



URSULINE SISTERS of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus

The Congregation of the Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus was founded in 1920 by Saint Ursula Ledóchowska, as a new branch of the Ursuline Order. The Sisters live and serve where need arises, among all races, creeds and cultures.

They are devoted to the service of God and His people through the Church and Her Apostolic Mission.

* Motherhouse: Poland, Pniewy; * Generalate: Italy, Rome;

The first convent in North America was established in Windsor, Ontario (1965) thanks to Msgr. Lawrence A. Wnuk, P.A.

In Windsor the Sisters are involved in “Polonia” activities, in teaching of Polish language and culture, by cultivating Polish customs and traditions. They also teach in Canadian schools - elementary and secondary. In cooperation with the Parish, they try to implant Christian values in daily life, especially of the young people (Day Care, Eucharistic Crusaders).

Our goal is to build a multicultural community living in peace and harmony: “Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.”

Links: *Nasze Początki w Kanadzie 1965-2010;*

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ST. URSULA (JULIA) LEDÓCHOWSKA was born in Loosdorf, lower Austria, in 1865. In 1883, her family moved to Lipnica Murowana, near Cracow in Poland. In 1886, she entered the Ursuline Order in Cracow and in 1904 she was elected superior of the convent. She went to St. Petersburg in 1907 accompanied by two sisters, to administer St. Catherine's boarding high school for girls.

In 1908 the growing religious community in Petersburg became an autonomous Ursuline Convent later approved by the Holy See as the Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus.

When war broke out in 1914, Mother Ursula was exiled from Russia; she continued her apostolic work in Scandinavia.

Once the war was over, she returned to Poland in 1920 with her religious community and a group of Polish orphans and settled in Pniewy, near Poznan. Her apostolic and social work earned her high awards from the Church and the State. She administered the Congregation until the end of her life.

When her laborious and not easy life came to an end in Rome on May 29, 1939, people said of her: "She died a saint".

* On June 20, 1983, John Paul II beatified Mother Ursula in Poznan, Poland.

* In 1989 her incorrupt body was transferred from Rome to Pniewy and placed in the sanctuary at the Motherhouse.

* Her canonization was on May 18, 2003 in Rome.

* She is the patron Saint of 17 parishes and 12 chapels, not counting the chapels at the Ursuline convents. Among others, she has been the patroness of the Poznan Diocese since 1977, of the Polish Landlords' Association since 1997, of the city of Sieradz since 2006, of 8 schools, 6 nurseries, 2 hospices, 4 scout associations and of other institutions, organizations and groups.

More information on St. Ursula and the Ursuline Sisters can be found at: www.urszulanki.pl

NOVENA

In Pniewy, before St. Ursula's relics, a continual novena is held for prayer intentions and in thanksgiving for graces received through her intercession.

Requests for prayer through the

intercession of St. Urszula Ledochowska and acknowledgements for received graces can be sent to:

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CONGREGATION OF THE URSULINE SISTERS OF THE AGONIZING HEART OF JESUS

The Congregation's special mission in the Church is to proclaim Christ - the love of his Heart.
(Constitutions of the Congregation)

The Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus endeavor to proceed on the way of radical fidelity to the Gospel and sisterly service especially to the most needy, by:

- * giving witness through their personal and community life
- * involvement in catechetical, educational, teaching, charitable and missionary activities.

At present, the Congregation consists of over 900 sisters in 100 communities in 14 countries on 5 continents: Argentina, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Tanzania and Ukraine.

The Mother of Christ and of the Church, wholly devoted to the Person and work of her Son, is for each Ursuline sister of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus the model of devotion to God and the people. Under the direction and motherly protection of Our Lady, celebrated as the Star of the Sea, the Congregation seeks to fulfill its mission. The words of Mary: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" are the motto of our Congregation.

Links: * *Exhibition in The Polish Senat of St. Urszula Ledóchowska - Warsaw 2009;*
* *Testament;*
* *Constitutions.*

NOVENA through the intercession of Saint Ursula:

Oh, Jesus, I commend to your Heart Look and follow your Heart's desire. Allow your Heart to act. Oh, Jesus, I count on You. I put my trust in You. I surrender myself completely to you. I am sure of you. Oh, Heart, filled with love, I put all my trust in You, since I, myself, am capable of committing all evil, however, I expect everything from your goodness. Amen.

By the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, accept oh, God, the prayers offered to You through the intercession of Saint Ursula, faithful imitator of the virtues of the Heart of your Son, and grant us the favours we are confidently asking for. Amen.

Saint Ursula, pray for us!

