

In Poland right to life obtained thanks to

The Prayer Crusade in Defence of the Conceived Children

The initiators of The Prayer Crusade in Defence of the Conceived Children Catholic laymen who cooperate with The Family Institute. The Institute is subordinate to The Papal Academy of Theology in Krakow, Poland and is directed by Dr W. Poltawska, as well the committee of Families of the Metropolitan Curia in Krakow.

Confiding in the power of prayer, the organizers have decided to lead and initiate regular prayer sessions for the defence of the conceived babies.

The aims of The Prayer Crusade: **to pray for annulling the abortion law of June 27th 1956 (which allowed women to interrupt pregnancy) and acknowledge the unconditional right to life for every conceived baby.**

Systematic prayer sessions for the intentions of the conceived children started on 12 October 1980 (the date of the International Day of Prayer for Families which was initiated by John Paul II).

Around 1 000 people decided to pray intensively and participate in the Holy Mass and receive the Holy Communion every day for the period of 3 months.

Around 2000 people, who could not participate every day in a holy mass because of the illness or advanced age, decided to pray in the intention of the defence of life and the realization of the aims of the Crusade and to offer their sufferings as so called supporting members.

Between 1980 and 1981 a new prayer programme for the Crusade was worked out. It involved everyday prayer for the conceived children, participation in the Holy Mass on a weekday once a month and receiving the Holy Communion for this intention (the ill ones who cannot go to church were advised to offer up one day of their suffering for this intention). Since 1980 about 100 thousands applications of participation have been sent from the whole country.

In 1986 Cardinal of Krakow Franciszek Macharski assigned rev. Stanislaw Maslanka, diocesan families priest, to become a clerical assistant of The Prayer Crusade in Defence of the Conceived Children. That appointment was prolonged on paper in 2005 by a new cardinal of Krakow, rev. Stanisław Dziwisz.

The promoters ask to send the application forms to the address:

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The program of the Crusade, as well as the monthly intentions are published in Catholic press, and the Vatican Radio informed about our Crusade and encouraged to participate in this prayer.

On 7th January, 1993 an abortion law, introduced in Poland by communists in 1956, was annulled and replaced with a law protecting the conceived babies. We believe, that it was the effect of our persistent and trustful prayers to God. In 2006 a new program for the Crusade was established.

Asking omnipotent God for full realization of the aims of the Crusade of Prayer let's not forget about the thanksgiving prayer for all the good already experienced - for the law protecting human life and for the significant increase of respect towards conceived babies that we have noticed in our country recently. Now we are praying for the right to life from the moment of conception till natural death in Polish Constitution.

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