leader of faith and justice. On May 1, 2011, Pope John Paul II was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI as Blessed John Paul II, and on April 27, 2014, was canonized a Saint by Pope Francis as Saint John Paul II.

October 23, 1885 - Jan Czochralski (Born)

Jan Czochralski was a Polish chemist known for the Czochralski process of growing single crystals used in the production of semiconductor wafers. He also helped to develop a hand grenade for Poland's Home Army during World War II.



October 24, 1916 - Edward Piszczek (Born)

Edward Piszczek was a Polish American Industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Piszczek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Piszczek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia.

October 25, 1867 - Jozef Dowbor-Musnicki (Born)

Józef Dowbor-Musnicki was a Polish military officer and commander, serving with the Polish army. He was also the military commander of the Greater Poland Uprising.



October 26, 1910 - John Cardinal Krol (Born)

John Cardinal Krol was a Polish American Cardinal and the Archbishop of Philadelphia from 1961 to 1988. John Cardinal Krol participated in the Second Vatican Council, served as the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was advisor to Pope John Paul II.

October 27, 1991 - Free Elections Held in Poland (Event)

We mark the date of the first free elections for the Polish Parliament, since World War II, on this day in 1991.

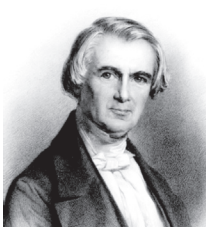


October 28, 1824 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Born)

Fr. Leopold Moczygemba was a patriarch of America's Polonia. Fr. Moczygemba organized the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. He was one of the founders and also served as president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which was founded in Chicago in 1873. He also established the first Polish College in America at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

October 29, 1924 - Zbigniew Herbert (Born)

Zbigniew Herbert was an influential Polish poet, essayist and moralist. He was a member of the Polish resistance movement during World War II. The publication of his Selected Poems in the United States and England made Zbigniew Herbert one of the most popular contemporary poets in the English-speaking world.

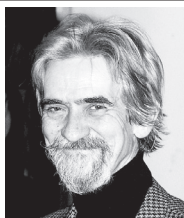


October 30, 1790 - Karol Lipinski (Born)

Karol Lipinski was a Polish virtuoso violinist and composer. His Stradivarius violin became known as the Lipinski Stradivarius. His compositions included four violin concertos, as well as polonaises, rondos and variations. The Karol Lipinski University of Music in Wroclaw, Poland, bears his name.

October 31, 1950 - Jozef Stolorz (Born)

Józef Stolorz is a fine art painter born in Katowice, Silesia, Poland. He has displayed paintings at over 100 exhibitions worldwide, including over 60 individual exhibitions and since 2002 has been listed in an official "Who's Who in Poland".



November 1, 1918 - Harcerze (Founding)

The first American unit of the Polish Boy Scouts, known as Harcerze, was started in Buffalo, New York, in 1918. They remain a well known scouting movement which has spread across the United States of America.

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