



## *INVEST IN MARRIAGE*

## *INVEST IN FAMILY*

6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Polish Families

September 15-17, 2023  
Gdańsk, Poland

\* conferences

\* workshops

\* concerts

\* a festival

\* simultaneous **Polish – English** PL< >EN  
interpretation (live translation)

**Special part: THE APPARITIONS OF KIBEHO -  
as the path of RESCUE FOR OUR TIMES**

### **Registration:**

Join us onsite: **KONGRESRODZINPOLONIJNYCH.PL**

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**PARTICIPANTS FROM POLAND AND ABROAD ARE WELCOME**

### **VENUE:**

- 1. Polsat Plus Arena Gdańsk Stadium**  
address: ul. Pokoleń Lechii Gdańsk 1, 80-560 Gdańsk, Poland
- 2. Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation in Gdańsk-Matemblewo**  
address: ul. Matemblewska 67, 80-283 Gdańsk-Matemblewo

# AGENDA

**Friday, September 15, 2023**

**08:00 AM**      **Mass inaugurating the Congress**, presided over by *Abp Stanislaw Gądecki, PhD - President of the Polish Bishops' Conference*  
St. Anne and Joachim Church, ul. Sucha 3, Gdańsk

## CONGRESS VENUE

**Polsat Plus Arena Gdańsk Stadium**  
ul. Pokoleń Lechii Gdańsk 1, 80-560 Gdańsk

09:15 AM      *Morning coffee*

## OPENING OF THE CONGRESS - Plenary Room

**10:00 AM**      **Welcoming the participants on behalf of the organizers**  
- *Grażyna Koszałka, PhD – Polish Family Council to the Delegate of the Polish Bishops' Conference*  
**Introductory word and opening of the Congress**  
- *Abp Tadeusz Wojda, PhD – Metropolitan Bishop of Gdańsk*  
- *Bp Piotr Turzyński, PhD - Polish Bishops' Conference Delegate for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigrants*

**10:30 AM -  
01:00 PM**

## SESSION 1 - Plenary Room

### Topic: CHOOSE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

*Moderator: Rev. Józef Młyński, PhD, Associate Professor at the Pedagogical University of Kraków*

**10:30 AM**      **The Identity of the Polish Family Outside of Poland**  
- *Bp Piotr Turzyński, PhD - Polish Bishops' Conference Delegate for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigrants*

**11:00 AM**      **Family as the Place of Revelation of God and Man**  
- *Rev. Robert Skrzypczak, PhD, Associate Professor at the Catholic Academy (Collegium Joanneum) in Warsaw,*

**11:30 AM**      **Children - an Investment and Source of Happiness in the Family**  
- *Jacek Pulikowski, PhD, Engineer - Faculty of Theology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań*

**12:00 PM**      **Building Relationships with Children**  
- *Sr. Maria Kwiek, PhD - the Grey Ursulines, Poznań*

**12:30 PM**      **The Activities of the Catholic University of Lublin for the Family and the Polish Diaspora. Didactic Offer and Projects**  
- *Rev. Mirosław Kalinowski, PhD, Full Professor - Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin*

**Awarding the "Pro Polonia et Ecclesia" Medals to Persons and Institutions of Merit in the Pastoral Care for Polish Emigrants**  
- *Abp Stanislaw Gądecki, PhD - President of the Polish Bishops' Conference*

**Testimony About the Ulma Family**

**01:00 PM**      **SANDWICH BREAK**

## SESSION 2 - Multiple Rooms

01:45 PM -  
03:15 PM

### Topic: BUILDING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE FAMILY

#### WORKSHOPS - CONSULTATIONS - DISCUSSIONS

*Moderator: Rev. Krzysztof Wolski, PhD – Instytut Studiów nad Rodziną im. AKM - ISNaR (Abp Kazimierz Majdański Institute for Family Studies), Łomianki*

**Choose one of the following meetings. Places are limited!**

01:45 PM -  
03:15 PM

#### WORKSHOPS

01:45 PM

Room A - **Work – Family Life Balance. Good Relations in the Family - a Dream or a Task?**

– *Rev. Jaroslaw Szymczak, PhD - Fundacja Pomoc Rodzinie (Aid to Family Foundation), ISNaR AKM (Abp Kazimierz Majdański Institute for Family Studies), Łomianki*

01:45 PM

Room B - **How Can Finances Help Building Marital Unity?**

– *Roksana and Andrzej Cwynar – Fundacja dla Rodziny (Foundation for the Family), CROWN Financial Education leaders, Oława*

01:45 PM

Room 11 - **Emotionality in the Marital Relationship**

– *Małgorzata Walaszczyk, MA - Diocesan Family Life Counsellor for the Warsaw-Praga Diocese, ISNaR AKM (Abp Kazimierz Majdański Institute for Family Studies) and the Polish Family Council (PRR), Warsaw*

01:45 PM

Room 14 - **The Beauty of Life and Family Based on the Movie "The Human Experience"**

– *Meeting with producer Maciej Syka and screening of the film*

01:45 PM

Room E - **How to Get Children out of the Virtual Net - a workshop for parents**

– *Bogna Białecka, M.Sc. in Psychology, Fundacja Edukacji Zdrowotnej i Psychoterapii (Foundation for Health Education and Psychotherapy), Poznań*

01:45 PM

Trophy Room (Sala Pucharowa) - **About Forgiveness, Love and Respect**

– *Rev. Bogusław Jaworowski, PhD - Missionaries of the Holy Family MSF, Otwock-Świder*

01:45 PM

Room 7 - **Tasks and Difficulties at Different Stages of Family Life**

– *Sr. Barbara Sajnok, MA - National Family Life Counsellor, Belarus*

01:45 PM -  
03:15 PM

#### CONSULTATIONS

01:45 PM

Room 5 – **Creative Conflict Solving**

– *one-on-one consultations with Rev. prof. Józef Młyński*

01:45 PM

Room 6 - **Consultations for Family Life Counsellors**

– *one-on-one consultations with Rev. Władysław Szewczyk, PhD*

01:45 PM

Room 8 - **Fertility Care (Infertility Problem and NaProTechnology)**

– *one-on-one consultations with Bożena Bassa, PhD*

01:45 PM

Room 19 - **Assistance to Families Affected by Alcoholism**

– *one-on-one consultations with Janina Bokun, PhD*

01:45 PM

Room G - **Help in Coping with the Psychological and Social Consequences of Mental Disorders**

– *one-on-one consultations with Wiesława Okła, PhD*

**01:45 PM -  
03:15 PM**

## DISCUSSIONS

01:45 PM

League Room (Sala Ligowa) - **How to Regain Contact with your Child?**  
– Discussion forum - Sr. Maria Kwiek, PhD, the Grey Ursulines

01:45 PM

Room C - **Spiritual Help in the Situation of the Loss of a Child. Mourning in the Family**  
– Discussion forum – Rev. Jan Uchwat, PhD – priest of the Community of Parents Who Have Lost a Child, Gdańsk

01:45 PM

Amber Room - **Family Planning - if not Contraception and In Vitro - then What?**  
– Discussion forum - Aleksandra Kicińska, MD PhD, Medical Director of InVivo Medical Clinic, Fertility Recognition Methods Instructor, Gdańsk

**03:15 PM -  
05:00 PM**

**DINNER**

## SESSION 3 - Plenary Room

**05:00 PM -  
08:00 PM**

**Topic: KIBEHO ZONE - SPIRITUAL FORMATION IN THE FAMILY**  
**("I am looking for you... I am calling you... " – saving families with Our Lady)**

*Moderator: - Grażyna Koszałka, PhD – Polish Family Council to the Delegate of the Polish Bishops' Conference*

05:00 PM

**The Mission to Save Families in the Kibeho Apparitions**  
– Wincenty Łaszewski, PhD - Mariologist

05:25 PM

**The Apparitions and the "Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady of Kibeho" - a New Chance for the World and Families**  
– Rev. Andrzej Jakacki, PhD – Pallotine SAC, missionary from Rwanda (Africa)

05:55 PM

**The Family - a Community of Grace and Prayer in the Light of the Message of the Mother of the Word of Kibeho**  
– Rev. Leszek Czełuśniak, MA Licentiate, Marians of the Immaculate Conception MIC - Director of the Marian Formation Center in Kibeho, Rwanda (Africa)

06:20 PM

**Everyone has a Second Chance in the Context of the "Rosary of the Seven Sorrows." Outcome of the Meetings with Inmates**  
– Andrzej Czachorowski - entrepreneur, R7B Foundation, Gdańsk

06:40 PM

**Support for Families Affected by the Imprisonment of One of their Members - Invitation to Individual Consultations**  
– prison educator, Poland

06:45 PM

**My Response to the Message of Our Lady of Kibeho**  
– Musical Adoration of the Mother of the Word - Barbara Dawidowska, MA Licentiate, with the Armia Pana (Army of the Lord) schola; United with the Mother of Sorrows through the "Rosary of the 7 Sorrows"

08:00 PM

**"Kibeho - a Message to the World"**  
– Film screening (for online participants)

## CHILDREN'S ZONE - Tournament Room (Sala Turniejowa)

**05:00 PM -  
06:45 PM**

**How to Understand Parents? Communication with Mother and Father** – workshops for children and adolescents  
– Renata Pomarańska, PhD - Catholic University of Lublin

## Saturday, September 16, 2023

**08:00 AM**      **Congress Mass** presided over by *Bp Piotr Turzyński, PhD - Polish Bishops' Conference Delegate for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigrants*  
St. Anne and Joachim Church, ul. Sucha 3, Gdańsk

09:15 AM      *Morning coffee*

### SESSION 4 - Plenary Room

**09:30 AM -  
12:00 PM**

#### Topic: UNLEASH THE FORCES OF GOOD

*Moderator: Małgorzata Stopikowska, PhD, Associate Professor at Akademia Ateneum, Gdańsk*

09:30 AM      **Major Aspects of Changes in the Modern Family**  
– *Rev. Władysław Majkowski, PhD, Full Professor - Priests of the Sacred Heart SCJ, Akademia Polonijna, Częstochowa*

10:00 AM      **To Hear and Understand the Narratives of a Family in Crisis. A Therapeutic Reflection**  
– *Joanna Łukjaniuk, PhD – ISNaR AKM (Abp Kazimierz Majdański Institute for Family Studies), Łomianki, Akademia Mazowiecka, Płock*

10:30 AM      **Build on the Rock - a Brief Guide to the 12 Steps**  
– *journalist Rafał Porzeziński - president of Stowarzyszenie Ocaleni ("Survivors" Association), Warsaw*

11:00 AM      **Keep / Regain the Youth**  
– *Rev. Michał Wilkosz, PhD - rector of the Polish Catholic Mission in Germany*

11:30 AM      **The Phenomenon of Loneliness in the Family - How to Overcome It?**  
– *Katarzyna Biliska, M.Sc. - psychologist, United Kingdom*

11:45 AM      **The Testimony of a Family**

12:00 PM      *SANDWICH BREAK*

### SESSION 5 - Plenary Room

**12:45 PM -  
02:15 PM**

#### PANEL

*Moderator: Elżbieta and Remigiusz Farbotko – radio editors – Radio Bobola, England*

**How to Care for the Lives of Polish Families Living Outside of Poland?**  
– *Panelists - representatives of Polish emigration*

#### CHILDREN'S ZONE - Tournament Room (Sala Turniejowa)

12:45 PM -  
01:30 PM      **The Story of Piotrek and Selfik (Preventive and Educational Program for Early Childhood)**  
– *Bogna Białecka, M.Sc. in Psychology, Fundacja Edukacji Zdrowotnej i Psychoterapii (Foundation for Health Education and Psychotherapy), Poznań*

01:45 PM -  
02:15 PM      **Music Workshops for Children**  
– *Barbara Dawidowska, MA Licentiate*

02:15 PM -  
03:45 PM

## SESSION 6 - Multiple Rooms

**Topic: "OUR WESTERPLATTE" IS TO SAVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

### WORKSHOPS - CONSULTATIONS - DISCUSSIONS

*Moderator: Sr. Edyta Rychel - Secretary of the Polish Bishops' Conference Delegate for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigrants*

***Choose one of the following meetings. Places are limited!***

**02:15 PM -  
03:45 PM**

### WORKSHOPS

02:15 PM

Room B - **What is Marriage For? God's or Human Idea of Love**  
– *Dorota Dźwig, PhD, academic teacher, Gdynia*

02:15 PM

League Room (Sala Ligowa) - **Unbolt the Gates of the Domestic Church. A Proposal for a New Evangelization through Family Catechesis "Around the Table", Preparing Parents and Children for the First Holy Communion**  
– *Elwira Pniewska, MA - School and Family, America-England-Poland*

02:15 PM

Room 14 - **How to Talk to a Young Person about the Contemporary Bioethical Dilemmas?**  
– *Magdalena Rokicka, PhD - molecular biologist & bioethicist, Academy of Bioethics Education, Gdańsk*

02:15 PM

Room D - **International Association " Marriage Encounters" - Introduction to Dialogue**  
– *Rev. Przemysław Kot, MA Licentiate, Germany, and Katarzyna and Mariusz Bilski - animators of "Marriage Encounters," United Kingdom*

02:15 PM

Room 7 - **The "Mother to Daughter, Woman to Woman" Project**  
– *Magdalena Misztak-Hola, MA - INER Polska*

02:15 PM

Room E - **"Spiky Teen" or Family on the Cusp...**  
– *Wiesław Gajewski, MA - Instytut Arystoteles, Bydgoszcz*

02:15 PM

Room 11 - **Pastoral Care for Polish Families - Opportunities for Involvement**  
– *Discussion forum - Marta and Henryk Kuczaj, consultants of the Polish Bishops' Conference Council for Family Affairs*

02:15 PM

Tournament Room (Sala Turniejowa) - **Smartphone Driving License - a Workshop for Young People**  
– *Bogna Białecka, MA, Fundacja Edukacji Zdrowotnej i Psychoterapii (Foundation for Health Education and Psychotherapy), Poznań*

**02:15 PM -  
03:45 PM**

### CONSULTATIONS

02:15 PM

Room G - **Support for Families Affected by the Imprisonment of One of the Members**  
– consultations with a prison educator

02:15 PM

Room 5 - **For the Sake of the Proper Development of Our Children - Prevention, Diagnosis and Therapy of Children with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders)**  
– *Consultations with Małgorzata Stopikowska, PhD*

02:15 PM

Room 6 – **Parenting Problems**  
– *Consultations with Sr. Maria Kwiek, PhD*

02:15 PM Room 8 - **Communication in the Family**  
– *Consultations with Małgorzata Walaszczyk, MA*

02:15 PM Room 19 - **Relationships in the Family**  
– *Consultations with Sr. Barbara Sajnok, MA*

**02:15 PM - 03:45 PM** **DISCUSSIONS**

02:15 PM Trophy Room (Sala Pucharowa) - **The Sacrament of Marriage - Does it Still Make Sense Today?**  
– *Discussion forum* – Rev. Mirosław Brzeziński, PhD, Associate Professor at the Catholic University of Lublin

02:15 PM Room A - **Love and its Counterfeits**  
– *Discussion forum - journalist Rafał Porzeziński, president of Stowarzyszenie Ocaleni (“Survivors” Association), Warsaw*

02:15 PM Amber Room – **Let’s Save Families with Our Lady / Kibeho Zone**  
– *Rev. Andrzej Jakacki, PhD – Pallotine SAC, Rwanda/Africa*  
– *Rev. Leszek Czełuśniak, MA Licentiate, Marians of the Immaculate Conception MIC, Rwanda/Africa*  
– *Andrzej Czachorowski - entrepreneur, R7B Foundation, Gdańsk*  
– *Grażyna Koszałka, PhD – Polish Family Council to the Delegate of the Polish Bishops' Conference*

**03:45 PM - 05:00 PM** **DINNER**

**05:00 PM** **Conclusions from the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Polish Families**  
– *Canon Priest Krzysztof Homoncik - Gdańsk Archdiocese Pastoral Care for Families*  
– *Andrzej Czachorowski - R7B Foundation*  
– *Sr. Edyta Rychel - secretary of the Polish Bishops' Conference Delegate for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigrants*  
– *Bożena Bassa, PhD – Instytut Studiów nad Rodziną im. AKM - ISNaR (Abp Kazimierz Majdański Institute for Family Studies), Łomianki*  
– *Grażyna Koszałka, PhD – Polish Family Council to the Delegate of the Polish Bishops' Conference*

**05:30 PM** **Concluding Word**  
– *Bp Wiesław Szlachetka, PhD - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Gdańsk*  
– *Bp Piotr Turzyński, PhD - Polish Bishops' Conference Delegate for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigrants*

**08:00 PM - 09:30 PM** **CONCERT**  
**of the *MŁODZI POLSCY* (POLISH YOUTH) ORCHESTRA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HUBERT KOWALSKI**, which will be held at St. John Church in the Old Town of Gdańsk.  
Important: concert **only for the registered** participants of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Polish Families

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**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

09:00 AM -  
05:00 PM

## THE CONGRESS FAMILY FESTIVAL

### WALKING PILGRIMAGE OF MARRIED COUPLES AND FAMILIES to the Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation in Gdańsk-Matemblewo

09:00 AM

Gathering at 9:00 AM on the square in front of the Oliwa Cathedral  
address: ul. Biskupa Edmunda Nowickiego 5, 80-300 Gdańsk  
(about 6.5 km, 1 hour and 20 minutes walking)

or

#### SIGHTSEEING:

(1) Westerplatte; (2) Classical Gdańsk Walk; (3) The "Solidarity" Trail

08:45 AM

**Westerplatte tour** - guided tour. Gathering at 8:45 AM. Registration required

9:30 AM

**Walk through the streets of old Gdańsk (including a visit to St. Mary's Church in Gdańsk)** - guided tour. Gathering at 9:30 AM. Registration required

10:00 AM

**The "Solidarity" Trail** - guided tour. Gathering at 10:00 AM. Registration required

10:00 AM

**Meeting of Family Life Counsellors from Poland and Abroad** - Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation in Gdańsk-Matemblewo, conference room, Gdańsk, ul. Matemblewska 67  
**Introduction: Social Change as an Important Determinant of Marital and Family Functioning. Challenges Facing the Preparation for Sacramental Marriage** – Rev. Andrzej Pryba, PhD, Associate Professor at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Missionaries of the Holy Family MSF

#### **Experiences Exchange of Counsellors from Poland and Abroad:**

– Canon Priest Krzysztof Homoncik - Diocesan Chaplain of Families of the Archdiocese of Gdańsk

– Anna Mrozowicz, MA - Diocesan Family Life Counsellor of the Archdiocese of Gdańsk

– Sabina Suchecka, MA - National Family Life Counsellor at the Polish Catholic Mission in Germany

10:00 AM

#### **Meeting of Members of the Polish Family Council**

Cafeteria , ul. Matemblewska 67

12:30 PM -

#### CEREMONIAL HOLY MASS

01:30 PM

**with the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament of spouses expecting a child** - presided over by Bp Wiesław Szlachetka, PhD - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Gdańsk  
Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation, ul. Matemblewska 67, 80-283 Gdańsk-Matemblewo

01:30 PM -

#### **The History of the Shrine and an Overview of Current Works for Life, Marriage and Families**

02:00 PM

– Canon Priest Andrzej Pradela, Custodian of the Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation in Gdańsk-Matemblewo

02:00 PM -

#### FAMILY FESTIVAL

05:00 PM

at the meadow next to the Papal Altar/ Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation in Gdańsk-Matemblewo:

- a free meal
- performances by musical groups
- entertainments for children
- picnic on the grass
- stands with publications and souvenirs
- presentations of family-friendly activities



**Lectures** in the conference room (Gdańsk, ul. Matemblewska 67):  
**How to Reconcile Prayer, Work and Rest in Family Life According to Blessed Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński**

– Meeting with author, Rev. Jerzy Jastrzębski, PhD

**The Beauty of Life and Family on the Example of the Movie “The Human Experience”**

– Meeting with producer Maciej Syka and screening of the film

**05:00 PM**

**CLOSING OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF POLISH FAMILIES**

– the meadow next to the Shrine of Our Lady of Expectation in Gdańsk-Matemblewo

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