

Anno Domini 966

A Polish-American Celebration of 1,050 Years of Christianity in Poland

On June 22, 2016, a momentous occasion in history takes place at *Anno Domini 966*, a Polish-American celebration of 1,050 years of Christianity in Poland, at the Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, on the campus of America's oldest Polish educational and cultural institution.

Historical Significance. It began on Holy Saturday, April 14, 966, when Mieszko I, the Duke of Poland, accepted Christianity on behalf of the nation. Since then, Poland has nurtured that planted seed through the prayers and sacrifices of millions of men and women of faith. We understand this in contemporary culture through such examples as those of St. John Paul II.

Anno Domini 966, sponsored by the Orchard Lake Schools, the National Polish Apostolate, the Polish American Priests' Association (PAPA), and the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia, celebrates this legacy of faith and liberty beginning with a musical performance by Dr. Jaroslaw Golembiowski, followed by refreshments under the Chapel shade trees before witnessing the procession and bi-lingual Mass, celebrated in English by the Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, and in Polish by Bishop Witold Mroziwski, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Brooklyn. The Papal Nuncio (permanent diplomatic representative/ambassador of the Holy See to the U.S.) has also been invited. While at Mass, witness the blessing and dedication of the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II and the lighting of the 1,050th anniversary candle that comes to the celebration from Poland.

Following Mass, a Grand Banquet takes place in the St. Mary's Athletic Complex with an exhibition featuring the Research Opus of Dr. Z. W. Wolkowski, Sorbonne University.

Banquet reservations are \$75/person, and can be phoned in to Isabel Lopez at (248) 683-0507 or via email at ilopez@orchardlakeschools.com. Show your support in the commemorative event journal, in honor of the new Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II and 1,050 years of Christianity in Poland, by contacting Wendy Mosella at (248) 683-1759 or via email at wmosella@orchardlakeschools.com.