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Rt. Hon. Herb Gray

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TWIN CITIES FROM
THE YEAR 2000



Doctor, *honoris causa*

Catholic University of Lublin

Lublin, May 30, 2003

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was the first country to give official support to the admission of Poland into NATO. For this and many other matters, resolved in a satisfactory way, we are grateful to Mr. Gray.

Windsor-Lublin Collaboration

Canada is very closely associated with the Catholic U. of Lublin. We know that Canadian Polonia and the very active Windsor part of it is abundantly represented in the places of honour, on the walls of the John Paul II Auditorium. It is a credit to not only the Holy Trinity Parish in Windsor, but also to the Circle of Friends of the Catholic U. of Lublin. Thanks to them, the highly accomplished Choir of the Catholic U. of Lublin went on a Canadian tour in 1998 and had its main performances and organizational headquarters in Windsor. Lublin is Windsor's twin city since the year 2000. Delegations have been exchanged, agreements were signed, and institutions and businesses have established contact directly. According to the Canadian Embassy in Warszawa, this is the most active partnership with Poland. Perhaps it is appropriate to note that this year, from 8-10 September, Lublin will hold its own Canadian Trade Days. The City Council of Lublin and the Canadian Embassy in Warszawa are the organizers of this event, which is very necessary for the development of an international, economic partnership.

Doctor, *honoris causa*, of Catholic U. of Lublin

The title of Doctor, *honoris causa*, is the most important academic distinction that a university can bestow. At the Catholic University of Lublin, not only famous representatives of the Catholic Church, such as Pope John Paul II (1983), but also politicians, such as Dr. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor (1989) and Rabbi Elio Toaff, the Chief Rabbi of Rome (2000), have received this distinction. We are proud that, on 30 May 2003, to the present list of the Catholic U. of Lublin's Doctors, *honoris causa*, from Canada – Rev. Piotr Michał Czartoryski, Senator Dr. Stanisław Haidasz, Henryk Słaby (1991) and Prof. Paul Wyczyński (1996) – one more is to be added, the fifth famous individual, the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, the former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada. This is also a great distinction for us, the citizens of Windsor, Polonia and the Polish Parish, that “our” representative from Windsor is receiving the honorary title of Doctor, *honoris causa*, at the Catholic University of Lublin.

Acknowledgements

We sincerely thank all of the individuals, who in some way contributed to this great, shared success of Lublin and Windsor, Poland and Canada. This latest thread of reciprocated friendship unites our nations.

Text by Jerzy Barycki.

Windsor, 30 April 2003

Translated by Frank Simpson.

Please note that organizations and individuals, wishing to send congratulations to Mr. Herb Gray, can contact him directly at: Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, Chairman, International Joint Commission, 234 Laurier Ave. West, 22 Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J6.



Photograph #2- Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, for unveiling of statue of John Paul II, 22 November 2000. From left to right: Rev. Canon P. Sanczenko, Monsignor Wawrzyniec Wnuk, P.A., Rev. Bishop J. Sherlock, Rev. Prof. A. Szostek (Rector, Catholic U. of Lublin), Rev. R. Waszkiewicz.



Photograph #3- Herb Gray speaks at celebration of unveiling of statue of John Paul II, in front of Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, 22 November 2000.



Photograph #4- Herb Gray among guests, after celebration of unveiling of statue of John Paul II, in front of Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, 22 November 2000.



Photograph #5- Windsor delegation in courtyard of Catholic U. of Lublin, with staff of International Office, Lublin, 24 April 2001.



Photograph #6- Bidding farewell to Windsor delegation in Lublin, 25 April 2001. From left to right: D. Cassivi, Vice President, Windsor; J. Barycki, President, Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor; Rev. Prof. A. Szostek, Rector, Catholic U. of Lublin; J. Fils, former Member of Parliament, Canadian Government; H. Pietraszkiewicz, Chairman, Lublin City Council; A. Pruszkowski, President, City of Lublin; J. Cox, Chair, International Co-operation Committee, City of Windsor.



Photograph #7- Herb Gray receives acknowledgement from Polonia, during Polish Week in Windsor 2002, University of Windsor, 20 November 2002.



Photograph #9- Herb Gray at head table, surrounded by members of Song and Dance Group "Tatry", at celebration of 75th Anniversary of *Dom Polski* in Windsor, 25 November 2000.



Photograph #8- Herb Gray presents greetings from Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, at celebration of 75th Anniversary of *Dom Polski* in Windsor, 25 November 2000.



Photograph #10- Herb Gray at V Annual Meeting of Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, 16 November 1999.



Photograph #11- Herb Gray, Guest Speaker at VI Annual Meeting of Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, receives book about Poland from organization's President, 2 November 2000.

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