

Message of Condolences

Dear Father Andrzej,

Together with the General Council and the entire community of Saints John and Paul and the whole Passionist Congregation, I wish to express my sincere condolences at the death of your President, Lech Kaczynski who perished with his wife amid a total of 96 people, some of them of high rank and importance, in the crash of his plane carrying them to Smolensk in Russia last Saturday April 10th . We share with you and your countrymen in your pain and deep shock.

We have been following the news reports in the newspapers and on television. I would like to assure you of our prayers for the eternal rest of all the victims of this disaster, even as we beseech God to give comfort and serenity to the Polish people and, especially, to all the next of kin of those who died.

Our Resurrected Lord is ever a source of hope and strength at such stressful moments, and I know the people of Poland, many strong in their Christian faith, will show a brave face and continue down the road God has chosen, in his divine Providence, for your great country.

Fraternally,

Ottaviano D'Egidio, C.P.
Superior General.

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