

THE POLISH-AMERICAN CREDO

I AM A POLISH-AMERICAN

In my veins flows the blood of a Pope, patriots, kings and queens, scholars, and saints, scientists and courageous peasants.

I am the descendant of Copernicus reaching for the stars, of Madame Marie Sklodowska Curie unraveling the mysteries of science and an Ignacy Paderewski uplifting the soul of man.

YES, I AM A POLISH-AMERICAN.

My heart beats with love for my ancestral homeland and for my country, this young United States of America.

When tyranny or despotism have threatened, I have always been the first to resist.

I was with Sobieski lifting the siege of Vienna, Kazimierz Pulaski in Savannah, Tadeusz Kosciuszko at West Point, with the RAF over Channel skies in Britain and met Lech Walesa at the Gdansk shipyards.

I am a poet like Adam Mickiewicz and artist like Jan Matejko, an author like Czeslaw Milosz, and a musician like Frederic Chopin.

My forebears came from Poznan, Warsaw, Krakow, and numerous other cities, towns, and villages.

I believe in the dignity of the human spirit, promotion of faith and divine law.

If anybody would choose to be my friend, they are welcome as they will know what I stand for. If not, then let them know that enduring here in piety and hope, I watch and wait.

FOR
I AM A POLISH AMERICAN

(anonymous)

