



# NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION

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## JUBILARIANS

We best congratulate this year's Jubilarians - Rev. Grzegorz Markulak CM, **25th anniversary** of priesthood, and Revs. Rafał Kopystynski CM, Eugeniusz Kotlinski CM, and Tadeusz Maciejewski CM on their **35th anniversary** of priesthood. \*\*\* We will celebrate the Anniversary Mass on September 28 at 11 AM at the Provincial House in Manchester, CT. \*\*\* Revs. Rafał Kopystynski CM, Eugeniusz Kotlinski CM, and Tadeusz Maciejewski CM, who were ordained together at the Seminary Church, Stradom, Kraków, Poland celebrated their "class" Mass on May 28, 2023, at the St. Stanislaus Kostka Rectory house chapel.



## ANNIVERSARY MASS

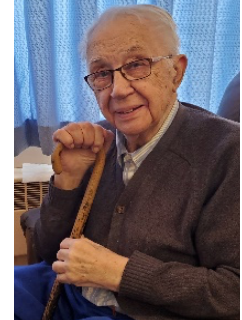
Special Anniversary Mass was celebrated on Sunday, June 25, 2023, in the Seminary Church of the Conversion of St Paul Church in Krakow. The Vincentian Community of the Polish Province celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Paweł Socha CM, Golden and Silver Jubilee of the priestly ordinations, and other Holy Orders anniversaries took place.

Our confreres, Rev. Bolesław Potomski CM – Golden Jubilarian and Rev. Grzegorz Markulak CM - Silver Jubilarian, were among Jubilarians.



## THANK YOU

I want to thank Rev. Mitchell Wanat, CM, for the brotherly care of Fr. Hlond, who resides at Apple Hewitt Home in Shelton, CT. Fr. Mitch makes a few weekly visits with Fr. Wacław, takes him to



doctor appointments, shopping, rides, and walks, and takes care of his medical needs getting special creams for Fr. Hlond's feet and helping him with hearing aids.

## ORDINATIONS



On May 20, 2023, the parishioner of St. Michael Church in Derby, Matthew Loman, was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend Frank Caggiano,

Bishop of Bridgeport, at St Theresa Church in Trumbull, CT. Rev. Marek Sobczak CM, Rev. Rafał Kopystynski, and Rev. Marek Sadowski CM have participated in the solemn Ordination Mass of 6 priests. The church was packed with people and priests.

The next day, Sunday, May 21, 2023, Rev. Matthew Loman celebrated his first Mass at St. Michael Church in Derby, where he was an altar boy and lector for many years. His mother, Irene Loman, helps voluntarily at St. Michael's church office, is a lector, an Eucharistic minister, and serves at funerals. Rev. Loman is assigned to St. Gregory the Great parish in Danbury. Fr. Loman has a degree in Law and was also a teacher before entering the Seminary.

### GRADUATION MASS

On June 16th, Fr. Provincial Marek Sobczak presided over the solemn Graduation Mass for St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Academy in Brooklyn, NY. The Mass started at 6:30 PM, and the final class photo was taken at 9:30 PM. Long night but very excited. 15 students received their diplomas and rewards for their hard work. Congratulations, Class Of 2023! It must be noted that their collective earnings were over \$500,000 in Scholarships! Again, the Academy proved it is one of the best in New York City.



### OLD AND NEW ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Anthony Kuzia CM finished his assignment in the Diocese of Portland in Maine, where he has served since 2019. I wrote a Thank You note to him with a new official assignment as the Superior and Procurator of the DePaul Provincial Residence, effective September 01, 2023.

The Bishop of Portland sent a letter dated February 17, 2023, expressing his gratitude for Fr. Tony's impressive work in his Diocese:

"Dear Fr. Marek. Blessing in the joy of God's grace! (...) I acknowledge your letter and offer my thanks to the community for allowing Fr. Kuzia to serve in the Diocese of Portland. I am also grateful that you are making Fr. Kuzia's new assignment effective at a time when normal clergy changes happen in the Diocese.

Father Kuzia has been a blessing for the Diocese. His pleasant, calm, and thoughtful dealings with priests have been greatly appreciated. It was especially helpful to the Diocese to have a man of his experience and pastoral sensitivity at St. Michael Parish in Augusta when the pastor died suddenly and unexpectedly. No doubt, this was very difficult for Father Kuzia to be thrown into the situation, which he handled with grace and expertise. We are grateful to him for his ministry among us and to the Congregation of the Mission for sharing him with the Diocese.

With an assurance of prayer, I am Fraternally in the Lord  
Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, JCD, Bishop of Portland"  
Congratulations and Thank You, Fr. Tony!

### MEMORIAL DAY.

On May 29th, we celebrated Memorial Day in our Vincentian group at the Kostka House in Brooklyn. Our special guest was Rev. Jacek Tendej CM, the Rector of the diocesan Seminary in Papua New Guinea. He was in the United States, using his sabbatical year to improve his theological knowledge. He also will travel to see his family. Also present was Rev. A. Rafał Kopystynski, Assistant General, who came for his medical check-up. Rev. Stanisław Chorągwicki CM, who now serves at the St. Francis the Chantal parish in Wantagh, Diocese of Rockville Center was present, too.

Also confreres from parishes in Connecticut – Revs Maciejewski, Sadowski, Sobczak, and Kotlinski, Szylar, Wisniewski from St. Cyril and Methodius parish in Brooklyn where there. Of course, the most important were our hosts - Rev. Markulak, Szpilski, and Szucki, who prepared delicious food from the grill, salads, cakes, and drinks. We had a great time listening to the story of the life of Papua's priests and seminarians, their traditions and habits, as well as the culture of the country.

Fr. Jacek is a great storyteller!!

**FATHER CHESTER** had a bad incident. Entering the garage, he mistakenly hit the accelerator instead of the brakes. He hit a workbench fastened to the wall between the garage and the house's hallway. The impact was so strong that the car was damaged, and the shelf moved the garage's wall into the house's corridor. 2 pipes broke. One of them, the fire suppression system, triggered the fire alarm. The Fire Department and the Police showed up. Fortunately, Father Chester was not hurt. Unfortunately, the policeman took away his driving license.

