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***Installation of Newly Appointed Chancellor  
Marks the Rebirth of the Orchard Lake Schools***

ORCHARD LAKE, Mich. (8-30-17) — Very Reverend Canon Mirosław K. Król, M.A., S.T.L., a native of Poland and former student of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary (SSCMS), will be installed as the fourth Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 during Holy Mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II at the Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. This marks the rebirth of the OLS's 132-year history that began in 1885 when Fr. Józef Dąbrowski established a Polish Catholic Seminary in Detroit to serve the Polish-American community.

Fr. Dąbrowski's mission was sustained in the words of St. John Paul II who twice visited the campus, and stated, "If the Orchard Lake Schools did not exist, it would be necessary to establish them," and, "Fill Orchard Lake to capacity; sustain Orchard Lake; we need Orchard Lake!"

Reverend Król is the 13<sup>th</sup> overall head of the OLS, and the first Polish-born one in 50 years to lead America's only Polish Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory, and The Polish Mission. He was born on August 18, 1970 in Gorlice, Poland and grew up in the village of Stawisza. After attending high school in Gdańsk, he emigrated to the United States and attended SSCMS and Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University to complete his theological studies. On May 29, 1999 he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. As a

motto for his priestly ministry, he chose the famous quote of St. John Paul II who inspired him throughout his vocation: “Be not afraid.”

Król served parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark, returning to SSCMS as the Dean of Human Formation and the Vice Rector, and served as President of the Saint John Paul II foundation *Be Not Afraid Center*. He also served as Chaplain of many organizations, including the Police and Fire Departments of Linden, NJ and The Pulaski Parade Committee. He is ready to build upon Fr. Dąbrowski’s dream that began in 1885.

Reverend Król will be installed by Archbishop of Detroit Allen H. Vigneron, in the presence of Primate of Poland Archbishop Wojciech Polak, other bishops and priests, government officials, priests from the dioceses of which SSCMS alumni serve, and numerous others from Polonia and the Orchard Lake Schools extended community.

Following the Installation Mass in honor of St. John Paul II, a celebration will follow at Wabeek Country Club in West Bloomfield, Michigan. For more information about sponsorship, accommodations or reserve seating, please contact [wmosella@orchardlakeschools.com](mailto:wmosella@orchardlakeschools.com) or call (248) 683-1759.