

THE CONGREGATION FOR THE CAUSES OF SAINTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF POZNAŃ

THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION CAUSE

OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD

STANISLAUS OF JESUS AND MARY

(in the world: John Papczyński)

PRIEST AND FOUNDER
OF THE CONGREGATION OF MARIAN FATHERS
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE MOST B.V.M.
(1631 – 1701)

THE DECREE CONCERNING A MIRACLE

The Venerable Servant of God Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary (in the world: John Papczyński) was born on May 18, 1631 in the town of *Podegrodzie*, of the Archdiocese of Kraków, in Poland. Having entered the Order of the Poor Clerics Regular of the Pious Schools of the Mother of God, he pronounced the religious vows and was admitted to the order of priesthood. Upon taking leave of the Order, he founded the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most B.V.M., for the spreading of devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God, for assisting pastors in pastoral ministry, and for commending to God in prayer souls detained in purgatory. He fell asleep in the Lord's peace on September 17, 1701.

The Supreme Pontiff John Paul II declared on June 13, 1992, that the Servant of God exercised the virtues to a heroic degree.

The Postulation of the Cause recently submitted to examination by this Congregation for the Causes of Saints an extraordinary healing claimed to be miraculous, that regarded an infant which Mrs. N.N., residing in Poland, in the city of N. was carrying in her womb. In the year 2000 the same woman had a first pregnancy that ended with a spontaneous miscarriage. In the month of February of the following year she came into a new pregnancy which, on the 22nd of March, also almost ended in a miscarriage. For this reason she was admitted to a hospital where three ultrasounds were performed, from which the latest, performed on March 30th, clearly evidenced the vitality of the fetus and the normal state of the fetal sac. She was discharged the same day; however, on the first day of April, on account of increasing abdominal pains, she was compelled to return again to the hospital. From the ultrasound examinations it was detected that the fetus had no heartbeat, for which reason the diagnosis stated was “an internal miscarriage.” In addition, the fetal sac appeared to be more reduced in comparison to the size observed during the first days. Meanwhile, from March 28 on, several members of the woman’s family and other persons began to invoke divine help through the intercession of the Servant of God Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary in order to obtain a favorable outcome. On April 4th a further ultrasound unexpectedly revealed the fetus to have regained a heartbeat. This event was immediately judged to have come about beyond the powers of nature. On October 17th the child was born alive and viable.

Regarding this occurrence, which is considered to be a miracle, there was instituted during the years 2003-2004 in the Curia of N. the Diocesan Investigation, the juridical validity of which this Dicastery confirmed by means of the decree published on the May 7, 2004. The Congregation’s Medical Consultation, in the session of May 12, 2005, declared that the unexpected resumption of pregnancy after a spontaneous internal miscarriage—verified by ultrasound documents, including the fact of the development toward the resulting natural conclusion of birth, without negative consequences to the fetus—cannot be explained by means of the laws of science.

On September 20th that same year there took place the Meeting of the Theologians Consultors, and on May 2, 2006 the Ordinary Session of the Fathers Cardinals and Bishops, during which the *Ponens* of the Cause was His Excellency Lino Fumagalli, Bishop of Sabina-Poggio Mirteto. Then on the following October 3rd another Ordinary Session was held. And in both Meetings, whether of the Consultors or the Cardinals and Bishops, the doubt having been raised whether there is certainty about a miracle having been performed by divine intervention, there was given an affirmative response.

Finally, an accurate report about all these things having been made to the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI by the undersigned Cardinal Prefect, His Holiness, accepting and officially confirming the recommendations of The Congregation For The Causes Of Saints, this day declared: “It is acknowledged as a miracle performed by God through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary (in the world: John Papczyński), Priest and Founder of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most B.V.M., namely, ‘the unexpected resumption of pregnancy by Mrs. N.N, at the 7th-8th week of gestation, following a spontaneous interruption caused by an “internal miscarriage” documented by ultrasound, with the subsequent development toward the normal result of the birth, without negative consequences for the fetus which was born alive and viable on October 17, 2001.”

This decree, moreover, the Supreme Pontiff ordered to be published and entered into the Register of the Acts Of The Congregation Of The Causes of Saints.

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