

GUIDE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> GNIEZNO CONVENTION

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## Friday, March 16

### 12.00 Chant "Mitujcie się wzajemnie" (See page 83)

The Holy Bible and a Cross are carried in a procession led by:

**Archbishop Henryk Muszyński**, Chairman  
of the Gniezno Conventions

**Jakub Kiersnowski**, Chairman of the Organizing Committee  
and three chaplains of the Convention representing  
three main Christian traditions:

**Fr. Marek Pieńkowski OP** (Catholic),

**Rev. Michał Dudicz** (Orthodox),

**Rev. Sławomir Rodaszyński** (Evangelical).

Prayer (Jn 15:12–13)

Address to the participants (languages: Polish and English)

**Jakub Kiersnowski**, Chairman of the Organizing Committee

**Archbishop Henryk Muszyński**, Chairman  
of the Gniezno Conventions

**Archbishop Jeremiasz**, Eastern Orthodox

Archbishop of Wrocław and Szczecin, President  
of the Polish Ecumenical Council

**Marek Woźniak**, Marshal of the Region of Wielkopolska

### 12.30 Introductory lectures (languages: Polish and English)

Chairman: **Dr. Christian Schmitz**, Director of the  
Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Poland

**Professor Jerzy Buzek**, Former President of the  
European Parliament **Europe Closer to Citizens**

**Cardinal Stanisław Ryłko**, President of the Pontifical  
Council for the Laity **A Good Citizen, a Holy Citizen**

**Professor Jerzy Kłoczowski**, Director of the  
East-Central Europe Institute in Lublin

**Our Millennium – Old Europe and Its Future**

**Rev. Professor Bogusław Milerski**, Vice-President  
of the Christian Academy

of Theology **Multicultural Poland**

## 12 Program of the Convention – Friday

**14.00** Lunch break

**15.00** A meeting of **Bronisław Komorowski**, President of the Republic of Poland, with leaders and representatives of the Christian Churches participating in the Congress

**15.30** Inauguration of the Convention (languages: Polish and English)

Chant "Tak bowiem Bóg umiłował świat"

Prayer (Mt 20:26–28)

Word of Welcome

**Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk**, Primate  
of Poland, Metropolitan of Gniezno

**Bronisław Komorowski**, President  
of the Republic of Poland

**Archbishop Celestino Migliore**, Apostolic Nuncio to Poland

**Address of the Pope Benedict XVI**

Address to the participants of the 9th Gniezno Convention

Plenary Session

Chairman: **Dr. Jörg Basten**, Renovabis

**Cardinal Kazimierz Nycz**, Metropolitan of  
Warsaw Pole – Catholic – Citizen

**Sister Małgorzata Chmielewska**,  
Superior of the "Bread of Life"  
Community The Church Who Serves

**Rev. Professor Tomáš Halík**, President of the Czech  
Christian Academy Christians – a Salt of Europe?

**17.00** Break

Ecumenical services in the churches of Gniezno:  
homilies by clergymen of different Christian Churches

**17.30** (in two rooms)

Main auditorium (for Polish speaking audiences only)

Chant "Nie ma większej miłości"

Prayer (1 Jn 3:17–18)

**Sharing Money, Sharing Yourself**

Discussion of leaders of the biggest  
Polish charity associations

Panellists:

**Fr. Henryk Cisowski OFM Cap**, Dzieło  
Pomocy św. Ojca Pio,  
**Anna Dymna**, "Mimo Wszystko" Foundation,  
**Wanda Falk**, Diakonia of the Evangelical-  
Augsburg Church in Poland,  
**Rev. Dariusz Kowalczyk**, "Dzieło Nowego  
Tysiąclecia" Foundation,  
**Janina Ochojska**, Polska Akcja Humanitarna,  
**Jerzy Owskiak**, Wielka Orkiestra  
Świątecznej Pomocy,  
**Rev. Jacek Stryczek**, WIOSNA Association,  
the Generous Pack action,  
**Rev. Dr. Marian Subocz**, Caritas Polska.  
Moderator: **Marek Zając**, TVP

College (languages: Polish and English)

Chant "Nie ma większej miłości"

Prayer (Acts 1:6–8)

**Christian Public Opinion in the European Union**

Discussion concerning opportunities  
for Christian lobbying in the EU

Panellists:

**Archbishop Jeremiasz**, Eastern Orthodox  
Archbishop of Wrocław and Szczecin,  
President of the Polish Ecumenical Council  
**Martin Kugler**, Kairos, Europe for Christ  
**Rev. Prof. Piotr Mazurkiewicz**, Secretary  
General of COMECE  
**Rev. Dr. Rüdiger Noll**, deputy secretary general  
of the Conference of European Churches  
**Raul Sanchez**, secretary general  
of the European Large Families  
Confederation (ELFAC)  
**Dr. Stefan Vesper**, secretary general of ZdK  
Moderator: **Tomasz Królak**, Catholic  
Information Agency

**19.00** Dinner break

**20.00** Ecumenical Way in the Gniezno Cathedral  
**Go, then, and do the same** (Lk 10:37)

Saturday, March 17

9.30 (in two rooms)

Main auditorium (languages: Polish, English and German)

Chant "Błogostawcie Pana"

Prayer (Lk 13:1–5)

**Europeans after Auschwitz and Kolyma** Discussion devoted to the European memory

Panellists:

**Dr. Ján Čarnogurský**, Former Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, Chairman of the Board of European Network Remembrance and Solidarity

**Dr. Piotr M.A. Cywiński**, Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

**Basil Kerski**, Director of the European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk

**Prof. Myrośław Marynowycz**, Vice-Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, former prisoner of conscience

**Markus Meckel**, Evangelical theologian, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for the Study of the SED Dictatorship

**Prof. Jan Rydel**, Historian, President of the Steering Committee of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity.

Moderator: **Zbigniew Nosowski**, "WIĘŹ" Monthly

College (for Polish speaking audiences only)

Chant "Błogostawcie Pana"

Prayer (Lk 12:42–43.47–48)

**We Are Not Helpless In the Face of the World's Miseries** Discussion about Europeans' responsibility for the rest of the world

Panellists:

**Renata Dobrzyńska**, President of the Global Solidarity Association in Lublin

**Dr. Jan Grzeszkowiak**, Vice-President of the Christian Medical Association

**Mirośław Matreńczyk**, Director of the "East" Foundation

**Sr. Rafaela Natęcz FSK**, Sets up centres  
for the blind in Africa

**Janina Ochojska**, Polish Humanitarian  
Organisation (PAH)

**Krzysztof Stanowski**, Former Deputy Minister  
of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Board  
of the Foundation for International Solidarity

**Dr. Kazimierz Szalata**, President of the Polish  
Foundation of Raoul Follereau

Moderator: **Mikołaj Foks**, Religia.tv

**11.00** Break

**11.30** (in two rooms)

Main auditorium (languages: Polish, English and German)

Chant "Łaska Pana"

Prayer (Col 3:8.11)

**Poles and Germans: Dialogue of Citizens or  
Neighbourhood of Nations?** Discussion  
on Polish-German cooperation  
on the civil level

Panellists:

**Rev. Dr. Grzegorz Chojnacki**, Director of the  
Edith Stein Institute of Philosophy  
and Theology in Zielona Góra

**Rev. Dr. Manfred Deselaers**, Pastor  
at the Centre for Dialogue and  
Prayer in Oświęcim, delegate of the  
German Bishops' Conference

**Rev. Dr. Hermann Düringer**, Director of the  
„Zeichen der Hoffnung" initiative

**Stephan Erb**, Managing Director  
of the German-Polish Youth Office

**Bishop Hans-Jochen Jaschke**, President  
of the Sub-Commission for Interreligious  
Dialogue of the German Bishops'  
Conference, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamburg

**Prof. Irena Lipowicz**, Human Rights Defender  
of the Republic of Poland

**Małgorzata Ławrowska**, Director of the Foundation  
for Polish-German Cooperation



Prof. Anna Wolff-Powęska, historian, Adam  
Mickiewicz University in Poznań.

Moderator: Tomasz Kycia, Rundfunk  
Berlin-Brandenburg

College (for Polish speaking audiences only)

Chant "Łaska Pana"

Prayer (Mt 5:13–14.16)

**How To Use the Civic Potential of Polish Parishes?**

Panellists:

Rev. Sławomir Kokorzycki, Rector  
of the Korytowo Parish

Marek Masalski, Director of the Orthodox  
Centre of Mercy ELEOS

Maria Rogaczewska, sociologist, University of Warsaw

Rev. Wojciech Sadłoń SAC, The Catholic  
Church Statistics Institute

Rev. Robert Sitarek, Director of the Centre  
for Education and Rehabilitation  
of Disabled Persons

Moderator: Tomasz Ponikło, The WIĘŹ Laboratory

**13.00** Lunch break

**14.30** (in two rooms)

Main auditorium (languages: Polish and English)

Chant "Jezu, ufam Tobie"

Prayer (Lk 10:36–37)

**Not Only Charity. Different Aspects  
of Volunteerism and Civic Activities**

Dr. Marek Rymsza, sociologist,  
editor in chief of Trzeci Sektor  
("Third Sector") quarterly

**Education** – Rev. Andrzej Augustyński

**Families** – Karolina and Tomasz Elbanowski

**Religion** – Krzysztof Jankowiak

**Hospice** – Rev. Dr. Jan Kaczkowski

**Large families** – Joanna Krupska

**Civic ethos** – Joanna Świącicka

**Scouting** – Konrad Tarnopolski

College (for Polish speaking audiences only)

Chant "Jezu, ufam Tobie"

Prayer (Phil 2:12–15)

**Citizens of the 19th century.**

**Organic Work Traditions in the Region of Wielkopolska** (30 minutes)

Panellists:

**Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Kucharczyk**, History Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Dr. Przemysław Matusik**, historian, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań.

Moderator: **Anna Gruszecka**, Merkury Radio

**Citizens of the 21st century. Polish Rural Areas as a Granary of Values** (60 minutes)

Panellists:

**Rev. Sławomir Awksietijuk**, Rector of the Orthodox Parish in Dubicze Cerkiewne,

**Stanisław Baska**, President of the Samborzec Commune Council, entrepreneur,

**Rev. Henryk Linarcik**, Rector of the Roman Catholic Parish in Rzeczyca,

Moderator: **Krystyna Fuerst**, President of the Foundation Academy of Social Initiatives

**16.30 Civic Workshops "I Believe, Therefore I Act"**

(for Polish speaking audiences only) Workshops in small groups (rooms' numbers will be announced during the Convention)

**1. The Fuel of Volunteerism**

What can be done when a volunteer loses heart and energy?

How to react to the burnout of volunteers, how to manage their energy and resources?

Moderator:

**Maria Rogaczewska** (Social Capital Unit, University of Warsaw, the WIĘŻ Laboratory)

With the participation of:

**Rev. Mieczysław Puzewicz** (co-founder of volunteerism in Lublin)

**Rev. Jacek Stryczek** (WIOSNA Association)

**Katarzyna Parchem** (coordinator of voluntary projects in the Puck hospice)

## 2. To Help Others or To Be With Others

How to preserve the “I-you” rather than only the “I-he” relation when offering assistance? How to help without objectifying the other person? Or, perhaps, the issue is not to help but to be with others?

Moderator:

**Katarzyna Jabłońska**, Więź monthly review

With the participation of:

**Rev. Andrzej Augustyński** (SIEMACHA Association)

**Aleksandra Nawrocka** (L'ARCHE Foundation)

**Pierre Klein** (ATD Fourth World)

## 3. Employer-Employee at the Time of Crisis

How to make the relations between the employer and the employee more Christian? Is it possible in a society eager to make a profit and during an economic downturn?

Moderator:

**Piotr Czekierda** (Collegium Wratislaviense)

With the participation of:

**Maciej Gnyszka** (Founder of Business Societies)

**Prof. Ryszard Stocki** (Wyższa Szkoła

Biznesu – National-Louis University)

## 4. Solidarity in Economy

How to use the local potential of Christian communities for the sake of a responsible creation of new jobs? How to efficiently help in the spirit of solidarity? What is the economy of solidarity and how is it supported in Wielkopolska region?

Moderator:

**Aleksandra Kowalska**, Director of the Regional  
Social Welfare Centre in Poznań

With the participation of:

**Jarostaw Wypyszyński** (Association  
for Social Cooperatives)

**Krystyna Dorsz** (President of a Diakonia  
Employment Cooperative in Kwilcz)

## 5. Christians vs. Global Challenges

Can we participate in the construction of civil society behind our eastern border? How can this be done? Are the transformations in the Arab states our business? How to build genuine partnership between people of different cultures and value systems?

Moderator:

**Przemysław Fenrych** (Foundation for the Development of Local Democracy, Szczecin)

With the participation of:

**Dr. Krzysztof Olendzki** (former ambassador of Poland to Tunisia)

**Viktar Parfenenka** („Racja” Radio journalist, Grodno, Belarus)

**Olga Zariczyńska** (Centre for the Apostleship of the Laity at the Catholic University of Ukraine in Lviv)

## 6. The Healing of Memory

How can getting to know the truth about the acts of the grandparents lead to healing their grandchildren?  
How to apply Christian spirituality to achieve reconciliation between nations and to heal the memory of history?

Moderator:

**Marta Titaniec** (secretary of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews)

With the participation of:

**Fr. Stefan Batruch** (President of Foundation for the Spiritual Culture at the Frontier, Greek Catholic Church)

**Jörg Lüer** (Maximilian Kolbe Foundation)

**Rev. Ireneusz Lukas** (Director of the Polish Ecumenical Council; coordinator of the project “Reconciliation in Europe, the Challenge for the Churches in Ukraine, Belarus, Poland and Germany”)

**Fr. Jan Kwiatkowski, Agata Skotnicka, Fr. Dr. Justus Werdin** (organisers of the ecumenical pilgrimage Magdeburg-Gniezno).

## 7. Christians and Public Relations

How to make an efficient use of public relations tools? How to react to irregularities and violations of ethical principles in advertising and marketing?

Moderator:

**Dr. Monika Przybysz** (Institute of Media Education and Journalism UKSW)

With the participation of:

**Fr. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Draguła** (theologian, Szczecin University, the WIĘŻ Laboratory)

**Joanna Paciorek** (Fundacja Świętego Mikołaja)

**Rafał Porzeziński** (Twoja Sprawa Association)

### **8. Sport the Christian Way**

How to effectively educate through sport? How to acquire a healthy spirit through a healthy body?

Moderator:

**Grzegorz Polak** (Catholic Information Agency)

With the participation of:

**Leszek Antonowicz** (coach of sports acrobatics from Złotoryja, world champion in acrobatics)

**Fr. Marek Kudach SP** (Parafiada Association)

**Arkadiusz Mierkowski** (Association of Sports Initiatives from Mazuria)

**Fr. Edward Pleń SDB** (Salesian Sports Organisation)

**19.00** Dinner break

**20.00** Main auditorium

Stanisław Sojka Concert **In Order to Live,**

**You Need to Reach Out**

Also featuring:

**Zelowskie Dzwonki** from the Evangelical-Reformed parish in Zelów

**Naïve Song Group** (persons with mental disabilities)  
(See page 24)

**Sunday, March 18**

**9.00** Main auditorium (languages: Polish and English during the whole day)

Chant "Tylko w Bogu znajdzie spokój dusza moja"

Prayer (Phil 2:4–5)

**Civil Society is Born (Also) in the Church** Discussion on the social dimension of faith

Panellists:

**Dr. Karlies Abmeier**, expert from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation,

**Prof. Piotr Gliński**, sociologist, Polish Academy of Sciences, former Chairman of the Polish Sociologist Association, University of Białystok,

**Rev. Mieczysław Puzewicz**, cofounder of youth volunteering in Lublin,

**Fr. Ludwik Wiśniewski OP**, dominican pastor,

**Jakub Wygnański**, Co-President of the Public Benefit Projects Council.

Moderator: **Piotr Legutko**, "Gość Niedzielny" Weekly

**10.15** Break

**10.45** Chant "Bóg jest Miłością"

Prayer (Col 3:12.14–16.17)

Cardinal Angelo Scola, Metropolitan of Milan

**To Be a Christian in Europe in the Times of Crisis** (video)

**11.15 One World – Common Responsibility** Discussion of representatives of different religions and worldviews

Panellists:

**Prof. Jacek Filek**, Philosopher, Jagiellonian University,

**Bishop Grzegorz Ryś**, President of the New Evangelization Team in the Polish Bishops' Conference,

**Rabbi Michael Schudrich**, Chief Rabbi of Poland,

**Bogusław R. Zagórski**, Director of the Ibn Khaldun Institute, Lecturer at the Collegium Civitas.

Moderator: **Marcin Przeciszewski**, Catholic Information Agency

**13.00 Holy Mass** in the Cathedral (live broadcast by TV Polonia). Address to Europeans, presentation

**19.00 Concert in the Cathedral** – under the honorary auspices of

Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk, Primate of Poland

Program:

**Joseph Haydn** – Mass in D minor Hob. XXII (Nelson Mass)

Performers:

**Christopher Hogwood** – Conductor, Leader of the concert

**Marta Boberska** – soprano, **Urszula Kryger** –

mezzo-soprano, **Markus Schäfer** – tenor,

**Wojtek Gierlach** – bass,

**Polish Chamber Choir Schola Cantorum Gedanensis,**

**Jan Łukaszewski** – preparation of the choir,  
sopranos of the **Poznań Boys Choir,**

**Jacek Sykulski** – preparation of singers,

**Poznań Philharmonic Orchestra.**