

Traveling icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa can be seen in Cleveland on October 22



On the evening of Tuesday, October 22, 2013, the Feast of Blessed John Paul II, the City of Cleveland will be host to “The Peregrination of the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Defense of Life” at the Shrine Church of Saint Stanislaus in Slavic Village. Having traveled over 40,000 miles around much of the world beginning in the city of Vladivostok, Russia, the icon has traversed Asia and Europe and is now on the shores of North America.

The history of this “Ocean to Ocean” pilgrimage began in Summer of 2012 when a group of Catholic and Orthodox faithful began a global campaign in support of life and family under the patronage of

Our Lady of Czestochowa. This event has gained the support of both Orthodox and Catholic Church officials around the world, its goal that of enkindling a sustainable movement to build a ‘culture of life’.

The icon will arrive at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus at 6:00pm on the evening of October 22 to be greeted by the faithful. Upon enthronement in the sanctuary there will be hymns and prayers, most notably the rosary, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7:00pm. Following the Mass the faithful will venerate the icon, which will remain in the church for prayerful vigils throughout the night. The morning of October 23, following two morning Masses and a rosary led by the school children of St. Stanislaus Elementary School the icon will continue its journey across the country.

For more information regarding this historic event, please contact the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus at 216-341-9091 or visit www.ststanislaus.org.

Further information regarding the icon may be viewed by googling ‘ocean to ocean pilgrimage’ or at, www.hli.org (Human Life International).

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