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Incidents in Poland**

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Introduction

The Constitution of the Republic of Poland declares in Art. 53 the right to freedom of conscience and religion. Despite that, various forms of attacks against believers, places of worship and religious symbols caused by their religious affiliation, are being recorded in Poland. The presented report reveals 107 cases of violations of the right to religious freedom in Poland between 1 January to 31 December 2023, made public through the media and reported to the Information and Consultation Center of the Laboratory of Religious Freedom¹. They are divided into seven categories:

- I. Physical attacks on believers (the clergy and laity) – behaviors directly harmful to the highest good: human life or health, provided that they are accompanied by a religious context (the clergy, service attendees) and anti-religious motives are evident²;
- II. Destruction and insult of places of worship (churches, chapels, cemeteries)
- III. Destruction and insult of religious symbols and objects of religious worship (crosses, figures, images of saints) – acts of vandalism are eligible to the first type of behaviour (destruction), the second (insult) concerns destruction with the intention of insulting religious feelings; the type of offence also depends on the will of the perpetrator and the circumstances in which he acted;
- IV. Restrictions in professing faith in public (malicious interference with the performance of religious acts: prayer, liturgy) – an event preventing the public from pursuing religious freedom: someone does not allow the faithful into the church; raises a false alarm before the service, and so on. Infringements in the form of restrictions on the profession of faith in public may be combined with an act of destruction or insult, nonetheless, these elements do not need to occur;

¹ The name of the Information and Consultation Center of the Laboratory of Religious Freedom. Later in the report, it will be quoted by the abbreviation: ICC. ICC is a project developed as part of the Foundation Pro Futuro Theologiae which operates at the Faculty of Theology of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. Its purpose is to prevent violations of the freedom of conscience and religion and discrimination based on religion.

² Classification I. also includes cases of robbery without a religious motive, however, only in cases when the frequency of attacks is so high that this type of robberies are beginning to cause fear of meeting religious needs freely, within given circumstances.

- V. Discrimination due to religious beliefs (restrictions of rights because of professed faith) – situations where people are deprived of their ordinary rights or constrained in them on account of their religious affiliation (in matters of contracts or employment relationships etc.);
- VI. Incitement to hatred on the grounds of religious differences or insult of a population group or some person because of their religious affiliation – non-physical attacks on believers (individual or on a group of people): hate speech or insult of persons on the basis of their religious affiliation (offensive words, incitement to hatred);
- VII. Other – cases which do not classify with the other categories of acts.

The violations recorded in the report were collected by monitoring media reports: systematic reviews of websites, instant messengers and social networks in line with the adopted methodology, or have been reported to the ICC via application forms or e-mail messages. The first research stage consisted in adopting information about the given act, verifying the event as an act going against religious freedom and confirming the authenticity of the report in at least two sources³. Thereafter, complementing data on the perpetrators and the legal consequences imposed on them, provided that such were available in the media space. The final step consisted in cataloging the act according to the adopted categorization and creating a complete metric of the case, presented in tabular form, containing the following data:

- 1. Title
- 2. Date⁴
- 3. Case description
- 4. Perpetrator (choice of options):

³ In the case of media monitoring, these criteria are met provided that: 1) two independent press sources, instant messengers or posts from social networks, are obtained; or by 2) obtaining a single press source, instant messenger or social media post and verifying this source by contacting people or institutions related to the act (including the perpetrator, the injured party, the parish, the office responsible for the care of the cult object - e.g. a monument). The classification of the act notified to the ICC in the report takes place after the verification of the source of information and through contact with people or institutions related to the verified act (including the perpetrator, the injured party, the parish, the office responsible for the care of the cult object - e.g. a monument). Information on the basis of a photo showing the suffered damage is also verified as a confirmed violation, provided that the date of the event is affirmed by at least one media or institutional source (by the curia, parish, religious association, the Town Hall, etc.).

⁴ In case of lack of information on the incident date, the date of the publication of the information has been recorded.

- a) natural person;
- b) other (e.g. a team, company etc.).

5. Age of perpetrator (choice of options):

- a) under 18;
- b) 18-30;
- c) 30-45;
- d) over 45;
- e) unknown/not applicable.

6. Gender of perpetrator (choice of options):

- a) male;
- b) female;
- c) unknown.

7. Category of act (choice of options):

- I. Physical attacks on believers;
- II. Destruction and insult of places of worship;
- III. Destruction and insult of religious symbols and objects of religious worship;
- IV. Restrictions in professing faith in public;
- V. Incitement to hatred on the grounds of religious differences or insult of a population group or some person because of their religious affiliation;
- VI. Destruction of the property of churches or religious associations.
- VIII. Other

8. Locality

9. Voivodeship

10. Status of proceedings⁵

11. Legal qualification⁶

12. Image

13. Source⁷

14. Act against religion

⁵ Actions taken in regard to the perpetrator

⁶ Articles of legal qualification have been classified on the basis of media information. It is for the jurisdiction of the court to decide on the final legal classification.

⁷ A reference to the Internet address along with the date of access or the ICC notification number

Abbreviations for localities:

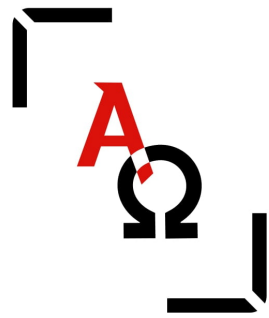
City (C)

Town (T)

Village (V)

Mount (M)

The report does not include all acts of violations upon the right to religious freedom in Poland in 2023, but only gives an indication of the scale of the problem.



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CATEGORY OF ACT I

Physical attacks on believers

1. Physical attack on altar boy During a pastoral visit in Witkow

Date: 02.01.2023 r.

Perpetrator: Natural person

Description: On January 2, 2023, in Witkow, Gniezno County, a man physically attacked one of the altar boys accompanying a priest on a pastoral visit.

The altar boys - a 15-year-old and a 9-year-old - knocked on the doors of parish residents asking whether they would receive a priest for Christmas visit. Doors were opened by a man who reacted aggressively to the question about the priest's visit. He was said to have taunted the altar boys, using vulgarities in the process. However, when the boys knocked on the man's door again, the aggressor grabbed the younger altar boy by the neck and pinned him against the wall, while directing vulgarities toward the boy. The nine-year-old fled to an upper floor, terrified.

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 62-230 Witkowo (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was not reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://radiopoznan.fm/informacje/pozostale/9-letni-ministrant-poturbowany-i-zwyzywany-podczas-koledy> (data dostępu: 04.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.msn.com/pl-pl/wiadomosci/polska/9-letni-ministrant-zaatakowany-w-trakcie-kol%C4%99dy/ar-AA15XUiG?li=BBR5KbO> (data dostępu: 04.01.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/horror-podczas-koledy-zaatakowano-ministranta-6851865669561248a> (data dostępu: 04.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/polska/poznan/witkowo-atak-na-9-letniego-ministranta-podczas-koledy-chwycil-za-szyje/zb84etd> (data dostępu: 04.01.2023 r.)

2. Beating of a clergyman on the territory of the parish in Dobczyce

Date: 25.04.2023 r.

Description: On April 25, 2023, a thirty-two-year-old man physically attacked a fifty-seven-year-old vicar of a parish in Dobczyce.

The perpetrator showed up at the parish in the early morning hours, demanding a meeting with the parish priest. When the man was informed by the vicar of the parish priest's absence, the aggressor punched the fifty-seven-year-old vicar several times in the face. The priest suffered light injuries.

Perpetrator: Natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-35

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 32-410 Dobczyce (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://dziennikpolski24.pl/dobczyce-ksiazdz-zostal-pobity-na-terenie-parafii/ar/c1-17492485?fbclid=IwAR1_f9L3e15gT7uOrIbBTnjeF3qjyoyBIIWXTFCITwckZ1x318UDy1MJ-Dg (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://miasto-info.pl/myslenice/29838,dobczyce-ksiazdz-pobity-na-terenie-parafii-sprawca-zatrzymany.html> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/polska/krakow/dobczyce-ksiaz-pobity-na-terenie-parafii-32-letni-napastnik-zatrzymany/6cc18kl> (data dostępu: 02.05. 2023 r.)

3. Assault on a clergyman in Pionki near Radom

Date: 05.05.2023 r.

Description: On May 5, 2023, at around 1 p.m., an unknown man attacked 80-year-old Father Leon Czerwinski, former pastor of the parish of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Poland in Pionki near Radom. The priest, dressed in clerical garb, a vestment with a burse of oil of the sick, returning to the rectory after visiting the sick, to whom he was going with the Blessed Sacrament, was brutally attacked, knocked to the ground and beaten.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 26-670 Pionki (M)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://misyjne.pl/pionki-pobito-80-letniego-ksiedza/> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)
<https://www.gosc.pl/doc/8253065.Pionki-pobito-80-letniego-ksiedza> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://echodnia.eu/radomskie/napad-w-bialy-dzien-na-ksiedza-w-pionkach-80letni-duchowny-wracal-od-chorych-ubrany-byl-w-sluzbowy-stroj/ar/c1-17518949> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.se.pl/warszawa/brutalnie-pobito-80-letniego-ksiedza-leona-zlo-przybralo-na-sile-i-atakuje-aa-ayxs-rWm4-M62z.html> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

4. Physical attack on a clergy person in Wrocław

Date: 28.05.2023 r.

Description: On May 28, 2023, an approximately 30-year-old man physically attacked a clergyman in Wrocław and directed a number of uncensored insults toward the priest. The attack occurred on Sunday morning, when the priest was returning to the rectory from the convent of the Albertine Sisters, located near the parish church of St. Maurice in Wrocław. The injured priest, in an interview with the local press, described the course of events as follows: "I celebrated Mass at 7:00 a.m. I left the convent and walked through the successive crossings of the for pedestrians. I was in a cassock. I stopped at a traffic light and then I felt a strong blow on the back of my head. I turned around and saw a tattooed man, about my age. He started calling me names and threatening to hit me again (...) The clergyman asked the aggressor: "What did I do to you." He did not hear an answer. Instead, he got a fist to the face. - He clearly wanted to fight. He jerked me around, ripped off my colorblock."

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 - 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 50-001 Wrocław (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://info.wiara.pl/doc/8300706.W-niedziele-pobito-ksiedza> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/wroclaw/pobito-ksiedza-najbardziej-go-uwierala-sutanna-6903610319215296a> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://wroclaw.wyborcza.pl/wroclaw/7,35771,29815306,ksiaz-pobity-w-centrum-wroclawia-napastnik-wydarl-mu-koloratke.html> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://stacja7.pl/z-kraju/pobito-ksiedza-we-wroclawiu-kuria-apeluje/> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)



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CATEGORY OF ACT II

Destroying and profaning places of worship

1. Devastation of the cemetery and chapel in Kozakowice Dolne

Date: 01.01.2023 r.

Description: On January 1, 2023, an unknown perpetrator vandalized the Evangelical-Augsburg Chapel and destroyed tombstones at the local cemetery in Kozakowice Dolne.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 43-440 Kozakowice Dolne (W)

Voivodeship: silesian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Evangelical-Augsburg

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/luteranie.goeszow/posts/536564598506300> (data dostępu: 01.01.2023)

https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/slaskie/news-zdewastowane-nagrobki-na-cmentarzu-luterskim-w-kozakowicach,nId,6508179#crp_state=1 (data dostępu: 01.01.2023)

<https://wiadomosci.ox.pl/dewastacja-cmentarza-i-kaplicy-w-kozakowicach,79342> (data dostępu: 01.01.2023)

<https://beskidzka24.pl/wybite-szyby-w-ewangelickim-kosciele-zdewastowane-nagrobki-smutny-początek-roku-w-kozakowicach-dolnych-zdjecia/> (data dostępu: 01.01.2023)

2. Burglary theft on the territory of the church dedicated to the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Zelechow

Date: 01.01.2023 r.

Description: On January 1, 2023, a 36-year-old man committed burglary.

On the premises of the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Zelechow. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Zelechow. Police officers determined that the perpetrator, in the side vestibule of the church, snatched a metal magazine donation box attached to a wooden cabinet, then broke into it and took the money inside.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 43-440 Kozakowice Dolne (W)

Voivodeship: silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://egarwolin.pl/artykul/kradziez-w-kosciele/1390048> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023r.)

<http://podlasie24.pl/garwolin/region/dzielnicowy-rozpoznal-sprawce-wlamania-do-skradzonej-z-kosciola-kasetki-na-datki-36c5c.html> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

3. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish St. Brother Albert Parish in Radom

Date: 03.01.2023 r.

Description: On January 3, 2023, a twenty-three-year-old man armed with an ax destroyed ornaments located on the grounds of St. Brother Albert Parish in Radom. As reported on social media by the St. Brother Albert Parish, the incident occurred on Tuesday, January 3 at around 7:15 a.m. A young man trespassed on the parish grounds and committed vandalizing Christmas tree lights, as well as a Christmas tree located on the church grounds. The man left the scene after the entire incident.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 - 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 26-600 Radom (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/BratAlbertRadom/posts/477486694555869> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.ekai.pl/dewastowal-parafialne-mienie-zostal-zatrzymany/> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

<https://radioplus.com.pl/radom/68096-akt-wandalizmu-na-terenie-parafii-sw-brata-alberta-w-radomiu?fbclid=IwAR27MVayiSXF4hENg80mqAt6E34NAzvFsWFm7MjaLP7vFkTFm5DJsO5Mtuw> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

4. Theft at Dominican Order Church in Mali Cichem

Date: 04.01.2023 r.

Description: On January 4, 2023, two men, aged 38 and 46, broke into a church vault at the monastery of Dominican Order in Malé Cichem.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 34-531 Małe Ciche (W)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/BratAlbertRadom/posts/477486694555869> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.ekai.pl/dewastowal-parafialne-mienie-zostal-zatrzymany/> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

<https://radioplus.com.pl/radom/68096-akt-wandalizmu-na-terenie-parafii-sw-brata-alberta-w-radomiu?fbclid=IwAR27MVayiSXF4hENg80mqAt6E34NAzvFsWFm7MjaLP7vFkTFm5DJsO5Mtuw> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

5. An act of vandalism on the territory of the parish of Our Lady of Help in Ropa

Date: 04/05.01.2023 r.

Description: On the night of January 4-5, 2023, unknown perpetrators threw stones at the new church dedicated to Our Lady of Help in Ropa. Damaged were the protective glass and stained glass in three windows of the chancel.

The police is investigating the case, and the losses have been provisionally estimated at PLN 10,000.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 38-312 Ropa (W)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://gorlice24.pl/pl/473_na-sygnale/14033_ropa-wandale-wybili-witraze-w-kosciele-policjanci-szukaja-sprawcow.html (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://tarnow.gosc.pl/doc/8039814.Jezus-bez-raczki-Matka-Boza-bez-glowy-i-rozbite-witraze> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

6. Devastation of a roadside shrine in Usti Solne

Date: 05/06.01.2023 r.

Description: On the night of January 5-6, 2023, a twenty-two-year-old man vandalized a roadside shrine in Uście Solne in the Szczurowa municipality. The perpetrator took out the statue of the Mother of God located in the niche of the shrine and smashed it against the road surface.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 32-813 Uście Solne (W)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gazetakrakowska.pl/dewastacja-kapliczki-w-uscium-solnym-policja-zatrzymala-22latka-pod-zarzutem-zniszczenia-zabytku-i-obrazy-uczuc-religijnych/ar/c1-17189063> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://tarnow.naszemiasto.pl/dewastacja-kapliczki-w-uscium-solnym-policja-zatrzymala-22/ar/c1-9163431> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

7. Theft with burglary in one of the churches in Leszno

Date: 08.01.2023

Description: On January 8, 2023, a thirty-year-old man and a twenty-nine-year-old woman broke into three church vaults located inside a church in the Leszno area. The perpetrators broke the patent locks off the piggy banks, and then stole money in the amount of nearly a thousand zlotys from inside them. The incident was recorded on parish surveillance cameras.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man, woman

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 64-100 Leszno (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://leszno.naszemiasto.pl/para-okradla-jeden-z-kosciolow-w-lesznie-szybko-wpadli-w/ar/c1-9164883> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://wielkopolska.policja.gov.pl/wlk/aktualnosci/239986,Leszno-Wlamali-sie-do-koscielnych-skarbon-zostali-zatrzymani-przez-policjantow.html> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

8. Theft with burglary on the territory of one of the churches in Zielona Góra

Date: 09.01.2023

Description: On January 9, 2023, a thirty-five-year-old man committed the theft of a piggy bank from one of the churches in Zielona Góra. The perpetrator ripped the donation box from the wall of the church. The man's act was recorded on parish surveillance cameras.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 65-001 Zielona Góra (M)

Voivodeship: Lubusz

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://newslubuski.pl/interwencje/13766-ukradl-skarbonke-z-kosciola-w-zielonej-gorze-grozi-mu-15-lat-wiezienia.html> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

<https://www.zielonanews.pl/ukradl-skarbonke-z-kosciola-w-zielonej-gorze-bylo-w-niej-kilkaset-zlotych-83755/> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

<https://lubuskie24.pl/wiadomosc/1856-ukradl-skarbonke-z-pieniedzmi-z-kosciola.html> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

9. Devastation of the church chapel in Noskovo

Date: 12.01.2023

Description: On January 12, 2023, local media reported on the destruction of the church shrine of Our Lady in Noskovo. Unknown perpetrators tore off and broke the crown located on the head of the statue of the Mother of God, as well as tore off and abandoned on the lawn around the shrine a metal cross.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 76-122 Noskovo (W)

Voivodeship: West Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/noskovo/posts/553212223515783> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.se.pl/koszalin/wandale-nie-oszczedzili-matki-boskiej-soltys-noskowa-wyznaczyl-nagrode-aa-fdwe-1ph9-gMsA.html> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://slawno.naszemiasto.pl/w-noskowie-zniszczono-figurke-matki-boskiej-jest-nagroda-za/ar/c16-9167251> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

10.Devastation of the cemetery in Józefów

Date: 23.01.2023

Description: On January 23, 2023, a twenty-three-year-old man committed an act of vandalism

at the cemetery in Józefów in Bilgoraj County. The perpetrator smashed candles and scattered flowers around several tombstones in the necropolis.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 23-460 Józefów (M)

Voivodeship: Lublin

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://tvn24.pl/bialystok/jozefow-zniszczone-znicze-i-wiazanki-na-cmentarzu-23-latek-z-zarzutami-6668295> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

<https://www.kurierzamojski.pl/2023/01/25/dewastacja-na-cmentarzu/> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

<https://www.lublin112.pl/zniszczył-znicze-i-wiazanki-na-cmentarzu-nie-tlumaczył-swojego-zachowania-zdjecia/> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

11. An act of vandalism in the church of Our Lady of Fatima in Kozięgłowy

Date: 27.01.2023

Description: On January 27, 2023, a forty-one-year-old man committed an act of vandalism at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima in Kozięgłowy. The perpetrator drowned the statue of Jesus in the baptismal font, knocked over candles, destroyed paintings and stained glass windows.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 62-028 Kozięgłowy (W)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.tvp.info/65905592/wielkopolska-profanacja-w-kozięglowach-utopil-figurke-jezusa-w-chrzcielnicy> (data dostępu: 10.02.2023 r.)

<https://gloswielkopolski.pl/utopil-figure-jezusa-w-chrzcielnicy-sprawcy-aktu-wandalizmu-w-kosciele-w-kozięglowach-grozi-do-5-lat-wiezienia/ar/c1-17272847> (data dostępu: 10.02.2023 r.)

12.Theft in the Church of Holy Trinity in Gniezno

Date: 02.02.2023

Description: On February 2, 2023, a woman between the ages of 45 and 65 stole from the Holy Trinity Church. Holy Trinity in Gniezno one of six antique candlesticks.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: above 45

Gender of the perpetrator: woman

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 62-200 Gniezno (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gniezno.naszemiasto.pl/ukradla-lichtarz-z-fary-i-oddala-go-do-lombardu-zostala/ar/c1-9196299> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

<https://gloswielnkopolski.pl/kradziez-w-kosciele-w-gnieznie-kobieta-ukradla-lichtarz-i-oddala-go-do-lombardu-jest-poszukiwana-przez-policje/ar/c1-17261965> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

13.Devastation of the cemetery in Swierczyna

Date: 03/04.02.2023

Description: On the night of February 3-4, 2023, unknown perpetrators committed an act of vandalism on the grounds of the cemetery in Swierczyna, Leszno County. Some 30 or even 40 tombstones were damaged to a greater or lesser extent. In some cases there were slabs were tilted, vases were broken, in others tombstones were completely smashed and overturned crosses.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 64-113 Świerczyna (W)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police.

Religion/belief: Christianity

Source: <https://radiopoznan.fm/informacje/pozostale/sprofanowali-i-zdewastowali-cmentarz-parafia-spod-leszna-prosi-o-pomoc-w-ustaleniu-sprawcow> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

<https://leszno.naszemiasto.pl/szok-w-swierczynie-w-powiecie-leszczynskim-ktos-zdemolowal/ar/c1-9197175> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

14. Act of vandalism in the parish of Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko in Rzeszów

Date: 05.02.2023

Description: On February 5, 2023, police officers in Rzeszow took notice of the destruction of property and placing inscriptions on the wall of a church under construction at the Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko parish in Rzeszów. The building was covered by an unknown perpetrator with offensive inscriptions: "Villa plus," "You rob children".

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 35-001 Rzeszów (M)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://rzeszow24.info/wiadomosci/na-scianie-kosciola-w-rzeszowie-pojawily-sie-napisy-willa-srebrniki-czarnka-okradacie-dzieci/acD31XgcAuPTMJirLxt9> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://brzozow24.pl/rzeszow-srebrniki-czarnka-akt-wandalizmu-na-budynku-fundacji-4650/> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

15.Theft on the territory of the parish of St. Adalbert in Radzionków

Date: 08.02.2023

Description: On February 8, 2023, a sixty-seven-year-old man broke into the side altar of the at St. Adalbert's Church in Radzionków, from where he stole so-called "votive offerings" in the form of jewelry products, donated by the faithful to the church.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: above 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 41-922 Radzionków (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://tarnowskiegory.naszemiasto.pl/zlodziej-okradl-kosciol-w-radzionkowie-skradl-dary-wiarnych/ar/c1-9205383> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

<https://dziennikzachodni.pl/zatrzymali-zlodzieja-ktory-ukradl-pieniadze-z-kosciola-w-radzionkowie-mezczyzna-kilkanascie-miesiecy-spedzi-w-areszcie/ar/c1-17286183>
(data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

16. An act of vandalism in a chapel on the premises of the Gdansk Airport

Date: 15.02.2023

Description: On February 15, 2023, a twenty-seven-year-old man committed an act of vandalism in a chapel located at Gdansk's Lech Walesa Airport. The perpetrator walked into the chapel and began knocking over and throwing elements of its furnishings, and then ripped pages from a Bible. The man's actions damaged, among others, a papal chair, a roll up with an image of John Paul II, a wooden altar, a leaflet stand and a wooden floor. The damage was valued at 35 thousand zlotys.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 80-008 Gdańsk (M)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://deon.pl/kosciol/profanacja-w-kaplicy-portu-lotniczego-im-lecha-walesy-mezczyzna-zniszczyl-min-biblie-i-zdjecie-jana-pawla-ii,2422481> (data dostępu: 19.02.2023 r.)

<https://radiokielce.pl/1017577/zniszczy-wyposazenie-kaplicy-to-nie-profanacja-ale-wybryk-chuliganski/> (data dostępu: 19.02.2023 r.)

<https://pl.aleteia.org/2023/02/17/profanacja-w-gdansku/> (data dostępu: 19.02.2023 r.)

17. Destruction of roadside shrines in Puznówka

Date: mid-February 2023

Description: In mid-February 2023, two teenagers (17 and 18 years old) stole religious statues from two roadside shrines in Puznówka, while destroying the shrines themselves.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 08-440 Puznówka (W)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=554806090017560&id=100064645211410&ref=embed_post (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://gloswielkopolski.pl/parafia-sw-anny-w-krajence-okradziona-rada-parafialna-zwraca-sie-o-pomoc/ar/c1-17244681> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://7dni.pila.pl/wiadomosci/zuchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-pw-sw-anny-w-krajence/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

18.Theft with burglary in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Rabka-Zdrój

Date: 28.02./01.03.2023

Description: On the night of February 28-March 1, 2023, an unknown perpetrator broke into a moneybox located at the Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Rabka-Zdroj. The burglar broke a window in the door leading to the chapel, from where he stole the money box along with donations from the faithful.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 34-700 Rabka-Zdrój (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: http://gorce24.pl/informacje/17537/Wlamanie_do_skarbonki_przy_kosciele_sw_Marii_Magdaleny (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

https://podhale24.pl/aktualnosci/artykul/89755/Wlamanie_do_skarbonki.html (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

19.Theft in the church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Gardna Wielka

Date: 02/03.03.2023

Description: On the night of March 2 to 3, 2023, a twenty-six-year-old man broke into the church of the of the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Gardna Wielka in the municipality of Smoldzino (Pomorskie). The perpetrator, while breaking in, damaged the door to the church from the sacristy, and then stole liturgical items with a total value of approximately PLN 20000.

Police recovered the stolen chalices, patera and monstrance.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 76-213 Gardna Wielka (W)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.pap.pl/aktualnosci/news%2C1544992%2C26-latek-z-zarzutem-wlamania-do-kosciola-i-kradziezy-przedmiotow> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

<https://www.portalsamorzadowy.pl/polityka-i-spoleczenstwo/pomorskie-26-latek-z-zarzutem-wlamania-do-kosciola-i-kradziezy-przedmiotow-liturgicznych,445156.html> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

20.Theft in the church of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Czerwienne

Date: 10.03.2023

Description: On March 10, 2023, the local media reported on the theft by an unknown perpetrator of donations from the treasury located in the church of the dedicated to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Czerwienne.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 34-407 Czerwienne (W)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://goral.info.pl/artykul/zuchwala-kradziez-w/972072> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

https://podhale24.pl/aktualnosci/artykul/89970/Kradziez_w_kosciele.html (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

21.Destruction of the chapel of Our Lady On the territory of the Zamrzenica Forest District

Date: 12.03.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on March 12, 2023, the local media reported on the act of devastation of the shrine located near the office building of the Zamrzenica Forest District. An unknown perpetrator scattered and destroyed flower pots, flowers and candles located at the shrine and smashed the statue of the Virgin Mary.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 89-510 Zamrzenica (Osada leśna)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/rdlpTorun/posts/577596031069276> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

<https://bydgoszcz.tvp.pl/68468159/zniszczona-kapliczka-i-rozbita-figurka-matki-bozej>
(data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

22. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish Sacred Heart of Jesus in Sieradz

Date: 10.03.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On the night of March 14-15, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of vandalism on the grounds of the Sacred Heart parish in Sieradz. The vandal destroyed the stained glass windows located in one of the entrance doors to the sanctuary, broke five panes of glass in another entrance door, and vandalized the surroundings in front of the cross located on the parish grounds.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 98-200 Sieradz (M)

Voivodeship: Lodz

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dzienniklodzki.pl/akt-wandalizmu-w-najwiekszym-kosciele-w-sieradzu-zniszczone-witraze-wybite-szyby-podarte-plakaty-z-janem-pawlem-ii-zobaczcie/ar/c1-17372133> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.gazeta.pl/wiadomosci/7,187572,29562476,sieradz-akt-wandalizmu-w-kosciele-to-efekt-nagonki-na-swietego.html> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

<https://sieradz.naszemiasto.pl/akt-wandalizmu-w-najwiekszym-kosciele-w-sieradzu-zniszczone/ar/c1-9246883> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

23.Theft in the parish church in Opalenica

Date: 18.03.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On March 18, 2023, local media reported a theft committed at a church in Opalenica. The thirty-three-year-old perpetrator broke into the church through one of the windows, which had been broken earlier. Once inside, he searched the premises and stole valuables, including a valuable relic and jewelry, and stole from the temple a piggy bank into which an offering was being collected for flowers for the Lord's tomb.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 64-330 Opalenica (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://codziennypoznan.pl/artykul/2023-03-18/zuchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-w-opalenicy-sprawcom-grozi-kara-do-10-lat-wiezienia/> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://gloswielkopolski.pl/zuchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-w-opalenicy-sprawcy-grozi-do-10-lat-wiezienia/ar/c1-17381943> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

24.Destruction of the shrine of the Mother of God in Gryfino

Date: 27.03.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On March 27, 2023, local media reported on the destruction of a roadside shrine in Gryfino (West Pomeranian Voivodeship) and the theft of the statue inside it a statue of the Mother of God.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 74-100 Gryfino (M)

Voivodeship: West Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://goral.info.pl/artykul/zuchwala-kradziez-w/972072> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023r.)

https://podhale24.pl/aktualnosci/artykul/89970/Kradziez_w_kosciele.html (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

25. Act of vandalism at the cemetery in Brody Poznanski

Date: 27.03.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On March 27, 2023, local media reported on an act of vandalism committed by an unknown perpetrator at the cemetery located on the grounds of the parish of St. Andrew the Apostle in Brody Poznan. Eight monuments were damaged in the necropolis.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 64-310 Brody (W)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gloswielkopolski.pl/skandal-na-cmentarzu-parafialnym-w-wielkopolsce-sprawie-bada-policja/ar/c11-17406379> (data dostępu: 29.06.2023 r.)

<https://nowytomysl.naszemiasto.pl/zniszczono-az-osiem-nagrobkow-na-cmentarzu-parafialnym-w/ar/c1-9263845> (data dostępu: 29.06.2023 r.)

26.Devastation of the shrine of the Mother of God in Warsaw

Date: 04.04.2023

Description: On April 4, 2023, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the chapel of the Mother of God located in Warsaw at the intersection of Sluzewiecka Valley and Wilanowska Avenue. The perpetrator dismantled the statue of Mary and smashed it 50 meters from the shrine.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-075 Warszawa (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/595322399291883> (data dostępu: 11.04.2023 r.)

https://haloursynow.pl/pl/11_wiadomosci/22425_profanacja-figury-matki-boskiej-na-ursynowie-ksiadz-prosi-o-opamietanie.html (data dostępu: 11.04.2023 r.)

27.Destruction of St. John of Nepomuk shrine in Cracow

Date: 04/05.04.2023

Description: On the night of April 4-5, 2023, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the shrine of St. John of Nepomuk located on Odmętowa Street in Krakow. The vandal tore out the statue of the saint, located in the chapel, holding a cross in his hands.

This is another devastation of the shrine. Around 2000, the vandals tore off part of St. John's hands and threw the cross into a nearby body of water.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 30-001 Kraków (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gazetakrakowska.pl/krakow-wandale-wyrwali-krzyz-z-figury-sw-nepomucena-w-nowej-hucie/ar/c1-17469975>

http://www.mogila.cystersi.pl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1708:ogloszenia-parafialne-09042023&catid=52:ogloszenia-parafialne&Itemid=153 (data dostępu: 29.06.2023 r.)

28.Theft of statues from a roadside shrine in Mokre

Date: 09.04.2023

Description: Around Easter (09.04.2023), an unknown perpetrator stole the statues of Jesus Christ and the Mother of God from a roadside shrine in Mokre (Rossosz municipality).

According to press reports, the theft of statues from roadside shrines occurred in this region three times in one month (in Mokre, Szymanow and Yusaky-Zaryka).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 21-533 Mokre (W)

Voivodeship: Lublin

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://radio.lublin.pl/2023/04/jezus-i-maryja-znikneli-z-przydroznych-kapliczek-spraw-bada-policja/> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.dziennikwschodni.pl/biala-podlaska/ukradli-jezusa-i-matke-boza-z-kapliczek,n,1000323233.html> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.radiobiper.info/2023/04/18/kto-i-dlaczego-kradnie-figurki-z-przydroznych-kapliczek/> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

29.Theft in one of the churches in Radomsko

Date: 09/10.04.2023

Description: On April 9, 2023, two men (a thirty-six-year-old and a forty-three-year-old) robbed one of the churches in Radomsko. The perpetrators stole cash from donation boxes located inside the temple.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 97-500 Radomsko (M)

Voivodeship: Lodz

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://spotradomsko.pl/pl/473_na-sygnale/11454_okradli-kosciol-w-radomsku-sa-w-rekach-policji-.html (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://lodz.wyborcza.pl/lodz/7,35136,29667208,wlamanie-do-kosciolow-im-nie-chodzilo-o-modlitwe-celem-byly.html> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://radomsko24.pl/podczas-swiat-dwaj-recydywisci-okradli-skarbonki-w-kosciolach-w-powiecie-radomszczanskim-trafili-do-aresztu-37532> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

30.Devastation of a shrine on the Way of the Blood of Christ in Częstochowa

Date: 13/14.04.2023

Description: On the night of April 13/14, 2023, an unknown perpetrator vandalized one of the shrines on the Road of the Precious Blood in the "Town of the Precious Blood" in Częstochowa. The vandal smashed glass in the window and door of the shrine.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 42-200 Częstochowa (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://lowicz.gosc.pl/doc/8200629.Zdewastowano-kapliczke-w-Miasteczku-Krwi-Chrystusa> (data dostępu: 15.04.2023 r.)

<https://www.niedziela.pl/artukul/90759/Czestochowa-Zdewastowano-kapliczke-na> (data dostępu: 15.04.2023 r.)

31.Destruction of the shrine of the Mother of God in Warsaw

Date: 15.04.2023

Description: On April 15, 2023, a thirty-eight-year-old man tore off a Baroque statue of the Mother of God, located in a chapel behind a church on Czerniakowska Street in Warsaw. The perpetrator ripped the statue from its pedestal and tore the head from the entire monument.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-075 Warszawa (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wydarzenia.interia.pl/mazowieckie/news-figurka-matki-boskiej-bez-glowy-maja-sprawce,nId,6746791> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://kresy.pl/wydarzenia/warszawa-obywatel-tadzykistanu-oderwal-glowe-figurze-matki-bozej/> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://portalwarszawski.com.pl/2023/04/30/tadzyk-zniszczyl-barokowa-rzezbe-przy-ul-czerniakowskiej-przed-kosciolem-benedyktynskim/> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

32. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish dedicated to the Divine Mercy and St. Faustyna Kowalska in Toruń

Date: 16.04.2023

Description: On April 16, 2023 a man destroyed the door of the Church of the Divine Mercy and Saint Faustina Kowalska in Toruń. The attack was recorded on city surveillance cameras.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 87-100 Toruń (M)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://ddtorun.pl/pl/11_wiadomosci/45487_torun-bezczelny-atak-na-kosciol-na-koniuchach-policja-pokazuje-zdjecia.html (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://gra.fm/zniszczył-drzwi-kosciola-na-koniuchach-teraz-szuka-go-policja.html>
(data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

33.Theft of a statue of the Virgin Mary from a roadside shrine in Szymanow

Date: 18.04.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on April 18, 2023, local media reported the theft of a statue of the Mother of God from a roadside shrine in Szymanów (Lomazy municipality).

According to press reports, the theft of statues from roadside shrines occurred three times in this region in one month (in Mokrem, Szymanow and Yusaky-Zaryka).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 21-532 Szymanowo (W)

Voivodeship: Lublin

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://radio.lublin.pl/2023/04/jezus-i-maryja-znikneli-z-przydroznych-kapliczek-sprawie-bada-policja/> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.dziennikwschodni.pl/biala-podlaska/ukradli-jezusa-i-matke-boza-z-kapliczek,n,1000323233.html> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.radiobiper.info/2023/04/18/kto-i-dlaczego-kradnie-figurki-z-przydroznych-kapliczek/> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

34.Theft of a statue of the Mother of God from a roadside chapel in Yusaki-Zaryka

Date: 18.04.2023

Description: on April 18, 2023, an unknown perpetrator stole a statue of the Mother of God from a roadside shrine in Yusaki-Zarzeka (Lomazy municipality).

According to press reports, the theft of statues from roadside shrines occurred three times in this region in one month (in Mokrem, Szymanow and Jusaki-Zarzece).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 21-532 Jusaki-Zarzeka (W)

Voivodeship: Lublin

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wydarzenia.interia.pl/lubelskie/news-znikaja-figurki-swietych-cala-wies-jest-wstrzasnieta,nId,6731379> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.dziennikwschodni.pl/biala-podlaska/ukradli-jezusa-i-matke-boza-z-kapliczek,n,1000323233.html> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

35. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish St. Michael the Archangel in Ropa

Date: 25/26.04.2023

Description: On the night of April 25/26, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Ropa. The vandal tore the statue of Jesus Crucified from the cross, and then broke it into small pieces, which he scattered on the sidewalk.

A few days earlier, an act of desecration of a roadside cross took place in the parish.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 38-312 Ropa (W)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://gorlice24.pl/pl/19_wiadomosci-z-regionu/656_ropa/15203_ropa-profanacja-krzyza-zniszczona-figura-lezala-na-chodniku.html (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.o2.pl/informacje/modlitwa-chca-przeblagac-boga-bo-ktos-we-wsi-zniszczyl-swieta-figure-6893726026394400a> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/609658701191586> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

36. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish St. John the Baptist in Legnica

Date: 26.04.2023

Description: On April 26, 2023, a thirty-five-year-old man committed an act of vandalism on the grounds of St. John the Baptist parish in Legnica. The 35-year-old forced his way into the interior of the church with a knife, with which he damaged the wall of the sanctuary, as well as snatched the holders inside it for fire extinguishers.

As a result of the investigation, it turned out that the perpetrator also committed other crimes in the areas of Legnica parishes: two burglaries of church donation boxes and theft of money from them, attempted burglary of a donation box, as well as destruction of property.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 - 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 59-200 Legnica (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.tuwroclaw.com/wiadomosci,demolka-w-kosciele-i-kradziez-skarbonek-na-datki-35-latek-trafil-do-aresztu,wia5-3266-70118.html> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023r.)

<https://www.pap.pl/aktualnosci/news%2C1567699%2Cuszkodzil-sciane-swiatyni-i-wlamal-sie-do-koscielnych-skarbonek-35-latek-z> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/wroclaw/news-wtargnal-do-kosciola-z-nozem-i-okradl-skarbonki-35-latek-za-,nId,6753293#crp_state=1 (data dostępu: 09.06.2023r.)

37. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish St. Hedwig in Chorzow

Date: 29.04.2023

Description: on April 29, 2023, an 18-year-old man destroyed a cross located on the grounds of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Hedwig in Chorzow. The perpetrator threw the granite cross

from the pedestal and poured red liquid over the statue of Jesus Crucified.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 - 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 41-500 Chorzów (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dziennikzachodni.pl/zniszczone-krzyz-na-terenie-parafii-sw-jadwigi-w-chorzowie-do-dewastacji-doszlo-nad-ranem/ar/c1-17501529> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://chorzow.naszemiasto.pl/dlaczego-uszkodzono-krzyz-przy-kosciele-sw-jadwigi-w-ar/c1-9308311> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.tysol.pl/a103616-zniszczone-krzyz-przy-kosciele-p-w-sw-jadwigi-w-chorzowie-symbol-oporu-przeciwko-komunistom> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/609211637902959> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

38.Theft in the parish church in Smoldzin

Date: 11.05.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on May 11, 2023, the local media reported a burglary and theft in the parish church in Smoldzin. During the long May 2023 weekend, a twenty-five year-old man stole several hundred zlotys from one donation box from the faithful, which was located in the temple.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 76-214 SmoǓdzino (W)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.wnp.pl/wiadomosci/pomorskie-25-latek-z-zarzutami-wlamania-do-kosciola-w-smoldzinie-i-kradziezy-datkow,708583.html> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023r.)

<https://www.portalsamorzadowy.pl/polityka-i-spoleczenstwo/pomorskie-25-latek-z-zarzutami-wlamania-do-kosciola-w-smoldzinie-i-kradziezy-datkow,460810.html>
(data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://deon.pl/kosciol/kolejna-kradziez-z-kosciola-mezczyznie-grozi-do-10-lat-wiezienia,2495150> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

39.Devastation of a shrine in Łaskarzew

Date: 13/14.05.2023

Description: On the night of May 13/14, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of devastation of a shrine in the White Mountain Grotto, located on Ks. Przesmycki Street in Łaskarzew. As a result of this act of vandalism, the statues of Our Lady, St. Bernadette and the image of the Merciful Jesus were destroyed.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 08-450 Łaskarzew (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dorzeczy.pl/kraj/439785/laskarzew-wandale-zniszczyli-kapliczke-i-figure-matki-bozej.html>

<https://www.magnapolonia.org/roztrzaskali-figury-matki-bozej-i-sw-bernadety-zniszczyli-obraz-jezusa-milosierneho/> (data dostępu: 18.05.2023 r.)

40. An act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish St. Elevation of the Holy Cross in Malnia

Date: 17.05.2023

Description: on May 17, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of devastation in the parish of the St. Elevation of the Holy Cross in Malnia (Opolskie Voivodeship). The vandal smashed two statues - St. Anthony and the Mother of God. A tablecloth was pierced on the altar and a stone was laid.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 47-316 Malnia (W)

Voivodeship: Opole

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.tvp.info/69926374/kolejna-profanacja-zdewastowano-wnetrze-kosciola-w-malni-i-zniszczono-figure-matki-bozej> (data dostępu: 18.05.2023 r.)

<https://polskieradio24.pl/5/1222/artykul/3170925,profanacja-kosciola-w-wojewodztwie-opolskim-wandale-zniszczyli-figury-i-wnetrze-swiatyni> (data dostępu: 18.05.2023 r.)

https://www.24opole.pl/48383,W_Malni_dokonano_profanacji_i_dewastacji_kosciola,wiadomosc.html (data dostępu: 18.05.2023 r.)

41.Theft with burglary on the territory of the parish of St. Mark in Bydgoszcz

Date: 21.05.2023

Description: on May 21, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed a burglary of the treasury with the donations of the faithful located at St. Mark's Church in Bydgoszcz.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 85-001 Bydgoszcz (M)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://metropoliabydgoska.pl/zlodziej-kosciol-fordon/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://bydgoszczinformuje.pl/ukradl-pieniadze-z-koscielnej-skarbony-nie-popatrzyli-w-gore-ze-nagrywaja-go-kamery-wideo/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

42.Devastation of the church of St. Elizabeth in Gdansk

Date: 27.05.2023

Description: on May 27, 2023, participants of the Tri-City Equality March held in Gdansk placed spray inscriptions on the facade of the historic St. Elizabeth Church in Gdansk.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 80-008 Gdańsk (M)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dziennikbaltycki.pl/dewastacja-zabytkowego-kosciola-w-gdansk-do-incydentu-mial-dojsc-na-marszu-rownosci-suwerenna-polska-z-apelem-do-prezydent/ar/c1-17607347> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://radiogdansk.pl/wiadomosci/region/trojmiasto/2023/06/05/kosciol-sw-elzbiety-w-gdansk-popisany-sprayem-na-marszu-rownosci-chca-reakcji-prezydent-miasta/> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://www.msn.com/pl-pl/wiadomosci/polska/dewastacja-zabytkowego-ko%C5%9Bcio%C5%82a-w-gda%C5%84sku-do-incydentu-mia%C5%82-doj%C5%9B%C4%87-na-marszu-r%C3%B3wno%C5%9Bci-suwerenna-polska-z-apelem-do-prezydent-dulkiewicz/ar-AA1caRbx> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://pomorskie.naszemiasto.pl/dewastacja-zabytkowego-kosciola-w-gdansk-do-incydentu-mial/ar/c1-9348815> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

43.Devastation of Jewish cemetery in Zabrze

Date: 05.06.2023

Description: on June 5, 2023, local media reported on the destruction of dozens of tombstones in the historic Jewish cemetery in Zabrze. Devastation of the necropolis was carried out by four men aged 21-40. According to witnesses, "the vandals came to the Jewish cemetery twice in recent days and destroyed tombstones. The first information (...) about the destruction of 26 monuments, the police received on Monday. On Tuesday morning it turned out, that another 20 in further quarters of the cemetery were probably damaged overnight."

The association taking care of the cemetery estimated the losses at 300-400 thousand zlotys.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30, 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man, man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 41-800 Zabrze (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://katowice.wyborcza.pl/katowice/7,35063,29852511,dewastacja-zydowskiego-cmentarza-w-zabrze-policja-zatrzymala.html> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/slaskie/news-dewastacja-cmentarza-zydowskiego-w-zabrze-policja-zatrzymala,nId,6827563#crp_state=1 (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/slask/dewastacja-cmentarza-na-slasku-sa-wysokie-straty-i-pierwsze-zatrzymania/s139hd4> (data dostępu: 09.06.2023 r.)

44.Devastation of the shrine of Our Lady of the Woods on Czerwone Wierchy near Mielec

Date: 12.06.2023

Description: on June 12, 2023, the local media made public information about the devastation of a shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary located on a mountain trail on Czerwone Wierchy near Mielec. An unknown perpetrator painted the shrine with black paint and vandalized the area around it, destroying and throwing away objects of worship associated with it, flowers, candles, flags, etc.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: Czerwone Wierchy koło Mielca (G)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://hej.mielec.pl/pl/19_wiadomosci-z-regionu/75542_skandal-wandale-zniszczyli-kapliczke-matki-boskiej-lesnej.html (data dostępu: 29.06.2023 r.)

<https://kapliczka.mielec.pl/> (data dostępu: 29.06.2023 r.)

45.Devastation of the Stations of the Cross in Kielce

Date: 03/04.07.2023

Description: On the night of July 3-4, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of devastation of the outdoor Stations of the Cross station located at the entrance to the park on the side of Ron Giedroyc in Kielce. On the destroyed station appeared painted with red paint pentagram and the number 666, in addition, the figure of Christ was crossed out with paint.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 25-001 Kielce (M)

Voivodeship: holycross

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://marsz.info/kielce-satanisci-sprofanowali-stacje-drogi-krzyzowej-w-parku-miejskim/> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://kielce.naszemiasto.pl/profanacja-stacji-drogi-krzyzowej-w-kielcach-pojawily-sie/ar/c1-9381339> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://www.ekai.pl/policja-szuka-sprawcow-dewastacji-miejskiej-drogi-krzyzowej-w-kielcach/> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

46.Devastation of the shrine of the Mother of God in Zuklin

Date: 10.07.2023

Description: on July 10, 2023, two minors, a 12-year-old and a 13-year-old, destroyed the shrine of Our Lady in Zuklin. The perpetrators destroyed the statues of Our Lady and Jesus Christ in the shrine by burning the eyes of the statues with cigarettes.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 12-13

Gender of the perpetrator: teenager, teenager

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 37-220 Żuklin (W)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://nowiny24.pl/profanacja-zabytkowej-kapliczki-matki-bozej-w-zuklinie-policja-szuka-sprawcow-zdjecia-wideo/ar/c1-17729607> (data dostępu: 19.07.2023 r.)

<https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/polska/rzeszow/profanacja-kapliczki-w-zuklinie-jezusowi-wypalili-oczy/ykydb7g> (data dostępu: 19.07.2023 r.)

<https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/11314141/ktos-wypalil-figurce-jezusa-oczy-policja-szuka-sprawcow-profanacji-kapliczki.html> (data dostępu: 19.07.2023 r.)

<https://podkarpacka.policja.gov.pl/rze/aktualnosci/119878,Dwoch-nieletnich-zatrzymanych-za-zniszczenie-figurek.html> (data dostępu: 08.09.2023 r.)

47.Theft in the church in Słupca

Date: 12.07.2023 (date of media report).

Description: on July 12, 2023, an unknown woman, captured on parish surveillance footage, committed the theft of one hundred envelopes for intentions from St. Lawrence Church in Słupca.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 62-400 Słupca (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/polska/poznan/slupca-zuchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-zniknelo-okolo-100-kopert/p380pl3> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://tenpoznan.pl/z-kosciola-w-slupcy-zniknely-koperty-o-kradziezy-poinformowal-parafian-ksiaz-podczas-nabozenstwa/> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

48.Theft in the St. Anne's Church in Warsaw

Date: 14.07.2023

Description: on July 14, 2023, a forty-five-year-old man committed the theft of cash from the worshippers' donation box located at St. Anne's Church in Warsaw.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 - 40

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-075 Warszawa (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.se.pl/warszawa/okradl-kosciol-i-rzucil-sie-do-ucieczki-strazniczki-byly-szybsze-aa-t1cW-PFLh-iEGN.html> (data dostępu: 19.07.2023 r.)

<https://opoka.org.pl/News/Polska/2023/warszawa-okradl-kosciol-zlapaly-go-strazniczki-miejskie> (data dostępu: 19.07.2023 r.)

<https://www.eska.pl/warszawa/probowal-okrasc-kosciol-zostal-ujety-przez-strazniczki-miejskie-aa-U4Yw-Jdfn-gb1s.html> (data dostępu: 19.07.2023 r.)

49.Devastation of the Jewish cemetery in Katowice

Date: 15/16.07.2023

Description: On the night of July 15-16, 2023, unknown perpetrators committed an act of devastation against the Jewish cemetery on Kozielska Street in Katowice. The vandals overturned 14 tombstones; 12 of them are tombstones from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, included in the register of monuments, and two post-war tombstones.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 40-001 Katowice (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/slaskie/news-dewastacja-cmentarza-zydowskiego-w-katowicach-wandale-zniszc,nId,6909753#crp_state=1 (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://tvn24.pl/katowice/katowice-zdewastowany-cmentarz-zydowski-zniszczone-stuletnie-zabytkowe-nagrobki-policja-szuka-sprawcow-7244271> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://www.wkatowicach.eu/informacje/w-katowicach/Dewastacja-na-cmentarzu-zydowskim-w-Katowicach.-Straty-na-blisko-200-tysiecy-zlotych-Zdjecia/idn:4177> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

50.Theft on the territory of the parish St. Corpus Christi in Nowe Skalmierzyce

Date: 17.07.2023

Description: on July 17, 2023, the local media made public information about theft on the territory of the parish of Corpus Christi in New Skalmierzyce. A twenty-nine-year-old man had stolen money from two vaults located in the temple.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 63-460 Nowe Skalmierzyce (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.twojens.pl/2023/07/17/zatrzymano-sprawce-kradziezy-pieniedzy-ze-skarbon-z-kosciola-w-nowych-skalmierzycach/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://www.ostrow24.tv/news/186040-okradl-kosciol-wiemy-ile-bylo-pieniedzy-w-skarbonach.html> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

51. Act of vandalism on the territory of the parish of Our Lady Queen of Poland in Chojnice

Date: 31.07.2023

Description: on July 31, 2023, two teenagers destroyed in front of the entrance to the church in the parish of the of Our Lady Queen of Poland in Chojnice a representation of the Last Supper. The perpetrators devastated the painting by cutting out the face of one of the apostles.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 89-600 Chojnice (M)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.chojnice.com/wiadomosci/teksty/Zdewastowali-obraz-przed-wejsciem-do-kosciola-pw.-MBKP-w-Chojnicach/33210> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/wycieli-twarz-apostola-zniszczono-baner-w-parafii-w-chojnicach-6925838036519552a> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

<https://www.tysol.pl/a107915-profanacja-obrazu-ostatniej-wieczery-przed-kosciolem-w-parafii-znanego-ksiedza> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

52.Destruction of the shrine of the Sorrowful Christ in Karczew

Date: 07/08.08.2023

Description: On the night of August 7-8, 2023, unknown perpetrators destroyed the shrine of the Sorrowful Christ located near Torfy, Czerwona Droga and Ciepłownicza streets in Karczew. The vandal damaged the statue with an axe, destroying the hands and part of the head of the wooden Christ figure.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-480 Karczew (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://marsz.info/karczew-kapliczka-chrystusa-frasobliwego-porabana-siekiera-sprawcy-poszukuje-policja/> (data dostępu: 08.09.2023 r.)

<https://iotwock.info/artykul/karczew-zdewastowana/1465036> (data dostępu: 08.09.2023 r.)

53.Theft in the Holy Trinity Church in Nowy Sącz

Date: 10.08.2023

Description: on August 10, 2023, a forty-nine-year-old man committed a burglary in the St. Roch parish in New Sącz. The burglar entered the Church of the Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity, then broke open the door in the vault and stole the money inside.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: above 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 33-300 Nowy Sącz (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gazetakrakowska.pl/okradl-skarbone-z-kosciola-pw-trojcy-swietej-w-nowym-saczu-grozi-mu-teraz-nawet-10-lat-pozbawienia-wolnosci/ar/c1-17804225> (data dostępu: 19.08.2023 r.)

https://d-art.ppstatic.pl/kadry/k/r/0d/aa/64db3ed756c2d_o_large.jpg (data dostępu: 19.08.2023 r.)

54.Theft on the territory of the parish St. Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael in Aleksandrów Łódzki

Date: 13.08.2023

Description: August 13, 2023. A 31-year-old man committed theft of cash from the sacristy of the church St. Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael in Aleksandrów Łódzki.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 95-069 Aleksandrów Łódzki (M)

Voivodeship: Łódź

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://lodz.tvp.pl/72045124/ukradl-pieniadze-z-kosciola-w-aleksandrowie-lodzkiem>
(data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

<https://tuzgierz.pl/lodzkie/skandal-w-kosciele-stalo-sie-to-na-oczach-wiarnych/6oH8y66dEP2MQ1sAiLb0> (data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

55. An act of vandalizing on the territory of the parish St. Catherine the Virgin and Martyr in Tykadłowo

Date: 19.08.2023

Description: In the second half of August 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of devastation of the statue of Jesus Christ located next to the church of St. Catherine the Virgin and Martyr in Tykadłowo. The perpetrator broke and tilted the Christ statue on August 19, 2023, and then knocked the monument off its pedestal on August 21, smashing the statue against the pavement.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 62-817 Tykadłów (W)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=162841016840327&id=100093432876850&ref=embed_post (data dostępu: 09.09.2023 r.)

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https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/681234387367350?ref=embed_post (data dostępu: 09.09.2023 r.)

56.Burglary on the territory of the parish St. Hedwig of Silesia Parish in Rybnik

Date: 24/25.08.2023

Description: On the night of August 23-24, 2023, a forty-nine-year-old man committed a burglary on the territory of the parish of St. Hedwig of Silesia in Rybnik. The perpetrator broke a window in the House of Prayer with a cobblestone, and then broke into two donation boxes placed in the shrine and stole money from them.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: above 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 44-200 Rybnik (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2023-08-30/rybnik-wlamanie-do-kosciola-49-latek-tlumaczyl-ze-meczylo-go-pragnienie/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://www.rybnik.com.pl/wiadomosci,wlamal-sie-do-kosciola-na-nowinach-skradzione-pieniadze-zamierzal-przepic,wia5-3266-56621.html> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://rybnik.naszemiasto.pl/wlamal-sie-do-kosciola-w-rybniku-i-okradl-skarbonki/ar/c1-9435593> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

57.Devastation of a roadside shrine in Gabin

Date: 06.09.2023

Description: on September 6, 2023, a 20-year-old man destroyed a roadside shrine to the Mother of God located in the village of Gąbino in the Municipality of Ustka. The perpetrator smashed the statue of Mary and ripped out and destroyed the commemorative plaque placed on the shrine.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 76-211 Gąbino (W)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://slupsk.policja.gov.pl/m19/aktualnosci/wiadomosci/125063,Wieczorem-zdewastowal-przydrozna-kapliczke-Rano-zatrzymali-go-policjanci.html> (data dostępu: 19.09.2023 r.)

<https://gorzow.tvp.pl/72623417/20-latek-zdewastowal-przydrozna-kapliczke-w-gabinie-bo-uciekł-mu-autobus> (data dostępu: 19.09.2023 r.)

<https://www.tvp.info/72581663/pomorskie-20-latek-zdewastowal-przydrozna-kapliczke-w-gabinie-bo-uciekł-mu-autobus> (data dostępu: 19.09.2023 r.)

58.Devastation of chapel on the grounds of the International Airport in Krakow

Date: 12.09.2023

Description: September 12, 2023. A 22-year-old foreigner vandalized the furnishings of a chapel, located on the premises of the Krakow-Balice International Airport. The perpetrator after breaking into the airport chapel overturned the cross, scattered flowers, pulled down the tablecloth from the altar and tugged at the tabernacle.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 30-001 Kraków (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://malopolska.policja.gov.pl/krk/aktualnosci/38652,Obcokrajowiec-zdewastowal-kaplice-na-lotnisku.html> (data dostępu: 15.09.2023 r.)

<https://www.o2.pl/informacje/afera-na-lotnisku-w-krakowie-obcokrajowiec-nie-mial-wstydu-6941757226146496a> (data dostępu: 15.09.2023 r.)

<https://krakow.wyborcza.pl/krakow/7,44425,30192814,obcokrajowiec-zdewastowal-kaplice-na-lotnisku-w-balicach-przewrocil.html> (data dostępu: 15.09.2023 r.)

59.Arson of the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Angels in Dąbrowa Górnicza

Date: 21.09.2023

Description: on September 21, 2023, a thirty-eight-year-old man set fire to the doors of the historic Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Angels in Dąbrowa Górnicza.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 41-300 Dąbrowa Górnicza (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/kosciol/663653-podpalono-drzwi-zabytkowej-bazyliki-w-dabrowie-gorniczej> (data dostępu: 22.09.2023 r.)

<https://www.wnp.pl/wiadomosci/slaskie-policja-zatrzymala-podejrzewanego-o-podpalenie-drzwi-zabytkowej-bazyliki-w-dabrowie-gorniczej,754827.html> (data dostępu: 22.09.2023 r.)

<https://www.tvp.info/72906079/pozar-drzwi-bazyliki-w-dabrowie-gorniczej-policja-zatrzymala-podpalacza-mial-dwa-promile> (data dostępu: 22.09.2023 r.)

60. Act of vandalism at a cemetery in Busko-Zdrój

Date: 21.09.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on September 21, 2023, local media reported on the desecration of the cemetery in Busko-Zdrój. Two men (a 50-year-old and a 39-year-old) held a libation between the graves and lit a bonfire on one of the graves setting fire to the wreaths.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 28-100 Busko-Zdrój (M)

Voivodeship: holycross

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wiadomosci.gazeta.pl/wiadomosci/7,114883,30217493,mieli-podpalic-wiece-na-cmentarzu-bo-bylo-im-zimno-mezczyznom.html> (data dostępu: 26.09.2023 r.)

<https://echodnia.eu/swietokrzyskie/obrzydliwa-historia-w-buskuzdroju-ktos-na-cmentarzu-zrobil-sobie-impreze-a-na-swiezym-grobie-rozpalil-ognisko-zobacz-zdjecia/ar/c1-17909967> (data dostępu: 26.09.2023 r.)

<https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/libacja-na-cmentarzu-w-busku-zdroju/r9xjjcm> (data dostępu: 26.09.2023 r.)

61. Act of profanation at St. Mary's Collegiate Church in Stargard

Date: 03.10.2023

Description: on October 3, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed an act of profanation at St. Mary's Collegiate Church in Stargard. A vulgar drawing was painted on the wall at the entrance to the Stargard Collegiate Church, inside the church.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 73-100 Stargard (M)

Voivodeship: West Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://stargard.news/wandale-w-kolegiacie-mariackiej-w-stargardzie-wulgarny-rysunek-w-srodku-kosciola-32103/> (data dostępu: 05.10.2023 r.)

<https://24kurier.pl/aktualnosci/wiadomosci/wandalizm-w-kosciele-nmp-ks-w-stargardzie-nieprzyzwoity-bohomaz-w-kosciele/> (data dostępu: 05.10.2023 r.)

62.Devastation of the shrine to the Mother of God in Gryfino

Date: 11/12.10.2023

Description: On the night of October 11-12, 2023, unknown perpetrators destroyed the shrine of the Mother of God in Gryfino. The perpetrators broke the glass of the shrine and also smashed the statue of the Virgin Mary.

This is the second act of vandalism of the same shrine this year.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 74-100 Gryfino (M)

Voivodeship: West Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://szczecinskie24.pl/gryfino-profanacja-kapliczki-z-matka-boska/> (data dostępu: 23.10.2023 r.)

https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/703257085165080?ref=embed_post (data dostępu: 23.10.2023 r.)

63.Destruction of the shrine of St. Elijah in Czerna

Date: 14.10.2023

Description: on October 14, 2023, a thirty-five-year-old man vandalized the roadside shrine of St. Elijah in Czerna. The perpetrator damaged the image of St. Elijah located in the shrine with an axe.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 32-065 Czerna (W)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://krzeszowiceone.pl/archive/2023/10/17/zdewastowal-siekiera-zabytkowy-obraz-sprawca-juz-uslyszal-zarzuty.html> (data dostępu: 23.10.2023 r.)

<https://www.se.pl/krakow/siekiera-zaatakowal-zabytkowy-obraz-proroka-eliasza-zniszczyl-wizerunek-swietego-aa-L2A2-MugQ-V3hX.html> (data dostępu: 23.10.2023 r.)

<https://lifeinkrakow.pl/w-miescie/7190,zniszczyl-siekiera-obraz-w-kaplicze-grozi-mu-wiele-lat-wiezienia> (data dostępu: 23.10.2023 r.)

64.Theft with burglary on the parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Wozniki

Date: 16.10.2023

Description: On October 16, 2023, a twenty-five-year-old man broke into the church of the St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Wozniki, from where he stole religious objects. The perpetrator smashed the casing and stole a reliquary containing relics of St. John Paul II.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 42-289 Woźniki (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://tarnogorski.info/wlamanie-do-kosciola-w-woznikach-siekiera-rozbil-obudowe-i-ukradl-relikwiarz/> (data dostępu: 27.10.2023 r.)

<http://lubliniecki.pl/wlamanie-do-kosciola-pw-sw-katarzyny-w-woznikach-24-latek-zatrzymany-przez-lublinieckich-policjantow/> (data dostępu: 27.10.2023 r.)

65.Theft with burglary on the territory of St. John the Baptist parish in Brenna

Date: 22/23.10.2023

Description: on October 22, 2023, unknown perpetrators broke into the sacristy of St. John the Baptist Church in Brenna, from where they stole a gilded chalice and a reliquary

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 43-438 Brenna (W)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.gosc.pl/doc/8546618.Brenna-Wlamanie-i-kradziez-w-kosciele> (data dostępu: 04.11.2023 r.)

<https://beskidzka24.pl/brenna-wlamanie-do-kosciola-skradziono-pozlacany-kielich-i-relikwiarz/> (data dostępu: 04.11.2023 r.)

<https://dziennikzachodni.pl/wlamanie-do-kosciola-w-brennej-pod-oslona-nocy-skradziono-kielich-i-relikwiarz-policja-i-ksieza-apeluja-o-pomoc/ar/c1-18009801> (data dostępu: 04.11.2023 r.)

66.Destruction of the shrine of the Mother of God in Postoliski

Date: 25/26.11.2023

Description: On the night of November 26-27, 2023, unknown perpetrators vandalized the shrine of the Mother of God in Postoliski. The vandals destroyed the entire body of the statue of Mary.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-240 Postoliska (W)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://tvmn.pl/W-Postoliskach-sprofanowano-kapliczke-z-Matka-Boza-5836a> (data dostępu: 29.11.2023 r.)

<https://www.radiomaryja.pl/informacje/profanacja-kapliczki-w-postoliskach/> (data dostępu: 29.11.2023 r.)

67. An act of vandalism on the facade of Synagogue Under the White Stork in Wrocław

Date: 31.12.2023 (date of notification)

Description: on December 31, 2023, a notice was filed with the police regarding the devastation of the Synagogue Under the White Stork in Wrocław. The inscription "Israel criminals and murderers" appeared on the facade of the temple.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 50-001 Wrocław (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

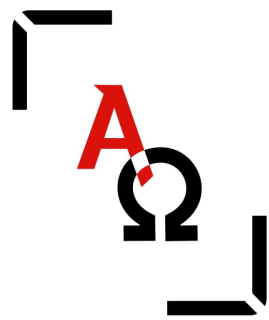
Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: <https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/obrazliwy-tekst-na-synagodze-moglo-dojsc-do-zniewazenia-uczuc-religijnych-6980166743804896a> (data dostępu: 23.01.2023 r.)

<https://tvn24.pl/polska/wroclaw-zdewastowano-fasade-synagogi-pod-bialym-bocianem-7664753> (data dostępu: 23.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/11532943/wandale-zniszczyli-fasade-synagogi-we-wroclawiu-antysemicka-holota.html> (data dostępu: 23.01.2023 r.)



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CATEGORY OF ACT III

**Destroying and profaning of religious symbols and
objects of religious worship**

1. Devastation of the statue of St. Florian in Lubawka

Date: 31.12.2022/01.01.2023

Description: On the night of December 31, 2022 to January 1, 2023, three teenagers, a 17-year-old and two 15-year-olds, vandalized the statue of St. Florian standing in the clearing starting the Way of the Cross on Holy Mountain in Lubawka.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 58-420 Lubawka (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/wroclaw/news-zniszczyli-zabytkowa-figure-pod-swieta-gora-w-lubawce-nastol,nId,6516251#crp_state=1 (data dostępu: 11.02.2023r.)

<https://powiatowa.info/wiadomosci/aktualnosci/34524-florian-bez-glowy> (data dostępu: 11.02.2023 r.)

2. Theft and desecration of a cross in Deblin

Date: 02.01.2023

Description: on January 2, 2023, two men, a twenty-one-year-old and a twenty-three-year-old, stole a cross from a church and then carried it with them through the streets of Deblin. After damaging it, they abandoned the cross, which police officers found near a metal container on Grunwaldzka Street in Deblin.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 08-530 Dęblin (M)

Voivodeship: Lublin

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://wydarzenia.interia.pl/lubelskie/news-ukradli-krzyz-z-kosciola-uszkodzili-i-wyrzucili-krucyfiks,nId,6516864?parametr=zobacz_takze&fbclid=IwAR1Y08IKer72WOHfKrVRAMeEWS_b2mxZJyPI6AZ6S_qAs-p2R6hZK__BTKk (data dostępu: 07.01.2023r.)

<https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/lublin/lubelskie-ukradli-krzyz-z-kosciola-zniewazyli-przedmiot-czci-religijnej/9kpmtx1> (data dostępu: 07.01.2023 r.)

3. Devastation of the Christmas nativity scene in Brzesko

Date: 06/07.01.2023

Description: On the night of January 6-7, 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed destruction of the Christmas crib in Brzesko (Małopolska voivodeship). The unknown perpetrator took out the statue of Jesus from the nativity scene and placed it in a swing in the Jordan Garden a few hundred meters away. The ceramic figure of Jesus had his left hand broken off.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 32-800 Brzesko (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.portalsamorzadowy.pl/polityka-i-spoleczenstwo/malopolskie-zniszczona-ekspozycja-w-szopce-bozonarodzeniowej-w-brzesku,431500.html> (data dostępu: 08.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.wnp.pl/parlamentarny/wydarzenia/malopolskie-zniszczona-ekspozycja-w-szopce-bozonarodzeniowej-w-brzesku,663648.html> (data dostępu: 08.01.2023 r.)

<https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2023-01-07/malopolskie-zniszczona-szopka-bozonarodzeniowa-figurka-jezuska-na-placu-zabaw/> (data dostępu: 08.01.2023 r.)

4. Devastation of the statue of Jesus Crucified in Krzepielów

Date: 23.01.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on January 23, 2023, local media reported on the devastation of the statue of Jesus hanging on the cross, located at the Holy Trinity Church in Krzepielów. The 30-year-old perpetrator, shooting with a wind gun, destroyed the plaster figure of Jesus Christ, leaving ammunition marks in it.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 67-410 Krzepielów (W)

Voivodeship: Lubusz

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://newslubuski.pl/interwencje/13823-ktos-strzelal-do-figury-jezusa-w-gminie-slawa.html> (data dostępu: 10.02.2023 r.)

<https://myglogow.pl/ktos-strzelal-do-figury-jezusa-profanacja-w-krzepielowie/> (data dostępu: 10.02.2023 r.)

<https://glogow.naszemiasto.pl/to-30-latek-strzelal-do-figury-jezusa-w-krzepielowie/ar/c1-9184759> (data dostępu: 10.02.2023 r.)

5. Profanation of a cross at the St. Ursula Ledóchowska parish in Bydgoszcz

Date: 13/14.02.2023

Description: On the night of February 13/14, 2023, an unknown perpetrator profaned a cross located in front of the church of St. Ursula Ledóchowska in Bydgoszcz. The perpetrator hung a distinctive cord ending in a noose (gallows) on the cross.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 85-001 Bydgoszcz (M)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://bydgoszcz.tvp.pl/66341135/profanacja-krzyza-w-bydgoszczy> (data dostępu: 19.02.2023 r.)

<https://tygodnikbydgoski.pl/religia/profanacja-krzyza-przy-parafii-pw-sw-urszuli-ledochowskiej-w-bydgoszczy> (data dostępu: 19.02.2023 r.)

<https://bydgoszcz.wyborcza.pl/bydgoszcz/7,48722,29466864,szubienica-zawisla-na-krzyzu-przy-kosciele-w-bydgoszczy-proboszcz.html> (data dostępu: 19.02.2023 r.)

6. Destruction of a roadside cross in Goręczyn

Date: 17/18.02.2023

Description: On the night of February 17/18, 2023, an unknown perpetrator, using an axe, cut down and knocked down the to the ground the roadside cross located at the intersection in Goręczyn (Somonino commune).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 83-311 Goręczyno (W)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://expresskaszubski.pl/pl/473_na-sygnale/44040_ktos-zniszczyl-krzyz-w-goreczynie-zauwazylismy-slady-siekiery.html (data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

<https://zkaszub.info/goreczyno-krzyz-przy-skrzyzowaniu-zniszczony-w-czasie-wichury-kto-jest-sprawca/> (data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

7. Destruction of the statue of St. Joseph in Pilka

Date: 19.02.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on February 19, 2023, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the statue of St. Joseph located on the territory of the parish of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Pilka. The perpetrator cut off the fingers of a wooden statue depicting St. Joseph, which was placed in the "House of Nazareth" that adorns a small forest belonging to the church in Pila.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 64-733 Pilka (W)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://pch24.pl/w-parafii-ks-daniela-wachowiaka-zniszczono-rzezbe-sw-jozefa-kaplan-pokazal-zdjecia/> (data dostępu: 20.02.2023 r.)

<https://radiopoznan.fm/informacje/pozostale/ktos-zniszczyl-figure-sw-jozefa-na-teren-parafii-w-pilce> (data dostępu: 20.02.2023 r.)

8. Profanation of a cemetery cross in Toruń

Date: 31.03.2023

Description: on March 31, 2023, the local media reported on the desecration of a cemetery cross, thrown by an unknown perpetrator into a city dumpster on the Jar estate in Toruń

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 87-100 Toruń

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://ototorun.pl/artykul/skandal-w-toruniu-krzyz/1420380> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

https://ddtorun.pl/pl/688_o-tym-sie-mowi/44750_torun-skandal-na-osiedlu-jar-krzyz-wyladowal-na-smietniku.html (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

9. Devastation of the statue of St. John Paul II in front of the cathedral in Lodz

Date: 01/02.04.2023

Description: On the night of April 1 to 2, 2023, unknown perpetrators committed an act of devastation of the statue of St. John Paul II located in front of the cathedral in Lodz. The vandals painted the hands of the monument with red paint, painted the face yellow, and wrote "maxima culpa" on the granite pedestal with paint.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 90-001 Łódź (M)

Voivodeship: Lodz

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.tokfm.pl/Tokfm/7,103085,29622668,zniszczono-pomnik-jana-pawla-ii-przed-katedra-w-lodzi-twarz.html> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

<https://www.gosc.pl/doc/8167972.W-nocy-zniszczono-pomnik-Jana-Pawla-II-przed-lodzka-katedra> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

<https://tulodz.pl/wiadomosci-lodz/lodz-w-nocy-zniszczono-pomnik-jana-pawla-ii-przed-lodzka-katedra/a6NPaz43W1aJYRWbGqra> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

10.Devastation of St. John Paul II monument in Stalowa Wola

Date: 03.04.2023

Description: on April 3, 2023, police officers in Stalowa Wola received notification about the desecration of the statue of St. John Paul II.

An unknown perpetrator doused the papal monument, located at the concathedral basilica in Stalowa Wola, with red liquid.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 37-450 Stalowa Wola (M)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://stalowemiasto.pl/artykuly/artykuly.php?mode=pokaz&id=55875&fbclid=IwAR3vgm_VkVzcZPzsMeh5bU6qRPYCuUhRKiQ1aOOdI-yMvB8rbwqQlzOWV_M (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

<https://wpolityce.pl/spoleczenstwo/641075-sprofanowano-pomnik-sw-jana-pawla-ii-w-stalowej-woli> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

<https://deon.pl/kosciol/pilne-kolejna-profanacja-pomnika-jana-pawla-ii-tym-razem-w-stalowej-woli,2462090> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

11.Profanation of the image of the Mother of God in Czestochowa

Date: 12.08.2023

Description: on August 12, 2023, during the LGBT equality parade in Czestochowa, there was a desecration of the image of Our Lady of Jasna Gora. Participants in the march carried a Marian image during the parade, on which the halo of the Mother of God was painted in the colors of the LGBT flag.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 42-200 Częstochowa (M)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://pch24.pl/profanacja-na-paradzie-lgbt-w-czestochowie-aktywisci-niesli-obraz-matki-bozej/> (data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

<https://tvmn.pl/Profanacja-wizerunku-Matki-Bozej-przez-parade-LGBT-w-Czestochowie-Policja-zatrzymala-dzialacza-fundacji-Zycie-i-Rodzina-Kasprzak-Jestem-juz-na-wolnosci-3643a> (data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

<https://ratujzycie.pl/parada-lgbt-w-czestochowie-policja-pozwala-na-profanacje/> (data dostępu: 20.08.2023 r.)

12.Profanation of the image of the Mother of God in Strzegom

Date: 01/02.10.2023

Description: On the night of October 1 to 2, 2023, on the premises of the house of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth in Strzegom, a profanation of the image of the Mother of God took place. The statue of Mary was taken from the convent's grotto and hung like a hanging from a nearby scaffolding.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 58-150 Strzegom (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dziennik.walbrzych.pl/strzegom-figurka-matki-bozej-skradziona-i-powieszona-niczym-wisielec-na-rusztowaniu/> (data dostępu: 05.10.2023 r.)

<https://www.walbrzych24.com/artykul/41861/k/1/strzegom-figura-maryi-powieszona-niczym-wisielec-na-rusztowaniu> (data dostępu: 05.10.2023 r.)

<https://swidnica24.pl/2023/10/powiesili-figure-matki-bozej-niczym-wisielcana-rusztowaniu/> (data dostępu: 05.10.2023 r.)

https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/698175459006576?ref=embed_post (data dostępu: 05.10.2023 r.)

<https://www.radiosudety24.pl/podejrzeni-o-profanacje-figurki-matki-bozej-w-strzegomiu-sa-w-rekach-policji,a4065>

13.Devastation of the statue of St. John Paul II in Opatów

Date: 14/15.10.2023

Description: On the night of October 14/15, 2023, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the monument to St. John Paul II in Opatow. The perpetrator tore off the monument depicting the Pope's hand with a pastoral.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 27-500 Opatów (M)

Voivodeship: Holy Cross (Świętokrzyskie)

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://swietokrzyskie.cozadzien.pl/swietokrzyskie/papiezowi-urwano-reke-wraz-z-pastoralem-zniszczono-pomnik-jana-pawla-ii/69978> (data dostępu: 27.10.2023 r.)

<https://radiokielce.pl/1113159/nocny-akt-wandalizmu-na-pomniku-papieza-w-opatowie/> (data dostępu: 27.10.2023 r.)

<https://kielce.tvp.pl/73435965/skandal-w-opatowie-ktos-uszkodzil-pomnik-jana-pawla-ii> (data dostępu: 27.10.2023 r.)

14.Devastation of the Christmas nativity scene in Bydgoszcz

Date: 06/07.12.2023

Description: On the night of December 6-7, 2023, there was a vandalization of the Bethlehem nativity scene next to St. Nicholas Church in the Old Fordon market in Bydgoszcz. Three young men recorded on city surveillance destroyed, among other things, the wooden walls, floor, wickets and hinges of the Christmas stable.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 85-001 Bydgoszcz (M)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://bydgoszcz.wyborcza.pl/bydgoszcz/7,48722,30482942,chuligani-zdewastowali-szopke-w-fordonie-policja-ich-ujecie.html> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023r.)

<https://bydgoszcz.tvp.pl/74599799/wandali-zniszczyli-szopke-w-starym-fordonie> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)

<https://moj.powiat.pl/chuligani-zdewastowali-szopke-w-fordonie-policja-ich-ujecie-jest-kwestia-czasu-6812403.html> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)

15.Destruction of the menorah in the center of Wrocław

Date: 14.12.2023

Description: On December 14, 2023, a group of five masked teenagers (15 to 16 years old) burned an Israeli flag and overturned a Hanukkah menorah standing on the pedestrian zone on Oławska Street in Wrocław

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man, man, man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning religious symbols and objects of religious worship

Place: 50-001 Wrocław (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

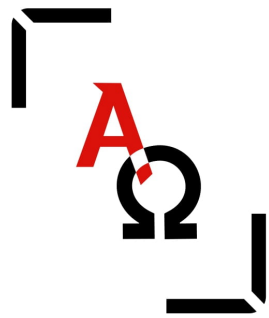
Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: <https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/polska/wroclaw/wroclaw-zniszczyli-CHANUKOWY-SWIECZNIK-SZKOLACY-ZATRZYMANI-TO-NASTOLATKOWIE/n876j8r> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023r.)

<https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2023-12-15/szokujace-sceny-we-wroclawiu-zatrzymano-pieciu-nastolatkow/> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)

<https://wroclaw.tvp.pl/74827319/nieznani-sprawcy-zniszczyli-swiecznik-CHANUKOWY-W-CENTRUM-MIASTA> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)



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CATEGORY OF ACT IV

Restrictions in professing faith in public

(malicious interference with the performance of religious acts: prayer, liturgy)

1. Disruption of the celebration of Mass at the church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul in Warsaw

Date: 13.01.2023

Description: on January 13, 2023, three drunken men disrupted the celebration of evening Mass at the Church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul in Warsaw.

According to witnesses to the incident, three men entered the church during the service and began swearing and shouting. At one point, two worshippers could not stand their behavior and led the aggressive men out of the church. After being removed from the church, the aggressors began banging on the front door. They disrupted the church service to such an extent that the service had to be interrupted.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man, man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 05-075 Warszawa (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://warszawa.tvp.pl/65655381/zaklocali-msze-swieta-zostali-zatrzymani> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://warszawa.wyborcza.pl/warszawa/7,54420,29359105,pijani-zaklocali-msze-wyzywali-ksiezy-krzyczeli-i-walili-w.html> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://wydarzenia.interia.pl/mazowieckie/news-warszawa-trzech-mezczyzn-zaklocilo-msze-swieta-krzyczeli-i-u,nId,6534412> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

2. Disruption of the celebration of Mass in the church of the Franciscans in Wronki

Date: 03.03.2023

Description: on March 3, 2023, there was a disruption in the celebration of Mass at the Franciscan Friars Church in Wronki. During the service, two men aged 29 and 40 entered the church and held an alcoholic libation. Police officers were called to the scene.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 – 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 64-510 Wronki (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2023-03-10/wielkopolska-wronki-libacja-w-kosciole-podczas-mszy-interweniowala-policja/> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

<https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/11131807/policja-wtargnela-do-kosciola-podczas-mszy-nietypowa-interwencja-we-wronkach.html> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/poznan/wronki-libacja-alkoholowa-w-kosciole-franciszkanow-wezwano-policje/6823xps> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

3. Disruption of the celebration of Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Warsaw

Date: 05.03.2023

Description: On March 5, 2023, there was a disruption of the celebration of Mass in the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Warsaw. Activists of the left-wing faction of the LGBT community, wearing coats in colors symbolizing the LGBT community, demonstratively lay cross-legged in the middle of the nave in front of the balusters during the liturgy being celebrated. At the express request of the priest officiating the service, they left the sanctuary

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 05-075 Warszawa (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://kresy.pl/wydarzenia/warszawa-aktywisci-lgbt-wtargneli-do-kosciola-sw-krzyza-wsrod-nich-siostrzeniec-morawieckiego/> (data dostępu: 07.03.2023 r.)

<https://www.tysol.pl/a100508-aktywisci-lgbt-wtargneli-do-kosciola-sw-krzyza> (data dostępu: 07.03.2023 r.)

<https://www.tvp.info/68309834/profanacja-mszy-w-bazylice-sw-krzyza-w-warszawie-aktywisci-lgbt-lezeli-przed-oltarzem> (data dostępu: 07.03.2023 r.)

4. Disruption of the Mass celebration in Kielce and release of the recording on the Internet

Date: 13.03.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On March 13, 2023, local media reported that two teenagers disrupted the celebration of a mass in one of Kielce's churches and making the video available online.

A video was published on social media (on TikTok) showing how two teenagers bet that one of them would enter and play an extremely vulgar "song" from his phone during the Mass. The video shows the teenager walking in between people gathered in the sanctuary during the service and turning on a song from his phone. After a while, one of the women reacts to the outrageous behavior by trying to grab the boy's by the hand. However, the man eludes her and leaves.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 25-001 Kielce (M)

Voivodeship: holycross

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://szczecinskie24.pl/zaklocil-msze-swieta-by-zdobyc-lajki-na-tiktoku-teraz-nastolatek-moze-miec-klopoty/> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

<https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2023-03-13/nagrywaj-tiktoka-w-kosciele-radny-pis-zlozy-zawiadomienie-do-prokuratury/> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

<https://pch24.pl/chcial-byc-gwiazda-tiktoka-wiec-przerwal-msze-swieta-nastolatek-stanie-przed-sadem/> (data dostępu: 15.03.2023 r.)

5. Assault on participants of a public rosary prayer in Elbląg

Date: 05.05.2023

Description: On May 5, 2023, at about 5:00 pm, there was an attack on participants of a public rosary prayer to stop abortion, organized in Elbląg by the Pro-Life Foundation. The prayer action took place at the corner of Ogólna and Col. Dąbka streets, near the entrance to the shopping center.

"During the gathering, a masked and very aggressive man approached the praying people. He destroyed the banners held by the rosary participants and began to insult the praying people in vulgar terms. When the organizer of the prayer action tried to stop him, the attacker threw himself at him and a tug-of-war ensued, during which the rosary coordinator suffered injuries to his hand. The attacker also threatened the prayer organizer in abusive terms, suggesting that he would beat him. After a few moments, the aggressor moved away toward a nearby supermarket." - quoted by "Elbląg: assault on rosary participants" (quoted by: <https://www.gosc.pl/doc/8251382.Elblag-napad-na-uczestnikow-rozanca>).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 82-300 Elbląg (M)

Voivodeship: Warmian–Masurian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.gosc.pl/doc/8251382.Elblag-napad-na-uczestnikow-rozanca> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)
<https://www.niedziela.pl/artukul/91296/Elblag-napad-na-uczestnikow-rozanca> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

<https://www.facebook.com/FideiDefensorPL/posts/610254821131974> (data dostępu: 13.05.2023 r.)

6. Disruption of the Mass celebration in Gniezno

Date: 18.06.2023

Description: on June 18, 2023, there was a disruption of a mass at the Blessed Radzym Gaudent Church in Gniezno. One of the participants in the liturgy during the sermon demonstratively left the church, and then returned, shouting to the priest celebrating the mass and interrupting the preaching of the sermon.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: woman

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 62-200 Gniezno (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://radiopoznan.fm/informacje/pozostale/transseksualna-kobieta-przerwala-msze-w-kosciele-blogoslawionego-gaudentego-w-gnieznie> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://afirmacja.info/2023/07/05/w-gnieznie-doszlo-do-prowokacji-w-trakcie-eucharystii/> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

7. Disruption of the Mass celebration in Kiekrz

Date: 16.07.2023

Description: on July 16, 2023, an intoxicated woman disrupted the celebration of mass in Kiekrz (Kiekrz) in the Greater Poland province. The aggressive woman stormed out of the sanctuary during the service, pushed the churchman with a tray, then snatched the priest's microphone and announced that her car, standing in a private church parking lot, had been messed with.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: woman

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 62-090 Kiekrz (W)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wydarzenia.interia.pl/wielkopolskie/news-plazowiczka-wtargnela-do-kosciola-wyrwala-ksiedzu-mikrofon,nId,6909620> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://goniec.pl/incydent-w-kosciele-w-kiekrzu-pijana-plazowiczka-zaklocila-msze-przewrocila-koscielnego-aj-wmm-170723> (data dostępu: 18.07.2023 r.)

<https://www.frona.pl/a/Pijana-plazowiczka-wtargnela-na-Msze-sw-Przewrocila-koscielnego-wyrwala-ksiedzu-mikrofon,217999.html> (data dostępu: 18. 07.2023 r.)

8. Disruption of the service at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary Star of the New Evangelization and Saint John Paul II in Toruń

Date: 30.07.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On 30 July 2023, local media reported on the act of disrupting a religious service taking place at the Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin Mary Star of New Evangelisation and Saint John Paul II in Toruń. A known patostreamer broke into the Toruń sanctuary during a service in progress, disrupted the service by using profanity and engaging in offensive behaviour towards the gathered worshippers. The offender also committed profanity by washing his hands in holy water and stealing a stole from the confessional. The entire incident was recorded in real time by a patostreamer and broadcast on the Internet.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18 – 30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 87-100 Toruń (M)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://www.radiomaryja.pl/bez-kategorii/w-polsce-coraz-czesciej-dochodzi-do-aktow-profanacji-ostatnio-zaatakowano-sanktuarium-nmp-gwiazdy-nowej-ewangelizacji-i-sw-jana-pawla-ii-w-toruniu-sprawa-trafila-do-prokuratury/?fbclid=IwAR3m0VleoCk7v1AeNtCCBqVhu2dXGiFdtJJG_xE5Elpq50TwdAOpqJ0Blkc (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

<https://prawy.pl/126391-Patostreamer-dokonal-profanacji-w-Sanktuarium-NMP-Gwiazdy-Nowej-Ewangelizacji> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

9. Disruption of the Mass celebration in the St Joseph's Church in Toruń

Date: 29.10.2023

Description: On Sunday, 9 October 2023, a forty-one-year-old male disrupted the celebration of Mass at 3pm at St Joseph's Church in Toruń. The perpetrator with a knife in his hand forced his way into the church during the service and began shouting vulgarities in the direction of the priests. Police officers called to the scene apprehended the 41-year-old.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 - 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 87-100 Toruń

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://nowosci.com.pl/torun-41latek-wtargnal-z-nozem-na-msze-zatrzymala-go-policja/ar/c1-18028301> (data dostępu: 05.11.2023 r.)

<https://torun.naszemiasto.pl/torun-do-kosciola-sw-jozefa-wtargnal-na-msze-41-latek-z/ar/c1-9505165> (data dostępu: 05.11.2023 r.)

<https://ototorun.pl/artykul/wierni-przerazeni-w/1492842> (data dostępu: 05.11.2023r.)

10. Disruption of the Jewish Hanukkah celebrations at the Sejm (lower house of parliament in Poland)

Date: 12.12.2023

Description: On 12 December 2023, Grzegorz Braun, MP, disrupted at the Sejm of the Republic of Poland in Warsaw the ceremony of lighting the menorah on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. The MP used a fire extinguisher to extinguish the burning candles of the menorah.

"The ceremony was disrupted by MP Grzegorz Braun, who used a powder extinguisher to extinguish the Chanukah candles and then directed the stream of extinguishing agent in the direction of an individual with an established identity participating in the ceremony (...), who attempted to prevent the act" - The notice signed by the Head of the Chancellery of the Sejm, Jacek Cichocki, was written.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: over 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 05-075 Warszawa (M)

Voivodeship: Mazovia

Status of the proceedings: A notification was submitted to the Prosecutor's Office

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: <https://www.gazetaprawna.pl/wiadomosci/kraj/artykuly/9380072,zawiadomienie-do-prokuratury-przeciwko-grzegorzowi-braunowi-z-konfeder.html#jacek-cichocki-argumentuje-przeciwko-braunowi> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)

<https://wyborcza.pl/7,82983,30507458,swiece-chanukowe-w-sejmie-ponownie-zapalone.html> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)

<https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/haniebny-atak-na-tradycje-uczucia-religijne-polska-racje-stanu-opinia-6973139205900928a> (data dostępu: 16.12.2023 r.)

11. Disruption of Mass celebration at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Łódź

Date: 25.12.2023

Description: 25 December 2023. A 50-year-old man disrupted a Christmas Mass celebrated at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at pl. Church Square in Łódź. The perpetrator interrupted the celebration of the service by behaving aggressively and shouting vulgarities.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: over 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

Place: 82-300 Elbląg (M)

Voivodeship: Warmian–Masurian

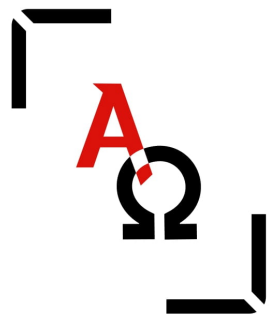
Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/ksiaz-w-obronie-dzieci-w-lodzi-agresywny-mezczyzna-zaklocil-msze-swieta-6977586910341632a> (data dostępu: 23.01.2024 r.)

<https://wydarzenia.interia.pl/lodzkie/news-incydent-w-kosciele-w-lodzi-nowe-informacje-o-agresorze,nId,7232068> (data dostępu: 23.01.2024 r.)

<https://opoka.org.pl/News/Polska/2023/incydent-w-lodzkiej-swiatyni-mezczyzna-zaklocil-eucharystie-byl> (data dostępu: 23.01.2024 r.)



Pro Futuro Theologiae

CATEGORY OF ACT V

Incitement to hatred on the grounds of religious differences or insult of a population group or some person because of their religious affiliation

1. Threats and hate speech directed against a catechist from Toruń

Date: 15.06.2023 (date of media report)

Description: On 15 June 2023, the local media made public information about insulting and directing threats against one of the religion teachers from Primary School No 35 in Toruń, who organised a series of lessons for children under the slogan 'Feel the chemistry for Jesus'.

The teacher had prepared and carried out a pedagogical innovation at the educational institution, which aimed to introduce first-grade children to the subject of the seven holy sacraments through safe chemical experiments. A post commemorating the catechist's actions on the school's Facebook profile was followed by threats and vulgar posts directed at the teacher.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: incitement to hatred on the basis of religious differences

Place: 87-100 Toruń

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

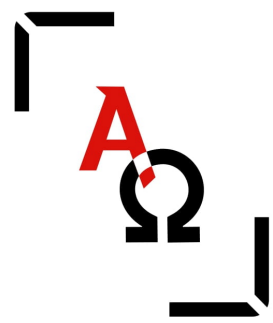
Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://bydgoszcz.tvp.pl/70602413/fala-hejtu-pod-adresem-katechetki-z-torunia> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://torun.wyborcza.pl/torun/7,48723,29871659,ty-katolicka-kur-o-ja-cie-zaj-ie-niowyobrazalny-hejt.html> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

<https://mamadu.pl/174470,nietypowe-zajecia-religii-torunskiej-podstawowce-internauci-w-szoku> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)



Pro Futuro Theologiae

CATEGORY OF ACT VI

Other

1. Burglary on the grounds of the rectory of the Parish of the Elevation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of the Healing of the Sick in Katowice

Date: 08.01.2023

Description: on 8 January 2023, a man recorded on parish surveillance cameras committed a burglary at the rectory of the Parish of the Elevation of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of the Healing of the Sick in Katowice. The perpetrator gained access to the parish premises, from where cash disappeared.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 40-001 Katowice (M)

Voivodeship: Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://katowice.naszemiasto.pl/wlamal-sie-do-kosciola-na-dolnym-tysiacleciu-w-katowicach/ar/c1-9161471> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

<https://dziennikzachodni.pl/katowice-wlamanie-na-probostwo-parafii-na-dolnym-tysiacleciu-rozpoznajesz-sprawce/ar/c1-17185025> (data dostępu: 14.01.2023 r.)

2. Burglary on the territory of the rectory of St. Anne's parish in Krajenka

Date: 27.01.2023

Description: On 27 January 2023, an unknown perpetrator committed a theft on the territory of the parish of St. Anne in Krajenka. The perpetrator stole cash from the parish house (vicarage). During the incident, the doors and windows of the vicarage were also damaged.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 77-430 Krajenka (M)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=554806090017560&id=100064645211410&ref=embed_post (data dostępu: 01.12.2023r.)

<https://gloswielkopolski.pl/parafia-sw-anny-w-krajence-okradziona-rada-parafialna-zwraca-sie-o-pomoc/ar/c1-17244681> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

3.Destruction of the memorial plaque with the image of St John Paul II in Skala

Date: 07/08.03.2023

Description: During the night from 7 to 8 March 2023, an unknown perpetrator destroyed a commemorative plaque with the image of St John Paul II located on the wall of the Municipal and Communal Office in Skala. The vandal painted the commemorative plaque with green spray or paint.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 32-043 Skala (M)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dziennikpolski24.pl/wandalizm-w-skale-zniszczona-zostala-pamiatkowa-tablica-z-plaskorzezba-sw-jana-pawla-ii-honorowego-obywatela-miasta/ar/c1-17353519> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

<https://krakow.wyborcza.pl/krakow/7,44425,29540696,zdewastowana-tablica-pamiatkowa-z-janem-pawlem-ii-w-skale-papiez.html> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

<https://polskieradio24.pl/5/1222/artykul/3132239,prymitywny-akt-wandalizmu-nieznani-sprawcy-zniszczyli-tablice-z-plaskorzezba-jana-pawla-ii> (data dostępu: 13.03.2023 r.)

4. Destruction of a mural with the image of St. John Paul II in Wrocław

Date: 31.03./01.04.2023

Description: Most likely on the night of 31 March to 1 April 2023 in Wrocław, Ostrów Tumski, unknown perpetrators destroyed a mural with St John Paul II. The Pope's face was covered with red paint, while the rest of the image was not damaged.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 50-001 Wrocław (M)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/wroclaw/incydent-we-wroclawiu-mural-z-janem-pawlem-ii-zniszczony/cccs3h0> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

<https://gazetawroclawska.pl/we-wroclawiu-zniszczono-mural-z-wizerunkiem-jana-pawla-ii-tak-zareagowali-politycy/ar/c1-17426203> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

<https://www.tvp.info/68922649/skandal-we-wroclawiu-sprofanowano-wizerunek-sw-jana-pawla-ii> (data dostępu: 03.04.2023 r.)

5. Destruction of papal exhibition in Gdansk

Date: 10/11.04.2023

Description: On the night of 10-11 April 2023, a group of young people (two 16-year-olds and one 18-year-old) vandalised an exhibition documenting Solidarity's relationship with John Paul II, placed by the Solidarity headquarters in Gdańsk. The vandals damaged an outdoor board with infographics on John Paul II.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man, man

Category of act: other

Place: 80-008 Gdańsk (M)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/642077-skandal-wandale-zdewastowali-papieska-wystawe-w-gdansk> (data dostępu: 11.04.2023 r.)

<https://www.pap.pl/aktualnosci/news%2C1559542%2Czdewastowano-wystawe-papieska-w-gdansk-wideo-i-zdjecia.html> (data dostępu: 11.04.2023 r.)

<https://polskieradio24.pl/5/1222/artykul/3149180,wystawa-papieska-w-gdansk-zdewastowana-to-skutek-medialnej-nagonki> (data dostępu: 11.04.2023 r.)

6. Destruction of the "Window of Life" in the convent building of the Poor Clares Sisters in Bydgoszcz

Date: 14/15.04.2023

Description: During the night of 14/15 April 2023, unknown perpetrators carried out damage to the "Window of Life", which is located in the convent building of the Poor Clares Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at 56 Gdańska Street in Bydgoszcz. Vandals have damaged the special cot in which the baby is left, and threw a lot of waste into the interior of the 'Window of Life' room.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 85-001 Bydgoszcz (M)

Voivodeship: Kuyavia-Pomerania

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dorzeczy.pl/kraj/428650/bydgoszcz-nieznani-sprawcy-dokonali-zniszczen-w-oknie-zycia.html> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://bydgoszcz.naszemiasto.pl/w-bydgoszczy-zniszczono-okno-zycia-ktos-uszkodzil-lozeczko/ar/c1-9289187> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

<https://tvn24.pl/pomorze/bydgoszcz-nieznani-sprawcy-zniszczyli-okno-zycia-uszkodzili-lozeczko-nawrzucali-smieci-6930299> (data dostępu: 02.05.2023 r.)

7. Destruction of the church lighting of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Puławy

Date: 01.06.2023 (date of media report)

Description: on 1 June 2023, local media reported an act of vandalism on the grounds of the parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Puławy. An unknown perpetrator broke a halogen lamp that illuminated one of the walls of the historic church.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 24-100 Puławy (M)

Voivodeship: Lublin

Status of the proceedings: The case has not been reported

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.dziennikwschodni.pl/pulawy/wandale-zniszczyli-czesc-iluminacji-zabytkowej-kaplicy,n,1000325258.html> (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROhi2_r4HCE (data dostępu: 19.06.2023 r.)

8. Destruction of the exhibition "On the Trail of the Dawn Gate" in Białystok

Date: 26.07.2023

Description: on 26 July 2023, local media made public information about two acts of devastation of several boards of the open-air exhibition "Szlakiem Ostrobramskiej - where the Polish heart beats in Athens", located on the Avenue of the Blues in Białystok. In the case of the first devastation, an unknown perpetrator broke half of the boards with photos, while some were knocked out of their frames. During the second act, the entire exhibition was completely destroyed.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: other

Place: 15-001 Białystok (M)

Voivodeship: Podlasie

Status of the proceedings: The case was reported to the police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.gosc.pl/doc/8399289.Bialystok-Zdewastowano-wystawe-Szlakiem-Ostrobramskiej-tam> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

<https://bialystok.tvp.pl/71617971/zniszczona-wystawa> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

<https://www.radio.bialystok.pl/wiadomosci/index/id/229202> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

<https://marsz.info/dewastacja-wystawy-szlakiem-ostrobramskiej-w-bialymstoku/> (data dostępu: 02.08.2023 r.)

9. Arson attack on three cars belonging to priests in Gliwice

Date: 21.08.2023

Description: On 21 August 2023, a thirty-five-year-old man set fire to three cars belonging to priests in Gliwice. The vehicles were parked near the Church of Christ the King on ul. Christ the King Church on Okrzei Street and the Holy Family Parish on Chorzowska Street. According to the findings of the services, the arson attacks were committed intentionally.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30 - 45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: other

Place: 44-100 Gliwice (M)

Voivodeship: Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dzisiajwgliwicach.pl/podpalal-auta-ksiezy-wrocil-na-miejsce-by-ogladac-akcje-gasnicza/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://dziennikzachodni.pl/fatalny-pozar-w-centrum-gliwic-splonely-trzy-samochody-ktos-chcial-rowniez-podpalic-kosciol-widzialem-ze-to-celowe-podpalenie/ar/c1-17822597> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)

<https://dzisiajwgliwicach.pl/podpalal-auta-ksiezy-wrocil-na-miejsce-by-ogladac-akcje-gasnicza/> (data dostępu: 01.12.2023 r.)