

Student priest gets a photo to remember

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

"They told me to be sure to get some pictures of Cardinal Wyszynski. Who would have ever guessed I'd be getting shots of a future pope," said Chester Krysa, a SS. Cyril and Methodius seminarian. Krysa spent a year at a Krakow seminary. It was there that he met Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, who last week became Pope John Paul II.

The Orchard Lake seminarian remembers May 14 of this year. It was Poland's 899th celebration of St. Stanislaus Day, a holiday commemorating the Catholic country's national patron saint. It may also have been, his friends in Krakow told him, the last St. Stanislaus Day celebration for Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Cardinal Wyszynski, a long-outspoken opponent of communism, had been imprisoned in Eastern Europe and it was said his health was failing.

It could be the last time for the crusading Polish cardinal to walk the path from Wawel Castle near Krakow to the Escapment, where in 1079, St. Stanislaus was executed by order of Polish King Boleslaw. Krysa likened St. Stanislaus death to that of Thomas of Becket, who was ordered killed by English King Henry VIII.

"It wasn't a bright day," Krysa recalls. "But it was good for taking photographs."

"Everybody told me 'be sure to get Wyszynski.'" Nobody was too worried about Cardinal Wojtyla. He was only 58. Everybody thought for sure he'd be around for the 900th anniversary," Krysa said.

Now, however, it is almost certain that Poland's gala St. Stanislaus Day celebration will go on without the new pope.

It is highly unlikely, Vatican watchers predict, that Pope John Paul II will ever see Krakow again.



In the bright red robes reserved for a "prince of the church," Karol Cardinal Wojtyla helped to lead Poland's celebration of St. Stanislaus Day. The national patron saint's feast day has been celebrated for 899 years by a procession from Wawel Castle to the place of his execution. This picture, taken May 14, 1978, records the last time Cardinal Wojtyla, who became Pope John Paul II, the first Polish pope in the history of the Roman Catholic Church, will help lead the celebration in Krakow.

\$100 million bonding

Commissioners look at plan to provide home mortgage aid

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy surprised county commissioners with a proposal to make mortgage loans up to \$100,000 to middle- and upper-middle income families.

Murphy's plan for issuing \$100 million in revenue bonds was greeted by a cautious, wait-and-see attitude by a leader of the board's finance committee.

Funds from the bond issue would be loaned to local banks to be used to finance mortgages on homes costing \$50,000 or more for buyers who—county officials say—are being forced out of Oakland's housing market.

Murphy formally unveiled the plan before business and government leaders attending an economic development conference in Troy. One of his aides, William Spinelli, outlined the plan for the board of commissioners.

THE MORTGAGES, which would be available at lower interest rates than mortgages on the open market, would be used to assist about 2,500 middle-to-upper-income families.

Normal mortgage interest rates stand at about 10 per cent. The Oakland County-financed loans would be available at 8.5 per cent.

Oakland officials said the mortgages would probably be used to finance homes costing \$50,000 or more. Families qualifying for the mortgages could borrow up to \$100,000.

Spinelli said the program would provide a badly needed supplement to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority program, which is available to families with gross annual incomes under \$20,000.

However, he said that in some cases, families at that income level "may prefer to use the Oakland County program."

"The program," he said, would benefit hard-pressed middle-income families who are not eligible for the massive federal government programs servicing lower-income families by way of interest and rent subsidies. "MY FIRST reaction was one of surprise," said Commissioner Dennis Murphy (R-Nowi), a banker.



DANIEL MURPHY

"That presentation left an awful lot of unanswered questions," he said. Those questions included:

- Which bank will the custodial bank, and funnel the bond revenues to other Oakland lending institutions?
- What is the planned timetable?
- What would the revenue bonds do to Oakland's level of indebtedness, which is limited by state law?
- How would the bonds affect the county's ability to sell general obligation bonds to finance specific projects?
- How would the passage of the Headlee and Tisch constitutional amendments affect the bond issue?
- How would the county be protected against defaults?

Those questions were left unanswered at Spinelli's presentation.

However, according to Patrick Nowak, the bond proposal is risk free, from the county's standpoint. Nowak is Murphy's expert on inter-governmental relations.

Nowak said the revenue bonds would not affect the county's ability to issue general obligation bonds or the market for those bonds.

He added that they would not affect the county's state-mandated level of indebtedness. The county would be protected against defaults, Nowak said, because "the bonds would be totally secured by the mortgages."

To sell the bonds on a national market, he said, Oakland will be able to put its name on the bonds, but it will not put its "full faith and credit" behind them.

"If foundation 'A' had a limit that it could only buy \$25 million in Oakland County bonds, these bonds would not count against that limit," Nowak said. "They could conceivably buy another \$1 billion of the revenue bonds."

COUNTY OFFICIALS said they will not press the board of commissioners for quick approval.

"We don't have a specific timetable," Nowak said, "but they ought to act with dispatch."

All that is well and good, said Novi's Commissioner Murphy, who has become the leading force on the board's finance committee.

"With the problem of the (county) budget and the (Nov. 7) election and the constitutional amendments, where do we give this a priority?" Murphy asked.

"I would not be interested in giving it a priority right now. It might be bottled up for a while," he said.

OTHER COMMISSIONERS approached the financing plan cautiously.

"I don't think the county has any business getting into the banking business," said Commissioner James Lanni (R-Royal Oak).

"It sounds like a good idea," said Commissioner Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield Township).

She added she would not fully support the plan until more information was available.

"I'm keeping an open mind until I hear all the details," said Commissioner Henry W. Hoot (R-Troy).

Democratic caucus chairman Lawrence Pernick of Southfield, one of two Democrats who knew of the bonding proposal before the formal announcement, said, "I believe the commissioners should always be looking at new proposals to improve economic development in the county."

"But it's much to early to pass judgment on this proposal."

Roads official joins research council

William J. Fognini, director of transportation planning and environmental concerns with the Oakland County Road Commission, has been named to an advisory committee of the National Research Council (NRC).

Fognini, 48, will be on the Transportation Programming Planning and

Evaluation Committee of NRC, the principal agency of the National Academy of Sciences. Committee members serve as individual scientists, technologists and research workers to make available their personal and scientific knowledge in the national interest, said W.N. Carey, Jr., Executive

Director of the Transportation Research Board.

A resident of Oak Park, Fognini has been with the road commission for 19 years. He is a registered professional engineer and has his master's degree in civil engineering-highways.

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FACT: The Drinking Age Has Already Been Raised To 21! Effective December 3, 1978, a new law makes it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to buy or consume alcoholic beverages...thus preventing legal drinking by high-school-age youths. Let's give this new law a chance.

FACT: Young Adults Are Responsible! Certainly, no one becomes an adult overnight, but 19- and 20-year-old adults are out of school, holding down good jobs, marrying and starting families, voting, and holding down good jobs. They are adults in every legal sense. Recognizing this, 80% of our states have drinking ages under 21. Yet Proposal D would strip them of a very basic right. Proposal D is PROHIBITION, pure and simple.

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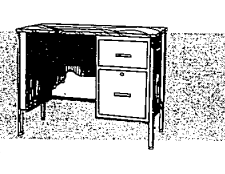


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