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The Ottawa Chapter of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada and
The Polish Combatants Association in Canada, Branch No. 8 in Ottawa
under auspices of The Canadian-Polish Congress Ottawa Region

**kindly invites you to a special evening
to commemorate the 65th Anniversary
of the Katyń Forest Massacres**

Program:

"SOVIET CRIMES AGAINST POLAND DURING WWII"

by Guest Speaker

Dr. Thaddeus (Tadeusz) Piotrowski

University of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH, USA

as introduction to an American documentary

"KATYN – SLAUGHTER AND SILENCE"

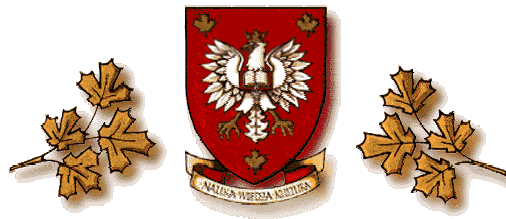
a discussion will follow

The Special Evening will be held on **April 21 (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m., Room 1124 (Amphitheatre), St. Paul University, 223 Main Street, Ottawa.** Free admission and parking.

N.B. Thaddeus (Tadeusz) Piotrowski is a native of the province of Wołyń (Volhynia – formerly a part of Poland, now in Ukraine). Prof. Piotrowski lived as a child under both the Soviet and German occupations of Poland's eastern territories until 1943. In that year his father and three sisters were deported by the Nazis to forced-labour camps in Germany, his home was burned to the ground by the Ukrainian Nationalists during their ethnic cleansing campaign, and some of his relatives were brutally murdered. Shortly thereafter he and the rest of his family were deported to Essen, Germany, where they spent the remainder of the war as forced labourers. After the war three of his sisters were repatriated and the rest of his family, having spent five more years in the U.N. displaced persons camps in West Germany, immigrated to America. Dr. Piotrowski received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. He is professor of sociology at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester, where he also teaches courses in anthropology and the Holocaust. He is a member of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America and of the Polish American Historical Association. He is the recipient of the Outstanding Associate Professor Award, The Faculty Scholar Award, and a three-year Carpenter Professorship Award (all from the University of New Hampshire), as well as the Cultural Achievement Award from the American Council for Polish Culture, the Literary Award from the Polish Sociocultural Centre of the Polish Library in London, England, and the Perennial Wisdom Award from the Monuments Conservancy of New York. His major publications include: *The Polish Deportees of World War II: Recollections of Removal to the Soviet Union and Dispersion Throughout the World*, Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2004; *the Indian Heritage of New Hampshire*, Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2000;

Genocide and Rescue in Wołyń: Recollections of the Ukrainian Nationalist Ethnic Cleansing Campaign Against the Poles During World War II, Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2002; *Poland's Holocaust: Ethnic Strife, Collaboration with Occupying Forces, and Genocide in the Second Republic, 1918-1947*, Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1998; *Vengeance of the Swallows: Memoir of a Polish Family's Ordeal Under Soviet Aggression, Ukrainian Ethnic Cleansing and Nazi Enslavement, and Their Emigration to America*, Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1995. In addition, Professor Piotrowski has authored a number of minor works, including 12 studies of Manchester's various ethnic groups. He has served also as president of the International Center in Manchester, NH and was a board member of the President's Council and the Human Services Council. He has served as a book editor, a book reviewer, a manuscript referee, and a translator. He has given over 50 talks on local and regional ethnic history, east central European history and the Holocaust to university audiences, the general public and professional organizations in America, Canada, England and Poland. His books have been favourably reviewed in these countries as well as in Germany and Australia. There will be a book signing after the event.

A small reception organized by the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada will follow. Everybody is welcome.



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