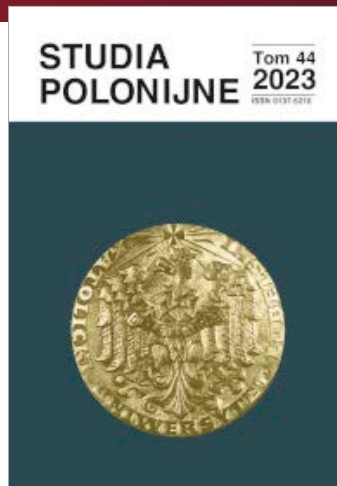


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It was founded in 1980 by Franciszek Skowyrza, a social and Polish activist in the United States, and his wife Irena. The Award was initiated by the then Director of the Department, Professor Czesław Bloch. The Senate of the Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) approved it on 2 March 1981. In the years 1981-2023, 89 Prizes were awarded to individuals and scientific institutions (in some years First and Second Degree Prizes, ex aequo Prizes or Special Prizes were awarded, and in the years 1985, 2007, 2011-2013, 2019-2021, no Prize was awarded).

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The journal's subject matter is devoted to issues of Polish and Polish-American communities in the world. It publishes in its pages recognized specialists dealing with the issues of the Polish community, coming from Poland and abroad. Issues of religious

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THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON THE POLISH DIASPORA AND THE POLISH DIASPORA (1972-1984 - Department of the Polish Diaspora and Migration, 1984-2010 - Institute for Research on the Polish Diaspora and the Polish Diaspora) was established in 1972 as an interdepartmental scientific agenda of the Catholic University of Lublin, for the realisation of the idea of connecting the Homeland with the Polish Diaspora. Its directors were: Fr Mieczysław Albert Krąpiec OP (1972-1979), Czesław Bloch (1979-1984), Fr Stanisław Kowalczyk (1984-1990), Fr Edward Walewander (1990-2005), Fr Józef Szymański (2005-2006), Tomasz Panfil (2006-2014), Jacek Gołębiowski (2014-2022) and Fr Sławomir Zych (from 1 September 2022).

Initially, the day-to-day work of the Department was coordinated by the Board (1972-1980): Fr. M.A. Krąpiec, Rev. Bolesław Kumor, Jan Turowski and Rev. Piotr Taras (secretary), and then a group of collaborators of the Department (1980-1984): Rev. Krąpiec, Rev. Józef Bakalarz SChr, Rev. B. Kumor, Andrzej Paluchowski, Rev. Władysław Prężyna, Rev. Marian Radwan SCJ, J. Turowski, Eugeniusz Wiśniewski, Rev. Anzelm Weiss, Rev. Zygmunt Zieliński, Rev. Franciszek Szulc (from 1982) and Władysław Makarski (from 1983). In 1984, the former Department was transformed into an Institute. Since 2010, as part of the reorganisation of all interdepartmental institutes, it was renamed the Centre and incorporated into the structure of the Faculty of Humanities. Currently, the Scientific Council consists of the Director as well as Rev. A. Weiss and Rev. Jan Walkusz.

The Centre conducts research into the problems of Polish exile from historical, psychological-social, theological-pastoral, legal and literary perspectives. During the half-century of its existence, it has established cooperation with scientific institutions and Polish diaspora organisations in Western Europe, the United States, Canada, as well as Ukraine and Belarus. Since 1989, the Institute/Centre has conducted research on Poles in the East. In addition, since 2014, it has regularly cooperated with the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and the Delegate of the Polish Bishops'

Conference for Polonia and Poles Abroad, as well as the Institute of Emigration Chaplaincy of the Priests of Christ in Poznań. In 2007, the Centre established patronage cooperation with the sanctuary in Sokołów Małopolski, where there is an image of Our Lady Protector of Human Ways.



*The miracle-working image
of Our Lady Protector of the Human Ways*

Since 1975, it has organised symposia almost every year, devoted to Polish diaspora activities in specific diasporas. The Centre is also active in publishing, publishing in the series "Library of the Polish Diaspora" (between 1993 and 2023, 43 volumes were published in series A and 25 - in series B).



IRENA AND FRANCISZEK SKOWYRA'S SCIENTIFICS AWARD (until 1994 Franciszek Skowyra's Scientific Award known as Irena and Franciszek Skowyra's Scientific Award is the first of its kind in Poland), known as the Lublin Nobel Prize, is an academic distinction awarded for publications written by employees and collaborators of the Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) in the field of Polish and religious issues, including in particular the contribution of the Church and the clergy to the development of national culture, struggles for Poland's freedom and independence, social justice and human rights, as well as contemporary history, in particular the history of Polish political thought, popular movements and independence struggles.