charters to the first six councils in Poland were the highlights of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson’s trip there in May. Joining him were Archbishop Henry J. Mansell of Hartford, Conn., and Supreme Council office staff who have been involved in the Order’s expansion into Poland since August 2005.

On May 3, Anderson met with Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz of Warsaw and also with Polish President Lech Kaczyński to update them on the Order’s growth in Poland and its increasing charitable outreach. The supreme knight met with Victor Ashe, the U.S. ambassador to Poland on May 4.

On May 5, at Jasna Gora Basilica in Czestochowa, the renowned Polish composer Henryk Mikolaj Gorecki premiered his new choral composition, “Pod Twoja Obrone” (“Under Your Protection”). Gorecki dedicated the work to Supreme Knight Anderson in honor of the establishment of the Order in Poland. In the work, the composer entrusts the Order in Poland to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Following the performance, Gorecki presented the supreme knight with the score of the work.

POPE’S NEW BOOK FEATURED BY SUPREME KNIGHT IN JUNE’S BOOK CLUB

Columbia Magazine

Includes Excerpt

Pope Benedict XVI’s first book as pope, Jesus of Nazareth, is being highlighted by the Knights of Columbus. Published May 15 by Doubleday ($24.95 hardcover), the book is, in the pope’s own words, “my personal search for the face of the Lord.”

Through special arrangement with the publisher, the June issue of Columbia magazine is featuring an excerpt from Jesus of Nazareth in which Pope Benedict examines the Sermon on the Mount.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson will lead an online discussion of Jesus of Nazareth on June 26 at 4:30 p.m. (ET). Readers can submit questions about the book at www.kofc.org, then log on June 26 to take part in the Supreme Knight’s Book Club discussion.

Two weeks after its mid-April publication in Europe, the book had sold more than 1 million copies. The book has its roots in what Pope Benedict has noticed over his life as a “growing…distinction between the ‘historical Jesus’ and the ‘Christ of faith,’ a distinction that many Christians now accept as accurate.”

Pope Benedict challenges the reader to encounter Jesus face-to-face by discussing episodes from the Gospels to explain how God reveals himself through Jesus. In addition to the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus of Nazareth includes chapters on Jesus’ baptism, the Lord’s Prayer, the parables and more. The book is the first of a two-volume work exploring Jesus’ public life. The second volume will reportedly cover Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection.

POLAND TRIP HIGHLIGHTS ORDER’S GROWTH THERE

The world premiere of a new choral work dedicated to the Knights of Columbus, meetings with Church and national leaders, and the presentation of council

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Several weeks remain in the 2006-07 fraternal year. Monthly progress reports show this has been a very good year. There is still plenty of time for us to make it an outstanding one.

When the fraternal year ends June 30, we want the Order to have made record gains in new council growth and development, in membership recruitment and retention, in charitable and fraternal service, and in insurance sales and service. We want every area of the Order’s operations and outreach to be as solid as it can be. We don’t want these achievements for ourselves or for any awards they might bring. We want them so that future generations of Knights will have as firm a foundation on which to build and grow the Order as we have had. That was the gift given to us by our predecessors in Columbianism; it should be our legacy as well.

In 1932, during our golden anniversary, Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody wrote the following: “The Catholic men of today…are enjoying in abundance the results and benefits of five decades of organized endeavor by the Knights of Columbus. And the men of today must ask themselves in all honesty if they are going to permit these benefits to be dissipat-ed or even partially lost, or if, in their day, they are going to assume a like responsibility and perform a like or greater service for the benefit of their children and their children’s children.”

The Order’s accomplishments have not come about by chance but by Divine Providence, by the intercession of our founder, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, and also from the hard work and dedication of brother Knights down through the years. It is never too late for you to join their ranks and make your mark on the Order — not for a year-end goal, but for a goal that transcends time.

Vivat Jesus!
cholski of Lyon, France, the congress’ general secretary and Father Kazimierz Chwalek, a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, met with Supreme Council officials to inform them of the congress and solicit their support.

The aim of the event is to spread the message of mercy to the greatest number of people, “because mercy can change the world,” said Father Chocholski. Congress organizers hope to include other Christian churches and religious communities in the event; representatives of Buddhism and Hinduism have also expressed an interest in participating.

The Divine Mercy devotion is attributed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a 20th century Polish nun who received a vision of Jesus. He instructed her to paint the image of him she had seen in the vision along with words, “Jesus, I trust in you.” Pope John Paul II canonized her in 2000 and established the second Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

In 2003-04, the Knights of Columbus sponsored an Orderwide Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer program using reproductions of the famous Divine Mercy painting. The prayer program was held to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul’s pontificate.

Catholic Campus Ministry Association Gets K of C Support; Knight Named Director

The Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) has a new executive director, and the Knights of Columbus is ready to ensure that he has the best resources available to complete his organization’s ministry to Catholic college students at Catholic and non-Catholic institutions around the U.S.

Father Martin O. Moran III, campus minister at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., was named to the position last March. A member of Chambersburg (Pa.) Council 1426, his appointment takes effect June 1.

“We are proud to know that the CCMA has recognized his great leadership and commitment to service with this national appointment,” said Bucknell University President Brian C. Mitchell in a press release dated March 27.

According to the CCMA mission statement, the organization, founded in 1969, is dedicated to providing resources and leadership formation to Catholic campus ministers. This includes support for campus ministry departments at both Catholic and non-Catholic institutions.

“Students are looking for religion,” Father Moran said. “It’s a very hot topic, and we need to explore where it’s going.”

The Knights’ support of CCMA is relatively new, though the Order is no stranger to college campuses. There are approximately 18,000 college Knights in councils at more than 200 Catholic and public institutions around the world.

Most recently, the Order presented the CCMA with a grant to continue work on the association’s Summer Devel-opment Institute — a three-day learning workshop for campus ministers. This year’s program will be held June 26-29 in St. Louis. For more information, visit www.ccmanet.org

“I think we’re about the same thing,” he said of the Knights. “We want to empower our lay people within the Church.”

Guest co-curators Laura Coyle and Nora M. Heimann stand next to a marble statue of Joan of Arc with Supreme Knight and Mrs. Carl A. Anderson during a tour of the exhibition “Joan of Arc: Medieval Maiden to Modern Saint” at the Knights of Columbus Museum. The exhibit includes more than 200 items depicting Joan of Arc as a French national heroine, a saint and a figure in popular culture drawn from several educational institutions and private collections. The exhibit is a version of a show curated by Coyle and Heimann for the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., earlier this year which the Order sponsored. For more information about the exhibit and the Knights of Columbus Museum visit www.kofc.org or call 203-865-4000.
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