



Chairman's Column

By: Aloys Notzon, PHC Chairman and President

Thanksgiving Season is a great time to thank all of our Polish Heritage Center benefactors, in particular, those who made the new Bishop Yanta Exhibit possible. We are grateful to the following designers and curators: Lauren Robinson, PHC librarian and archivist, who curated the exhibit; the late Steve Harding, the PHC designer who advised Lauren before his recent death; Clay McClure, associate professor of graphic design at Schreiner University, who designed the exhibit; and Will Fuller of Acacia for exhibit construction. We thank Ken Kosub for his video production; all those who were interviewed for their personal recollections of Bishop John; Alice Poore, who along with the PHC staff, worked tirelessly in support of the exhibit, including orchestrating opening day on the 18th of October; Susan Moczygamba-McKinsey for her interpretive skills; and Father Wieslaw Iwaniec for his touching tribute at the Mass for Bishop Yanta.

We specifically thank the Yanta Exhibit donors: Elizabeth Burda; Aloys and Angela Notzon, in memory of Joe Yanta; the Estate of Bobby Moczygamba; Susie Kotara and family, in memory of Sam Kotara; George Kowalik and family, in memory of Betty Kowalik; Dr. Martha Respondek and Larry Haas; Casper and Rosalee Moczygamba; Linda Janysek and family, in memory of William Janysek;

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In my prayer and welcome, I shared stories of Bishop John's talented leadership in completing the Polish Heritage Center that he had visualized for so many years. The ribbon cutting took place in the Center next to the Bishop Yanta Room with Betty Burda, longtime supporter, wielding the scissors. Look for the picture with others who played a role in making Bishop Yanta's exhibit possible in this newsletter. Rebekah Pawelek was the official photographer for the event.

Please come and see the Center and the inspirational Bishop's Exhibit, which features much of his memorabilia, including his most colorful vestments (which some of us have never seen) that are truly awesome. Take the time to hear the moving testimonials. The Bishop John W. Yanta Exhibit has truly been an unforgettable gift that so many helped to create for our Center.



"He has always been an inspiration to so many people. His dream was to bring everybody together, to a central point, was his dream, always was his dream. And now with the Heritage Center. It's spectacular! Thank you, Bishop! Thank you, Bishop, a million, million times. You did it!

Genny Kraus



"I just could not help but love this man more, for his generosity, understanding, compassion, his love for the poor and disenfranchised. Unforgettable. I think he is going to live in our hearts forever."

Dr. Roberto Jimenez



"He would run out of breath. He would have to be taken away in his wheelchair, suctioned, and then instead of just saying, okay, I need to rest, he would come back to the meeting, still contribute. So I guess if I had to judge him on courage, he's one of the most courageous persons I ever met.

Aloys Notzon





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*We are so very grateful for each and every one of you.
Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!*

