

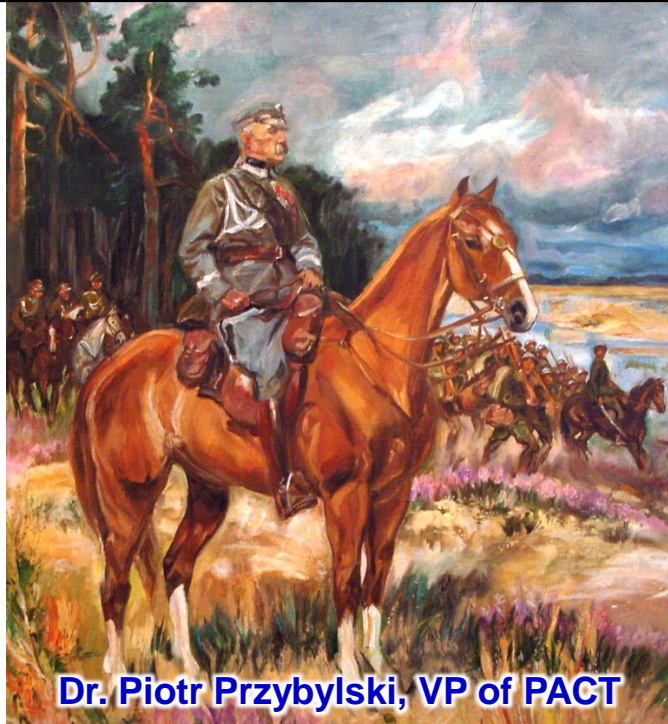


# POLISH HISTORY LECTURE

## PART II – XXc



*“The one who does not respect or value his past is not worthy of the respect of the present or has the right to the future.”*  
Józef Piłsudski



Dr. Piotr Przybylski, VP of PACT



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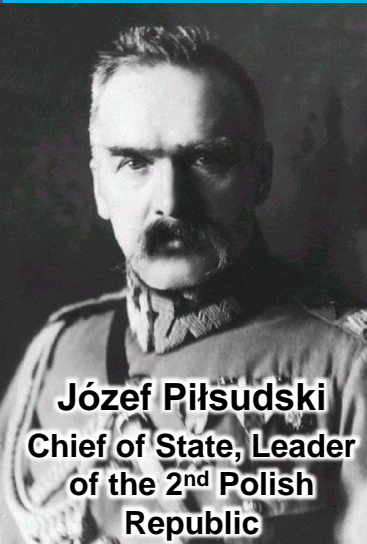
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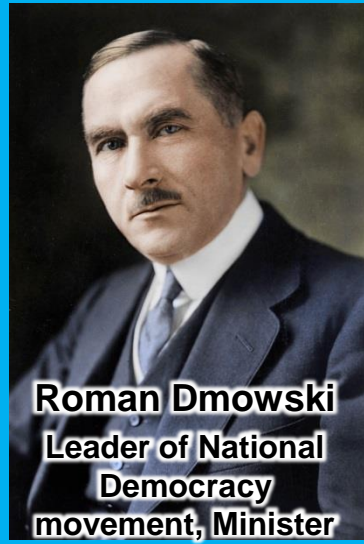
# Presentation Plan

- Creators of Polish Independence
- 1<sup>st</sup> World War and Opportunity for Independence
- The Birth of 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth 1918-1921
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and Warsaw Uprising
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World War Family Stories
- Europe During the Cold War
- Karol Wojtyła and St. Pope John Paul II
- From Election of Polish Pope to 1<sup>st</sup> Free Elections
- Polish Emigration to Texas and Current Texan Polonia

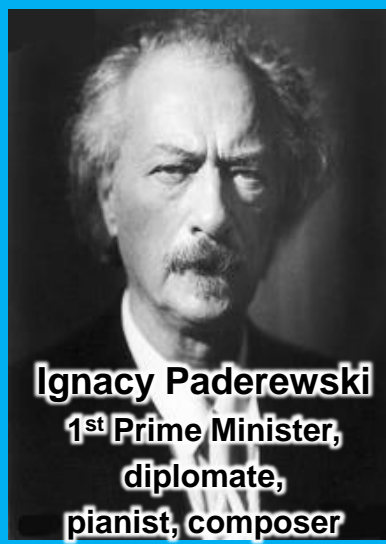
# Creators of Polish Independence



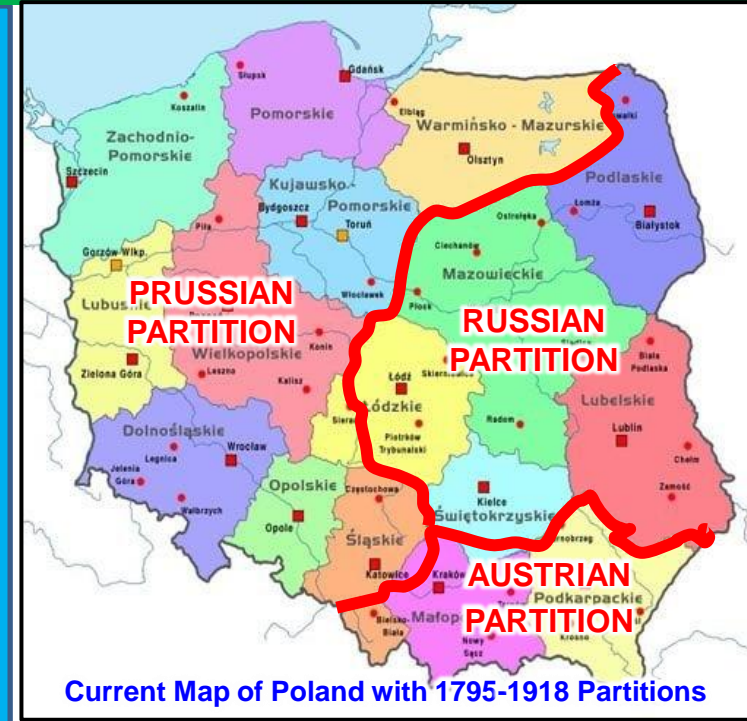
**Józef Piłsudski**  
Chief of State, Leader  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Polish  
Republic



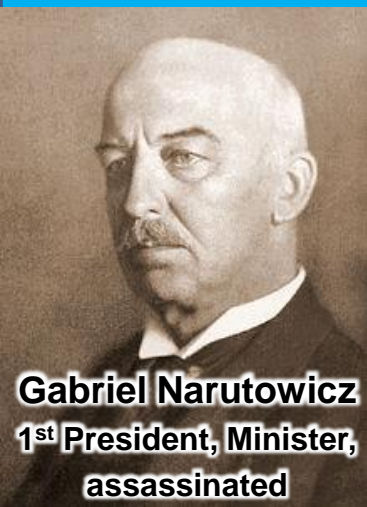
**Roman Dmowski**  
Leader of National  
Democracy  
movement, Minister



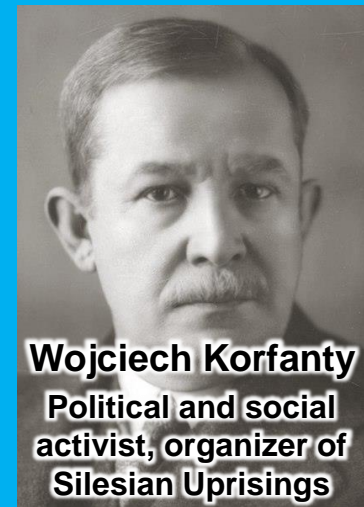
**Ignacy Paderewski**  
1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister,  
diplomate,  
pianist, composer



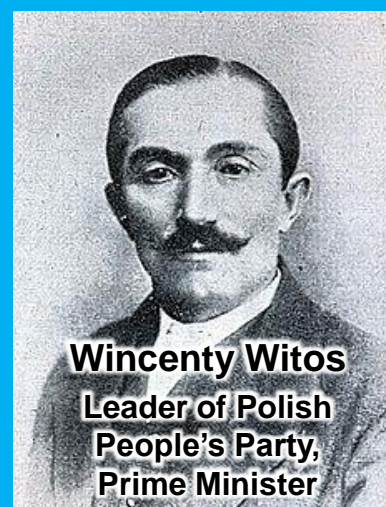
Current Map of Poland with 1795-1918 Partitions



**Gabriel Narutowicz**  
1<sup>st</sup> President, Minister,  
assassinated



**Wojciech Korfanty**  
Political and social  
activist, organizer of  
Silesian Uprisings



**Wincenty Witos**  
Leader of Polish  
People's Party,  
Prime Minister



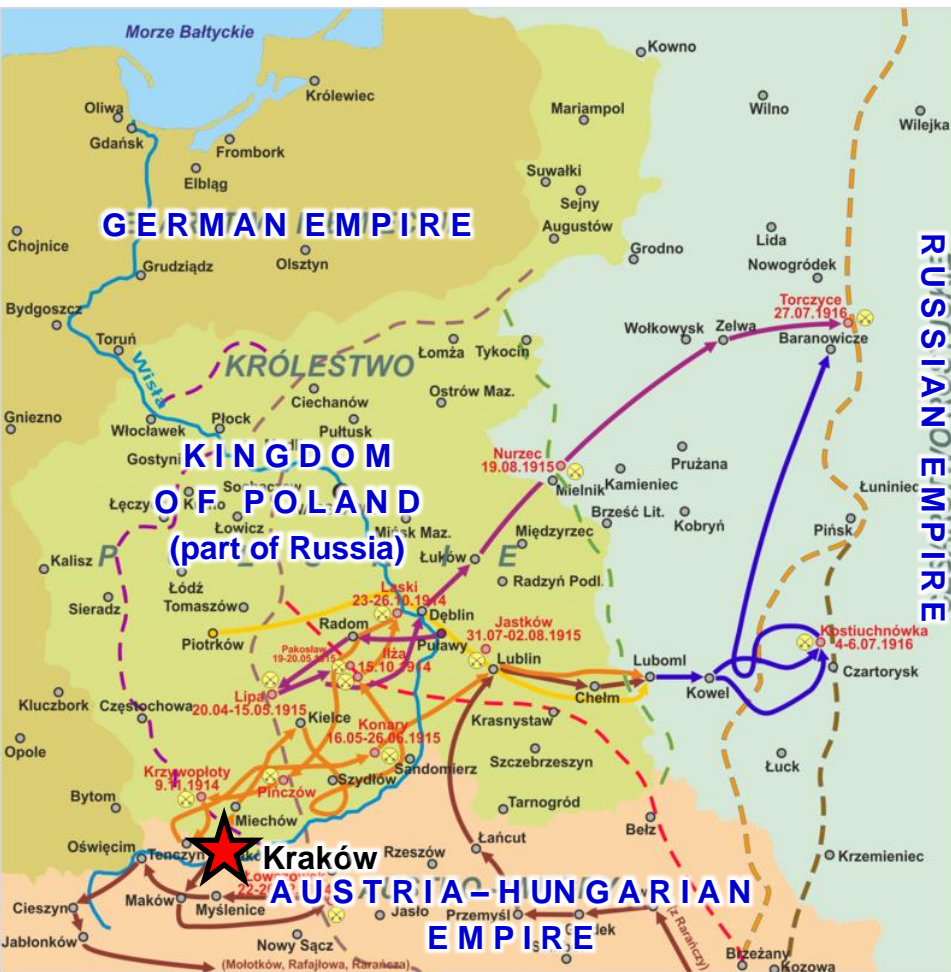
**Gen. Józef Haller**  
Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Brigade, political and  
social activist



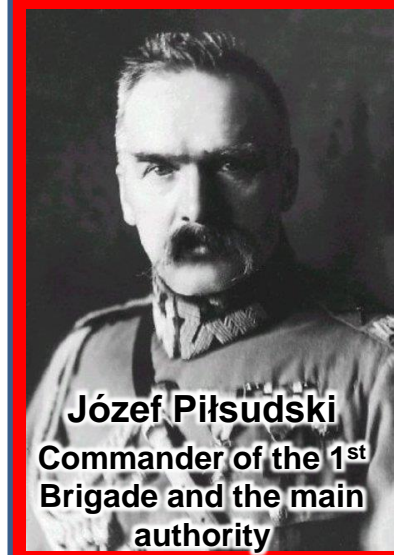
**Gen. E. Rydz-Śmigły**  
Commander-in-Chief,  
politician, painter, poet

# 1st World War and the Opportunity for Independence

## Military Operations of Polish Legions 1914 - 1916



- 3 brigades, ~6,000 soldiers each
- July 1917 – oath crisis
- 1917-1918 – Piłsudski imprisoned in Fortress Magdeburg (Germany)

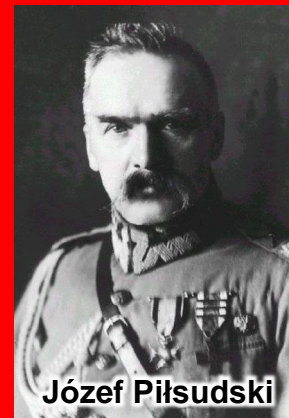


# The Birth of 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth 1918-1921

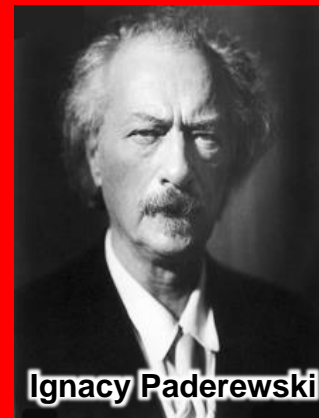


- 11 Nov 1918 – end of WWI and Polish Independence
- 1918-1919 – Wielkopolska (Greater Poland) Uprising
- 1919-1921 – Bolshevik War and “Miracle at Vistula”
- 1919 – Polish-Czechoslovak War (Seven-Day War)
- 1919-1921 – 3 Silesian Uprisings

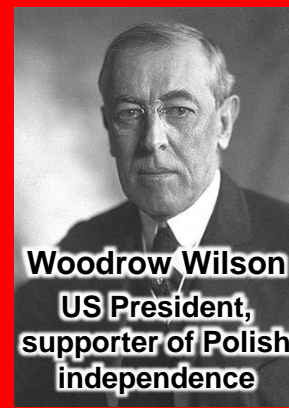
## OUTSTANDING LEADERS



Józef Piłsudski



Ignacy Paderewski

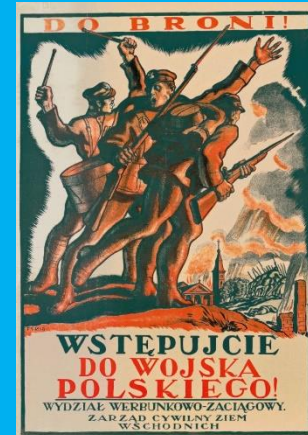


Woodrow Wilson  
US President,  
supporter of Polish  
independence



Gen. Józef Haller

## Mobilization posters



# 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, September Campaign, 1939



## Timeline:

- 1 Sept – German invasion, WWII begins
- 3 Sept – France and Great Britain declares war to Germany
- 9-16 Sept – battle of Bzura
- 17 Sept – Soviet invasion
- 28 Sept – Warsaw surrenders
- 2 Oct – Hel surrenders
- 5 Oct – Kock – the last battle
- Polish government escapes through Romania

## Casualties:

- Poland: 200,000 (soldiers and civilians)
- Nazi Germany: 16,300
- Soviet Union: 10,000-20,000

# Poles on the Fronts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War



May-Jun 1940 – Germany takes France  
 Jul-Oct 1940 – Battle of England  
 Apr-May 1940 – Katyń massacre  
 June 1941 – Germany attacks Soviet Union

**As part of British Army:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Corps - commander: Gen. Stanisław Maczek
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Polish Corps – commander: Gen. Władysław Anders

**As part of USSR Army:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Army – commander: Gen. Zygmunt Berling



Gen. Stanisław Maczek



Gen. Władysław Anders



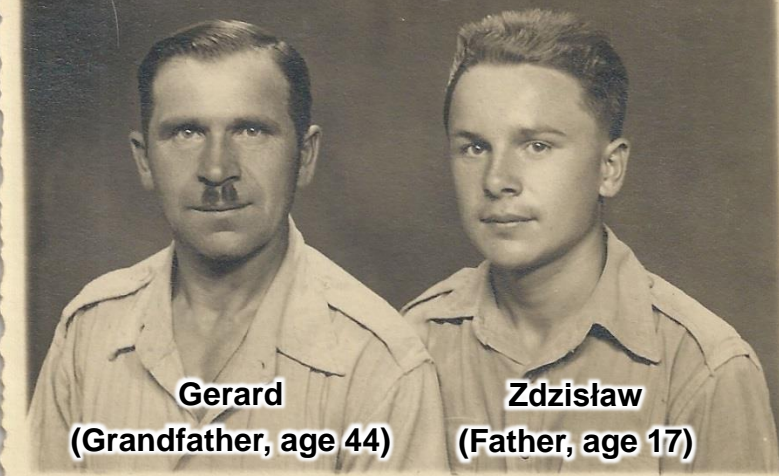
Gen. Zygmunt Berling

## Polish Military Operations During WWII

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# Zawada Family Story (Maryann Ciaston)

Zawada Family in 1943



Gerard  
(Grandfather, age 44)

Zdzisław  
(Father, age 17)

Zawada Family currently



Ed (Brother)

Regina  
(Mother)

Zdzisław  
(Father)

Steve (Brother)



Gerard  
Zawada



Zdzisław Zawada



# Zawada Family Story (Maryann Ciaston)



**Gen. Władysław Sikorski**  
**(Commander-in-Chief of Polish Army)**  
**31 V 1943**



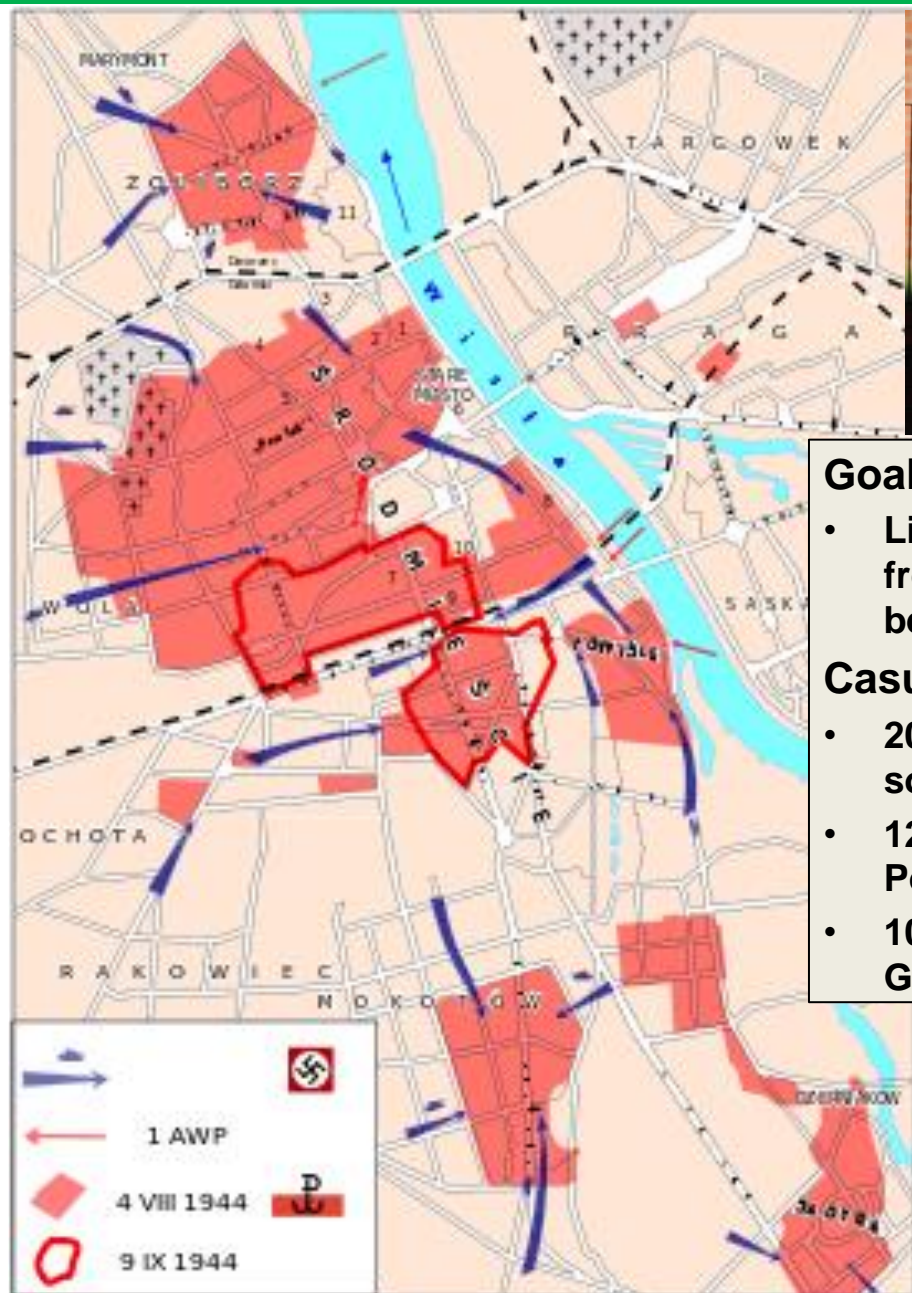
**Polish school and barracks,**  
**Heliopolis, Egypt**



**Polish soldiers in front of the Cheops Pyramid**



# Warsaw Uprising 1 Aug – 3 Oct 1944



Polish Committee of National Liberation (PKWN), Sept 1944



**Goal:**

- Liberate Warsaw from Germans before Red Army

**Casualties:**

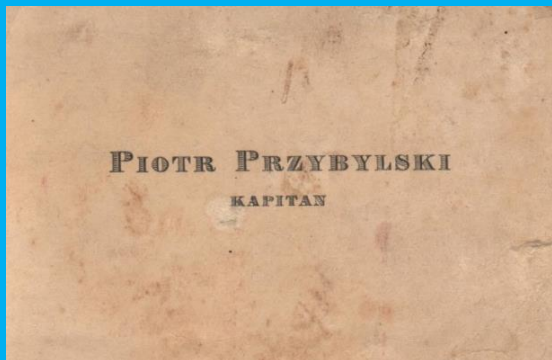
- 20,000 Polish soldiers
- 120,000-150,000 Polish civilians
- 10,000-17,000 German soldiers



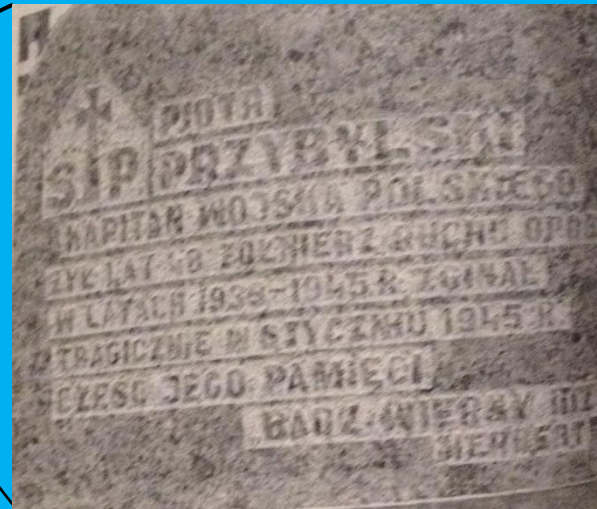
# Family Story (Piotr Przybylski)



Cpt. Piotr Przybylski  
with his wife Stanisława



Grave of Cpt. Piotr Przybylski



# Balance of Power During the 2nd World War



# Europe During the Cold War



**NATO**  
(North Atlantic Treaty  
Organization)

**Warsaw  
Pact**



# Europe During the Cold War



**NATO**



**vs**

**Warsaw Pact**



Est. 1949  
Democracy  
Independent nations

Capitalism  
Free market

Free trade, stocks

Freedom of speech  
Freedom of religion  
Freedom of gathering  
Unrestricted travel  
Pluralism

Free elections

Est. 1955  
Communism  
Soviet Union and its  
satellite countries

Socialism  
Market controlled by  
government  
No free trade  
No stock exchange  
No private entity  
No freedoms

Restricted travel  
One communistic  
party  
No free elections

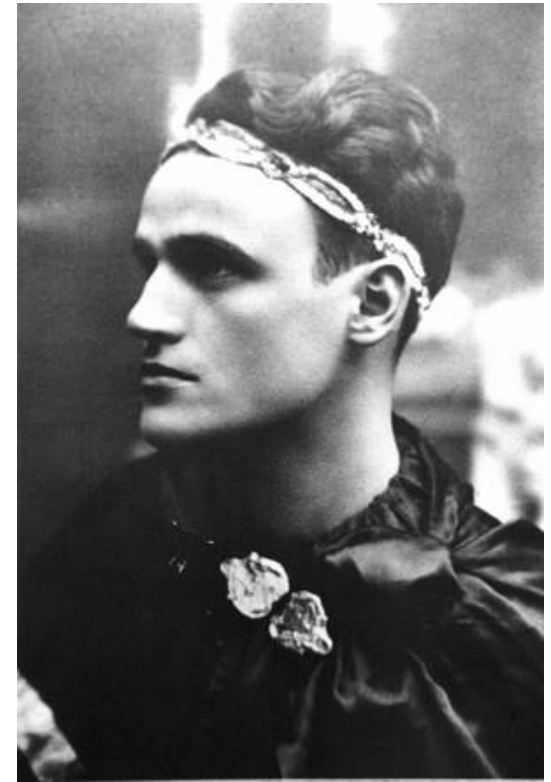
# Karol Wojtyła's Early Life

## Poetry and Drama



**Wojtyła**

"I send you greetings  
in the name of  
beauty, which is the  
profile of God, the  
cause of Christ, and  
the cause of Poland."  
1941



**Kotlarczyk**



ECCE HOMO by Saint Brother Albert  
(Adam Chmielowski)

**They have exhausted you . . .  
But with all of this you have  
remained beautiful.  
The most beautiful of the  
sons of men.  
Such beauty was never  
repeated again.  
Oh what a difficult beauty,  
how hard.  
Such beauty is called mercy.**

**Karol Wojtyla**  
*Our God's Brother*

# **Christocentric Humanism**



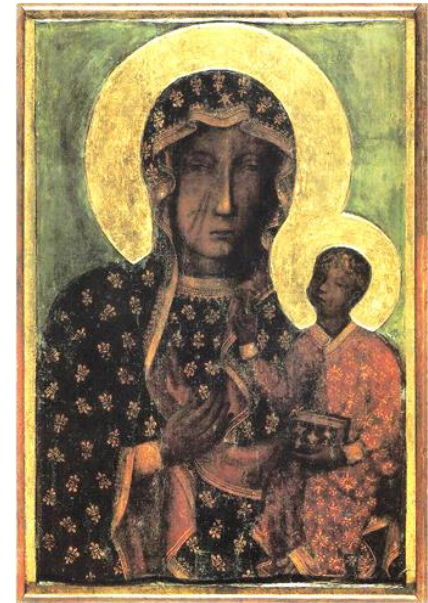
Art and religion

Letter to Artists 1999

“Art remains a kind of Bridge to religious experience. Insofar as it seeks the beautiful, fruit of an imagination that rises above the everyday, art is by its nature a kind of appeal to mystery.”

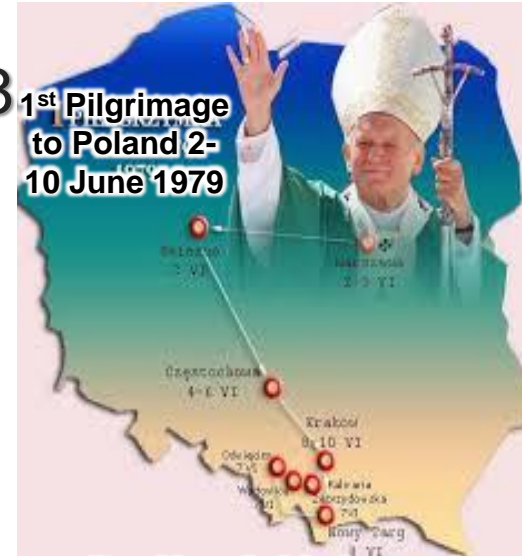
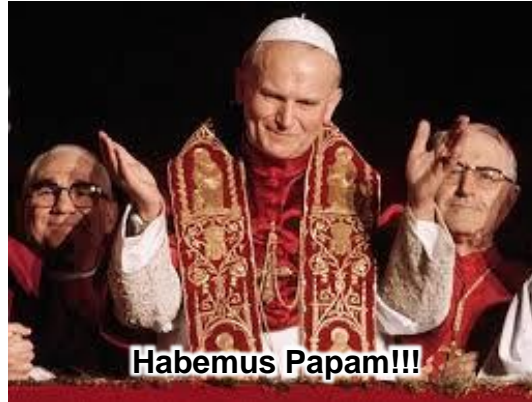
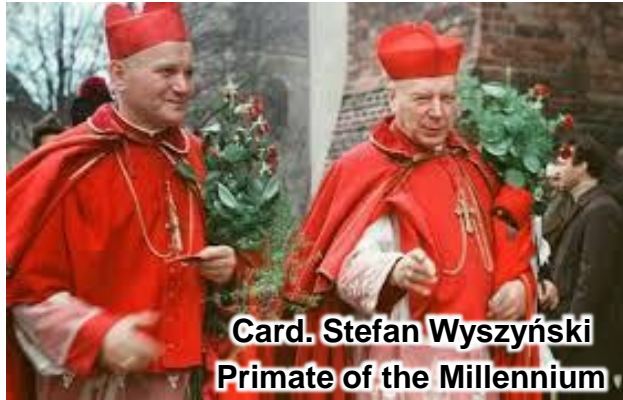
# Poland The Pope from a Distant Country

- Millennial celebration 1966 – reception of faith from Saints Cyril and Methodius in 966
- Catholic Culture
  - Jasna Gora and Our Lady of Czestochowa



# From Election of Polish Pope to 1<sup>st</sup> Free Elections

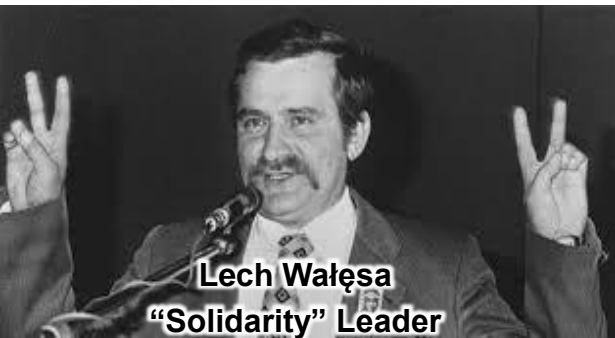
- Card. Wojtyła Elected for Pope – 16 Oct 1978



“Let Your Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth, this Earth!”

- “Solidarity” Labor Union Movement – Aug 1980

**SOLIDARNOŚĆ**



Gdańsk Shipyard, strike of workers against communistic government



Agreement between “Solidarity” Labor Union and Polish government

# From Election of Polish Pope to 1<sup>st</sup> Free Elections

- Martial Law – 13 Dec 1981 – 22 July 1983



Tanks and militia on the streets



Mąka 1000 g X1 82	Cukierki 250 g X1 82	Cukier 500 g X1 82	Cukier 1500 g X1 82	Papierosy 6 pacz. X1 82
P. zbożowe 1000 g X1 82	W. Z. Nr <b>P-3</b> nazwisko i imię			Papierosy 6 pacz. X1 82
Proszek 200 g X1 82	<b>Food stamp</b>			
Proszek 100 g X1 82	R-Piłki 10 X1 82	Tłuszczo 375 g X1 82	Czekolada 100 g X1 82	R-Piłki 20 X1 82

- Round Table Agreement  
- 6 Feb – 5 Apr 1989

- 1<sup>st</sup> Free Elections – 4 June 1989
- Defeat of PZPR – communistic party
- **We won Democracy!!!**



W SAMO POŁUDNIE  
4 CZERWCA 1989



# Bl. Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko – Chaplain of “Solidarity”



Capture location of Fr. Popiełuszko by government agents

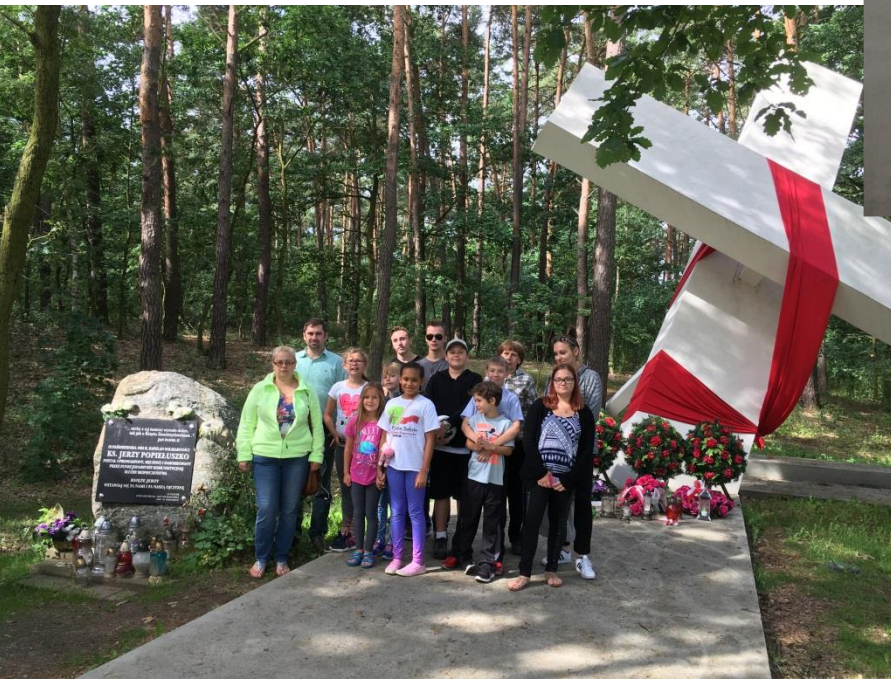
“OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD”



Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko  
14 Sep 1947 –  
19 Oct 1984  
Beatified: 6 June 2010



Museum of Fr. Popiełuszko



Transparents carried by demonstrators after his death

# Bl. Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko – Chaplain of “Solidarity”



**Grave of Bl. Fr. Popiełuszko  
in Warsaw, 1986**



**Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko  
1947 - 1984**

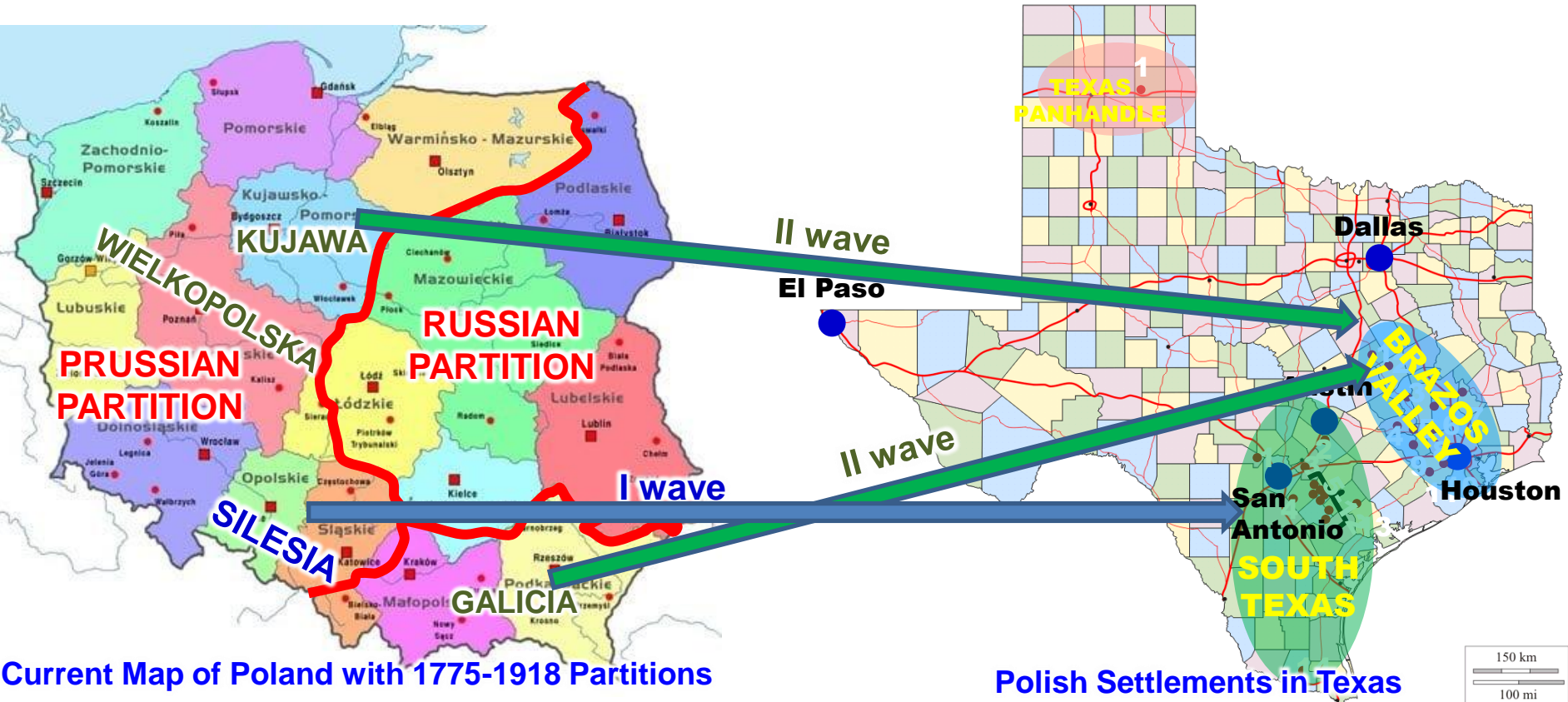


**Exposition in the Old Parish Hall  
Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Houston**

# 4 Waves of Polish Immigration to Texas

- 4 waves of Polish immigration to Texas:**
- I and II waves “za chlebem” (“for bread”)
  - III wave “Solidarnościowa” (“Solidarity”)
  - IV wave “dla gospodarki” (“for the economy”)

I Silesia region (Prussian partition) since 1854  
 II Wielkopolska / Kujawa (Prussian partition) and Małopolska / Galicia (Austrian partition) since 1866  
 III 1980-1984, Martial Law, from all over Poland – Texas, California, the US Mid-West & East Coast  
 IV 1980s-present, from all over Poland – Texas, California, the US Mid-West & East Coast



Current Map of Poland with 1775-1918 Partitions

Polish Settlements in Texas

***“If Polonia in Texas is to survive, we must work together as one Polonia including old and new Polonia in all activities, events and projects.***

***There is no future Polonia without the new immigrants. The influx of new Polish immigrants helps us keep our culture and heritage alive and strong.***

***In addition, there is no future in Polonia without recognizing all of Texas Polonia including original rural Polish communities...”***


Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz  
President, PACT



# PACT Objective and Purpose

Polish American Culture  
in **Texas**

2019-2020 DIRECTORY



Everything Polish in Texas!

Event Calendar    Photos & More

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*1. To further knowledge of Polish culture, traditions, history, language, arts, current affairs, and statewide events in Texas.*

*2. To facilitate networking among Polish interest groups in Texas.*

# Polish Organizations and Polonia Groups in Texas (as of May 2020)



- 1) Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, Houston
- 2) Polish American Council of Texas (PACT), La Vernia
- 3) Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Houston
- 4) Wawel Dance Group, Houston
- 5) Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School, Houston
- 6) St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Dallas
- 7) Jagoda Dance Group, Dallas
- 8) Jan Karski Polish School, Dallas
- 9) Polish Association in Texas, Dallas
- 10) Texas A&M Polish Association, College Station
- 11) Austin Polish Society, Austin
- 12) Polish Heritage Center, Panna Maria
- 13) Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation, San Antonio
- 14) Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas, Houston
- 15) Casimir Pulaski Polish American Society of El Paso
- 16) Polish National Alliance, Texas Chapter
- 17) Polish American Priests Association in Texas
- 18) Polish Genealogical Society of Texas, Houston
- 19) Kosciuszko Foundation, Texas Chapter
- 20) Polish Home, Houston
- 21) Polish Film Festival, Houston
- 22) St. John Paul II Institute, University of St. Thomas, Houston**
- 23) Polish Academy in Houston
- 24) "Polski Dzień", Bremond
- 25) Polish Bridge Club, Houston
- 26) Polish Volleyball Team "The White Eagles", Houston

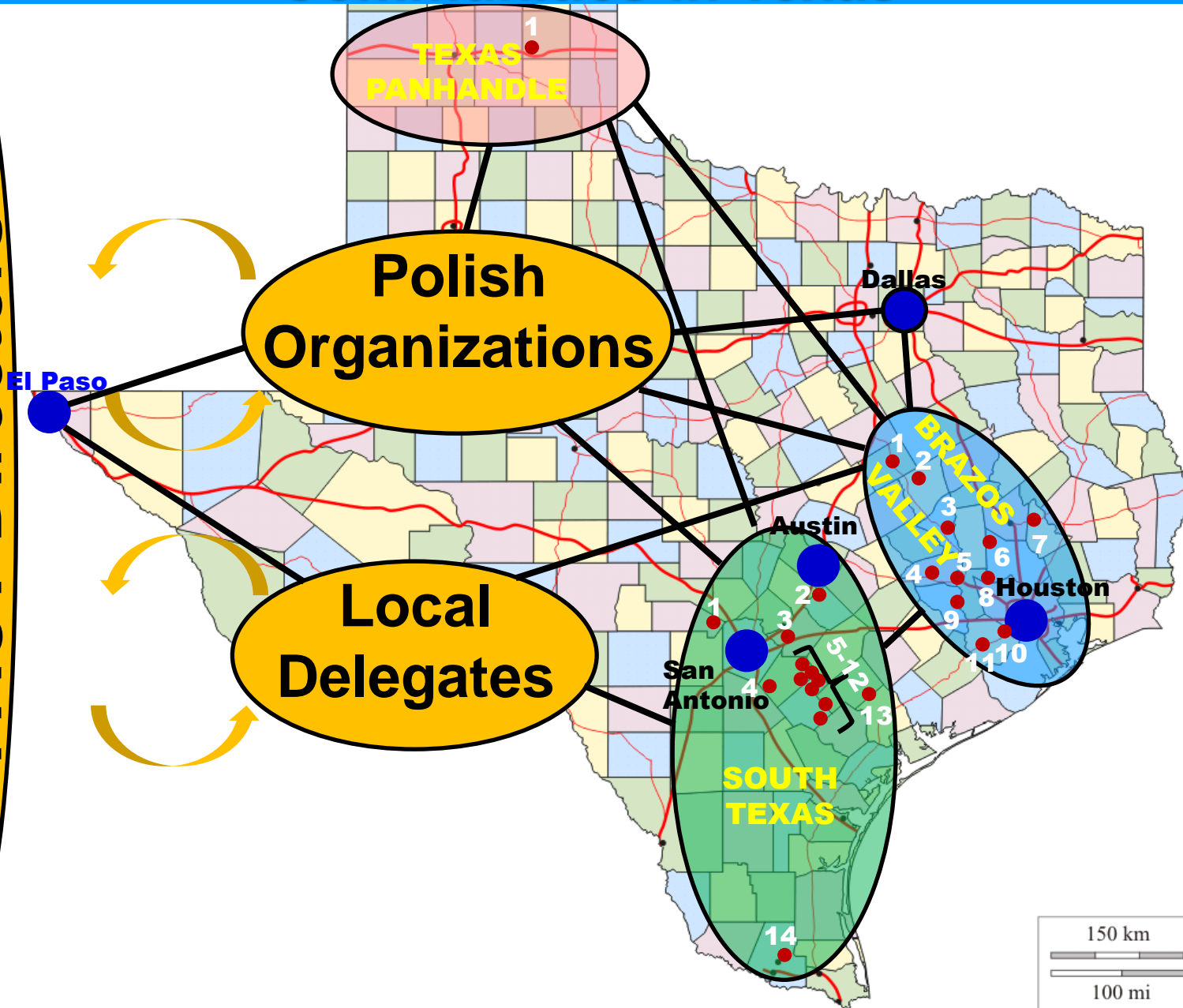
## Polonia Programs:

- Schools
- Dance groups
- Heritage centers
- Databases
- Festivals
- Film
- Insurance
- Sport

Connection and collaboration with Polish government, academia and business.

# Improved Networking Among Polish Communities in Texas

PACT Directors

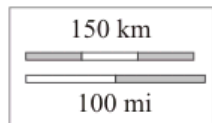


- Urban settlements
- Rural settlements

- SOUTH TEXAS**
- 1 Bandera
  - 2 San Marcos
  - 3 St. Hedwig
  - 4 Leming
  - 5-12 Stockdale
    - Kosciusko
    - Falls City
    - Helena
    - Cestohowa
    - Panna Maria
    - Karnes City
    - Kenedy
  - 13 Yorktown
  - 14 McCook

- BRAZOS VALLEY**
- 1 Marlin
  - 2 Bremond
  - 3 Bryan
  - 4 Brenham
  - 5 Chappell Hill
  - 6 Anderson
  - 7 New Waverly
  - 8 Stoneham
  - 9 Bellville
  - 10 Richmond
  - 11 Rosenberg

- TX PANHANDLE**
- 1 White Deer



# Additional Slides

# Historia Rodzinna – Maryann Ciaston



# PACT Long Term Strategy



## 1) Further develop Polish culture, traditions, history, language and arts

- Provide support to Polish communities to fulfill their cultural needs (e.g. help establishing new Polish schools, cultural events, museums, theaters)
- Support students interested in Polish culture (e.g. scholarships, study abroad in Poland, internships, Polish language courses in Poland)
- Advertise Polish cultural organizations and businesses (e.g. PACT website, handbook)
- Help supporting Polish communities by advertising their cultural needs to Polish institutions (e.g. Embassy, Consulate, foundations)

## 2) Maintain networking of Polish interest groups in Texas

- Rural settlements divided by regions and assigned to each PACT director
- PACT director coordinates Polonia social and cultural events with regional Polish/Polonia organization or elected local delegate
- Inform Texas Polonia about Polish events in collaboration with Polish organizations through Texas media (e.g. TV stations, newspapers, websites)
- Coordinate transport of local Polonia to Polish events