

## Catholic Poland for Mary Wagner, prisoner of conscience

Mary Wagner long march to the Supreme Court of Canada for the justice to unborn has been watched in Poland with a great interest. The first news about imprisonment of the young, devout Canadian Catholic for witnessing to unborn was met with disbelief. Canada was seen in Poland until recently as a kind, compassionate country, concerned about all injustice at home and abroad. But as the news about Mary's fate kept coming, more and more people expressed their disappointment and indignation - to such extent, that some Polish Parliamentarians from Conservative Party "Law & Justice" sent a friendly letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, asking him to look into and get involved in Mary Wagner's case.

While sending the letter, Polish Parliamentarians probably had no idea, that Canada has been killing its unborn children for dozens of years without any restriction, in rate of more than 100 000 lives a year, like no other democratic country in the world. The barbaric reality of abortion in Canada was shocking news in Poland. There has been a ban on abortion in Poland since 1993. The Polish pro-life movement is fighting hard to close the existing loopholes and protect life of all unborn. More than 70 % of Polish society is supporting the ban and Mary Wagner's firm stand for life is appreciated and supported by Polish Catholic media and their readers, both in Poland and abroad. Polish-Canadians are learning about Mary Wagner ordeal from these media and support for Mary is growing in Polish-Canadian Community. Mary is a darling to many of us. Her devotion, tenderness, determination and courage inspire many to step up support for her, to be not a bystander. No wonder, that renowned Polish documentary movie director Mr. Grzegorz Braun on his visit here to Canada, decided to make a documentary about Mary Wagner trial. The movie will be ready soon, in English version as well.

Grzegorz Braun is not a stranger to the issue of abortion. In 2011 he made a documentary titled "Eugenics"- a sombre look at the eugenics ideology, embraced once by Nazi Germany and now a part of "civilisation of death" coming upon us.

The popularity of Mary Wagner in Poland is amazing. In July, the most popular weekly magazine in Poland, Catholic "Gosc Niedzielny" (150 000 copies), featured Mary Wagner full page picture on its front cover and inside the issue - a four page article about Mary, including Mr. Andrzej Kumor interview with her. Andrzej Kumor, avowed supporter of pro-life movement, is a much respected editor of the popular Polish-Canadian weekly magazine "Goniec" published in Toronto.