

Atlanta, March 6, 1995

Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Dillon,
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Dear Monsignor Dillon,

I am writing in the hope that you can solve our problem and help the Polish and Polish-American community in Atlanta celebrate Easter and Christmas Masses with a traditional blessing of the food before Easter Sunday, with old Polish Easter Hymns or Christmas Carols.

After the funeral for Father John Ozarowski I had the chance to speak to archbishop Donoghue who suggested that I consult with you about having a Polish Mass for Easter and Christmas. The only Polish-speaking priest in the Archdiocese is Father Adam Ozimek who is a vicar at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

As a representative of the Polish community I am aware of the different needs of the most recent group of Polish emigrés (since 1980). Many families are already involved in local parishes. However we would like to continue Holy Masses twice a year. It has been already a regular custom for us, for the last 5 years in Atlanta. The last Christmas Mass in the Cathedral was attended by almost 800 people. A significant number of those were 3rd and 4th generation Polish-Americans.

Father John Ozarowski was also aware of the upcoming Olympic Games in 1996 and the need for a Polish-speaking priest at that time in Atlanta.

Please consider the possibility of Father Adam Ozimek celebrating Easter Vigil Mass for us, either at the Holy Spirit on April 15, 1995 or, if space is unavailable, could he celebrate at the Hyland Center Gymnasium (behind the Cathedral), where we use to have Vigil Easter Mass with Father Ozarowski. I hope this space is still available for us.

Thank you for considering our needs in this matter,
May God bless you,

Sincerely yours



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PS. Included is the last Christmas letter to the Polish-American Community, which I usually send 3-4 weeks before the Holy Mass.

cc:

Most Reverend John Francis Donoghue, Archbishop of Atlanta
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Kenny, Rector, Cathedral of Christ The King
Father Adam Ozimek, Vicar, Holy Spirit Catholic Church



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March 9, 1995

Elizabeth Gurtler-Krawczynska, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Gurtler-Krawczynska:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 6 last about the possibility of Father Ozimek being available to offer Mass for you at Christmas and Easter.

I would like to assist the Polish community in Atlanta, but am not sure we will be able to do so. Your letter asks to have Father Ozimek available for the Easter Vigil. That would preclude the possibility of him being able to participate in the Vigil at Holy Spirit. I do not believe that absence is beneficial either to the parish or, in particular, to him as a newly ordained priest. His presence is all the more necessary by reason of the fact that he is the priest to whom pastoral responsibility for the O.C.I.A. program is assigned, and the candidates and catechumens from that program will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In short, therefore, it will not be possible for me to accede to your request.

We have Masses on Easter Sunday at 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. The 12.45 p.m. Mass slot is free. He would, therefore, be available to offer a Mass in Polish at that time here at Holy Spirit and, I believe, would be willing to do so. I cannot speak for the availability of space at the Cathedral. We would, in fact, probably be able to make a similar arrangement for you at Christmas. Please let me know if you want me to discuss this possibility with Father Ozimek.

To prevent misunderstandings and to avoid any pressures on Father Ozimek, let me mention that it is appropriate for you to discuss with me rather than with him the matter of his schedule and availability for responsibilities outside of his parish assignment.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely

Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Dillon
Pastor