

Justyna Ball from 2

There are always those with this kind of mentality - radicals, who see conspiracy everywhere, who call Komorowski a "murderer," who feel neglected by the church. So they pour out their anger at the President. The cross is being used, and held hostage in the negotiation. It is they who commit desecration and not the other way around.

Father Zieba knows that the church loses by not being more vocal and strict about it and for not taking action. The Church would like to have more influence on the public but doesn't know how.

He regrets that Archbishop Nycz did not come to the protesters that day and ask them to participate in the ceremony inside the Cathedral - "Come with me to the church and pray."

"I would respect Warsaw's metropolitan and presidential office decision," Zieba says. "They do not guard the cross," he says. "They make a lot of noise."

So we could escape from it all...

We spent the last weekend camping in Wellfleet at the Cape. We kind of missed sleeping on the tent floor, walking around at night with a flashlight, the intense smell of sunscreen lotion, as well as being a beach bum for a few days. \$37 per night (without an electrical hook up that is) - you can't beat that.

Same campground, Maurice's, the difference from previous years is that the weeping pines only weep in June, and this is August, and there are more Canadians staying here than ever - blame it on the weak dollar. Quebec license plates pop up on every corner. You pass little Canadian kids on tricycles, Canadian teens in the shower room and in the restrooms, women in the next stalls relieve themselves while speaking French.

Water is cheap - 25 cents buys you a full 6 minutes so you can take your time and even brush your teeth in warm water.

The store on the campground offers everything from famous lobster rolls, tent spikes, unbreakable combs to Trojan condoms.

Our waiter at the Italian restaurant was from Macedonia. At the beach, more Canadians were playing in the sand. Half of the beachgoers were reading "The Girl with a Dragon Tattoo." A good summer reading should have suspense, spousal abuse and a Jewish victim, and Larsson's book had it all.

Camping my way means no cooking. I do not mind sleeping in a tent, and I do not mind the occasional visit from a daddy long legs - a little price to pay for not cleaning or answering the phone. No dishwasher to load or unload and no laundry. No alarm clock to buzz me in the morning, no computers or TVs to feed us their propaganda.

We agree to a totally spontaneous holiday.

But we do have our preferences. For me, creating a nice evening atmosphere around the picnic table would require 8 AAA batteries to install in four paper lanterns from Old Navy that I bought years ago for \$4.99, and a single citronella candle. While my other half would rather just have a regular gas lamp that makes me look like I died on our previous camping trip, and he just dug me out. If that kind of light was to create a special atmosphere of intimacy, the Gestapo would be the masters of ambience wouldn't they?

It's quite a lovely location, in a pine forest, close to Marconi beach which is part of the National Seashore, with a walking and biking route right below us. Runners enjoy an early run that ends on a cliff overlooking the ocean.

Sunday morning, we were reminded that at the camp site you are never alone. That's when we had 5,200 cyclists riding outside our tent as part of the Pan Mass Challenge (fundraising for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute) with senators

John Kerry and Scott Brown amongst them.

The full length of the route was 190 miles long, stretching from Sturbridge to Provincetown, at the very end of Cape Cod. We supported two of the cyclists, but we did not mean to cheer! Our "neighbors" in the next tent did that by playing everything from Queen's "Bicycle race" to Beastie Boys.

When we got back home I turned on the TV and the cross controversy saga was still being shown. Now the new Star Wars characters entered the picture. I do not think this is what the church would want to happen as a consequence. Strolling through Krakowskie Przedmieście, the foreign tourists stop and asked, "What's going on?"

I'm looking around my room, at a cross that I brought from Mexico, and one that was from Miami, the crucifix made in Guatemala, and the triptych from Poland and "lost in thought" Jesus from Zakopane, John Paul from the cover of an Italian magazine, a framed picture of Cardinal Wyszyński embracing John Paul, and John Paul shaving. And one on my fridge and wait, there is more... They are all there, but I do not wallpaper streets with my beliefs, and I do not pray in public every time I see a cross, and when in crisis, I let the church lead the way. So please leave, and take your fanaticism somewhere else, away from the Presidential Palace, off Krakowskie Przedmieście, and go away in peace...

I always thought that "True worship takes place within the heart."

In the 70s, an accidental tourist stopped in Warsaw for only several hours. He was coming back from a trip on a trans-Siberian train, going through Poland, he had to switch trains in Warsaw. He walked around, and in a record store at Wilson Square, he purchased several records, one of them was by a Polish folk group. After his return, the artist composed a song called, "Warszawa," which was his reflection on the situation back then - the artist was David Bowie. What would Bowie think now seeing the mess at Krakowskie Przedmieście? Everyone agreed that this is not a good way to promote Poland.

What would Jesus say...

I bet Jesus would not want to see the cross abused that way. He would make a whip of cords... and drive them all to **God's House!** □

Music - Cantores Minores from 3

Benedicat vobis, which rather fittingly closed the program. A prolonged standing ovation after the July 26 performance in La Crescenta encouraged the choir director, Joe Herter, to launch his ensemble of Polish youth into *I Have Another Building*, a spiritual that Cantores Minores delivered with noticeable bravado. By that time, some in the audience became inclined to move with the spirit as well and sing the refrain; they were encouraged to do so by smiling Mr. Herter, lip-synching one-liners to the crowd. A good time was had by all, who emerged from the intimate naves of St. Luke's church to a quiet suburban street lit by a full moon slowly rising over the mountains.

Cantores Minores will continue their coast-to-coast tour, stopping for concerts in Las Vegas, Nevada; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Denver, Colorado; Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri; Palatine/Northfield, Illinois; Dearborn, Michigan; Erie, Pennsylvania; and Lackawanna/Buffalo and Bolton Landing, New York. The month-long tour will culminate with several performances in the New York City area, including a musical contribution during a mass at the Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.[mz] □

Pogonowski - Kopernik from 4

plague was checked. This event is known in the history of medicine as the inception of bread-buttering by Nicolas Copernicus.

It might surprise Otward Mueller that in 1523 there were very favorable opinions about Poland. In 1523 Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466-1536), great Catholic theologian, impressed by Polish achievements wrote about Poland: "I congratulate this nation ... which now, in sciences, jurisprudence, morals, and religion, and in all that separates us from barbarism, is so flourishing that it can rival the first and most glorious of nations." That occurred even before the publication of the basic work on astronomy: *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium*.

In 1543 Nicolaus Copernicus (Mikołaj Kopernik 1473-1543) published his astronomical theory in *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium*. It was approved by the Catholic Church, while Luther and Calvin condemned the Copernican theory. The Catholic Church encouraged the publication of the Copernican Theory of Astronomy in 1536 after studying it since 1533. However, eighty six years later the Church placed Copernican works on the index of forbidden books in (1616-1828), while making an uninterrupted use of the Copernican calendar. Copernicus moved the leadership of philosophical thought of the western civilization from the Mediterranean basin into the northern middle ground of Europe. The philosophical implications of the great Copernican discoveries were fundamental. The idea that the Earth is a stationary and flat central area in the universe, on which the human drama of personal salvation goes on without privacy under the eyes of God and his angels, was shaken irreparably. Eventually it became apparent that life on earth is a thin surface-effect on a minor celestial body traveling through cosmic space at a high speed.

The age-old human yearning for safety and stability was destroyed by the realization that the Earth is not immovable or the largest celestial body, central in the cosmos. The Copernican universe brought home, as no other idea in the history of the human thought, the frightening realization that all existence is in a permanent flux of ever-changing and ever

-becoming Copernican Monetary Reform of 1526: the zloty as the basic unit of currency and the fundamental Copernican Law of Currency: "Bad money chases good money out of circulation."

Copernicus, a true Renaissance man, served in many capacities. He was an administrator of Warmia on the Baltic in northern Poland, a military commander, and a finance minister; he was a trained astronomer, mathematician, economist, lawyer, and medical doctor. Copernicus published in 1526 the *Monetae Cudende Ratio* on monetary reform and stabilization of currency. There he stated the law of currency that "the bad money drives the good money out of circulation." At that time Thomas Gresham (1519-1579) was seven years old. Copernicus was then combating fraudulent schemes by the German House of Hohenzollerns, who were minting debased Polish currency, and tampering with the Vistula River grain trade. Copernicus was acting as Poland's finance minister and served on the legislative committee for the reform of Polish currency, The Copernican Act of Monetary Reform in Poland (1526) introduced a system based on the Polish unit zloty (zwo-ti) meaning golden coin; red zloty or dukat equaled 3.5 grams of gold. The Polish monetary system was adopted in Prussia in 1528 and in Lithuania in 1569 (at the time of the founding of the Noble Republic of Poland-Lithuania at the Sejm of Lublin). □

Legal - Immigration from 3

based on skin color or language spoken. Even legal immigrants would be guilty of a state crime, punishable by six months in jail, for failure to carry identification. □

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