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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 71 cases of violations of the right to religious freedom in Poland between 1 January to 31 December 2024, 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:

- 1) **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;
- 2) **Destruction and insult of places of worship (churches, chapels, cemeteries)** and
- 3) **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;
- 4) **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.

- 5) **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.);
- 6) **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);
- 7) **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):
 - a. Physical attacks on believers;
 - b. Destruction and insult of places of worship;
 - c. Destruction and insult of religious symbols and objects of religious worship;
 - d. Restrictions in professing faith in public;
 - e. Incitement to hatred on the grounds of religious differences or insult of a population group or some person because of their religious affiliation;
 - f. Destruction of the property of churches or religious associations;
 - g. Other.
- 8) Locality
- 9) Voivodeship
- 10) Status of proceedings⁵
- 11) Legal qualification⁶
- 12) Image
- 13) Source⁷
- 14) Act against religion

Abbreviations for localities:

⁵ Actions taken in regard to the perpetrator.

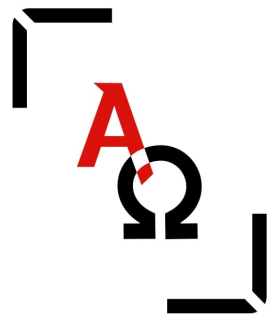
⁶ Articles of legal qualification have been classified on the basis of media information. It is for the jurisdiction of the court to decide on the final legal classification.

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

1) City (C)

2) Village (V)

The report does not include all acts of violations upon the right to religious freedom in Poland in 2024, but only gives an indication of the scale of the problem.



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CATEGORY OF ACT I

PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON BELIEVERS

1. Attack on participants in the Way of the Cross in Poznan

Date: 30.03.2024

Description: On 30 March 2024, a recording was made available online showing a verbal attack and aggressive behaviour by a man towards participants of the Way of the Cross for children at risk of abortion in Poznan..

Perpetrator: Natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 50-154 Poznan (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://x.com/PBCenz/status/1773983504076034522>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

2. A man with a knife disrupted a church service with the participation of children at the Church of the Elevation of the Holy Cross in Czaplinek

Date: 13.05.2024

Description: On 13 May 2024, a 40-year-old man with a knife disrupted a service attended by children who were making their First Holy Communion at the Church of the Elevation of the Holy Cross in Czaplinek.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-35

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 78-550 Czaplinek (C)

Voivodeship: West Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://dziendobry.tvn.pl/newsy/czaplinek-nozownik-zaklocil-msze-zdziecmi-interweniowala-policja-st7915388>
(access date: 19.05.2024)

<https://wiadomosci.gazeta.pl/wiadomosci/7,114883,30971035, czaplineknozownik-wtargnal-na-msze-dla-dzieci-byl-pod-wplywem.html> (access date: 19.05.2024)

<https://www.tvp.info/77510366/czaplinek-z-nozem-w-reku-wszedl-dokosciola-pijany-40-latek-przerwal-pierwszacomunie>
(access date: 9.05.2024)

3. Attack by a man with a cleaver during a pro-life demonstration

Date: 20.06.2024

Description: On 20 June 2024 an aggressive man armed with a cleaver attacked a volunteer Pro-Life Foundation and threatened him with death during a street information campaign outside an abortion centre in Olesnica.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 56-400 Olesnica (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://pch24.pl/ataki-na-obroncow-zycia-coraz-grozniesze-czy-urzedujacawlada-przywola-do-porzadku-swoich-wyborcow>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://pch24.pl/atak-z-tasakiem-na-wolontariusza-fundacji-pro-prawo-dozycia>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

4. Attack by a man with a knife during a pro-life demonstration

Date: 28.06.2024

Description: On 28 June 2024, an aggressive man outside a hospital in Olesnica threatened volunteers Pro-Right to Life Foundation with a knife and destroyed their materials with a sharp instrument.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 56-400 Olesnica (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://pch24.pl/olesnica-agresor-z-nozem-i-miejskie-wladze-atakujawolontariuszy-pro-life/>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_1nu3xdwss
(access date: 20.08.2024)

5. Attack on those praying for an end to abortion

Date: 16.09.2024

Description: According to reports Foundation “Life and Family” on 6 September this year in Poznań a group called “Kolektyw Pyra” actively prevented a rosary prayer in the intention of children at risk of abortion. One of the abortionists lay down on the unfolded poster, wiggled her legs and shouted into the microphone. Others ran around, made noise and demanded that the prayer be stopped.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

Place: 60-001 Poznań (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://afirmacja.info/2024/09/20/atak-na-modlacych-sie-o-zaprzestanieaborcji-w-poznaniu/>
(access date:: 6.04.2025)

6. Violent attack on priest

Date: 3.11.2024

Description: On 3 November, a 27-year-old burst into the rectory of St. Brother Albert's parish in Szczytno and brutally beat the priest of the local parish. The perpetrator inflicted several blows with a metal axe on the parish priest's head, which caused, among other things, a fractured skull bone and swelling of the brain tissue. The clergyman also had an extensive wound on his face. The clergyman died in hospital on 9 November.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: physical attacks on believers

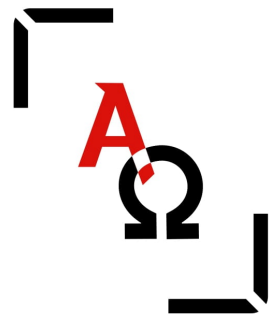
Place: 12-100 Szczytno (C)

Voivodeship: Warmian-Masurian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.pap.pl/aktualnosci/brutalne-pobicie-ksiedza-w-szczytniekaplan-zmarl>
(access date 25.03.2025)



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CATEGORY OF ACT II

DESTROYING AND PROFANING PLACES OF WORSHIP

1. Devastation of the cemetery in Kostrzyn

Date: 01.01.2024

Description: On the night of 31 December 2023 to 1 January 2024, unknown perpetrators committed an act of vandalism to gravestones in the Kostrzyn cemetery. The vandals vandalised the monuments, stole brass letters, ornaments and a sculpture depicting the head of the Lord Jesus.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 62-025 Kostrzyn (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1034906200918312&set=a.737073627368239&type=3&locale=pl_PL
(access date: 18.03.2024)

<https://www.infokostrzyn.pl/?id=2&nr=3900>
(access date: 18.03.2024)

2. Devastation of the St. John of Nepomuk shrine in Krakow

Date: 01.01.2024

Description: On the night of 31 December 2023 to 1 January 2024, unknown perpetrators committed an act of devastation to the chapel of St. John of Nepomuk on Odmętowa Street in Kraków. The vandals tore the statue of the saint from the chapel and threw it against the ground. The statue was damaged (the fingers of the right hand fell off, which had already been repaired after the April vandal attack). The plaster statue of the Virgin Mary was also destroyed.

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 Krakow (C)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gazetakrakowska.pl/krakow-w-noc-sylwestrowa-zdewastowanofigure-sw-jana-nepomucena-z-kapliczki-w-mogile/ar/c1-18204773>
(access date: 18.03.2024)

<https://pch24.pl/krakow-figura-sw-jana-nepomucena-ponownie-zniszczonato-efekt-nawolywania-do-opilowania-katolikow/>
(access date: 18.03.2024)

3. Theft in a church in the village of Ujezna

Date: 03.01.2024

Description: On 3 January 2024, a twenty-six-year-old man broke into a church in Ujezna by breaking one of the windows, vandalised the place of worship and stole banknotes with a total value of PLN 200.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 37-200 Ujezna (V)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.se.pl/rzeszow/najpierw-kradl-w-kosciele-wino-potempolakomil-sie-na-wieksze-rzeczy-aa-r63n-6uVc-Rj2M.html>
(access date: 15.02.2024)

<https://www.rzeszow-info.pl/arttykul/5183,kradziez-w-kosciele-wprzeworsku-zlodzieja-wytropil-policyjny-pies-luks>
(access date: 15.02.2024)

4. Devastation in the Church of Peace in Swidnica

Date: 13.01.2024

Description: On 13 January 2024 unknown perpetrators vandalised the wall surrounding the Church of Peace in Swidnica, Lower Silesia. They painted Nazi symbols and slogans insulting Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 58-100 Swidnica (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Evangelical Lutheran

Source: https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/wroclaw/news-dewastacja-w-koscielpokoju-w-swidnicy-nazistowskie-symbole,nId,7275060#crp_state=1
(access date: 23.01.2024)

<https://radiogra.pl/dewastacja-w-koscielpokoju-w-swidnicy-sprawcazatrzymany.html>
(access date: 23.01.2024)

<https://gazetawroclawska.pl/wulgarne-napisy-i-nazistowskie-symbole-nazabytkowym-murze-kosciola-pokoju-w-swidnicy-prokuratura-wszczelasledztwo/ar/c1-18236633>
(access date: 23.01.2024)

5. Theft at St. Stanislaus Church and Wenceslas in Swidnica

Date: 4.02.2024

Description: On the 4 February 2024. A 64-year-old man damaged the glass panes in one of the display cases of the side altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St. John's Cathedral in Swidnica and then stole medallions (votives) and pendants.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 45+

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 58-100 Swidnica (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://swidnica.gosc.pl/doc/8667990.Ukradl-wota-ze-swidnickiej-katedry>
(access date: 15.02.2024)

<https://doba.pl/dsw/artukul/zuchwala-kradziez-w-kosciele-mezczyznie-grozikara-do-10-lat-pozbawienia-wolnosci/50160/15>
(access date: 15.02.2024)

6, 7, 8. Devastation (three times) of a Our Lady shrine in Wloclawek

Date: 12.02.2024

Description: In Włocławek, the chapel of Our Lady located at the intersection of Rybnicka and Graniczna Streets was vandalised. According to a resident's account, the chapel was destroyed three times over the course of several days in February. The final destruction was carried out on 12 February 2024, when the tiles were broken and the statue was profaned and smashed.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 87-800 Wloclawek (C)

Voivodeship: Kuyavian-Pomeranian

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://bydgoszcz.tvp.pl/76011534/zniszczona-kapliczka-na-wloclawskichrybnikach>
(access date: 26.02.2024)

https://ddtorun.pl/pl/19_wiadomosci-z-regionu/52488_kapliczka-wewloclawku-zdewastowana-wyglada-jakby-ktos-strzelal-do-matki-bozej.html
(access date: 26.02.2024)

9, 10. Two-time theft in church St. Mary Magdalene in Dobrodzien

Date: 17.02.2024

Description: On 17 February 2024, a forty-four-year-old man committed the theft of an Evangeliary and a Bible from St. Mary Magdalene Church in Dobrodzien. Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Dobrodzien. Police investigations established that the perpetrator robbed the church twice, in January and February. During the first theft, the man took a silver-plated lector's cross and an alb from the church.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 46-380 Dobrodzien (C)

Voivodeship: Opolskie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://opolska.policja.gov.pl/op/aktualnosci/114781,Dwukrotnie-okradlkosciol-rozpoznal-go-dzielnicowy.html>
(access date: 17.04.2024)

<https://tvn24.pl/opole/dobrodzien-dwukrotnie-okradl-kosciolnagrada-gokamera-monitoringu-st7799079>
(access date: 17.04.2024)

<https://nto.pl/44latek-dwukrotnie-okradl-kosciol-na-rynku-w-dobrodzieniuukradl-biblie-i-krzyz-posrebrzany/ar/c1-18348117>
(access date: 17.04.2024)

11. Destruction of the Our Lady shrine in Lubartow

Date: 28.03.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 28 March 2024, the local media made public information about an act of devastation of a roadside shrine with an image of the Virgin Mary in Lubartow. A notification concerning damage to a statue of the Virgin Mary standing in one of the roadside chapels located in Lubartow was received by the Lubartow police station in February this year. Captured by the police, the forty- three-year-old perpetrator tore the statue of the Virgin Mary from its base and smashed it against the pavement.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 21-100 Lubartow (C)

Voivodeship: Lubelskie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.lublin112.pl/zdewastowal-figurke-z-wizerunkiem-matki-boskiejuslyszal-zarzut-obrazenia-uczuc-religijnych-i-zniszczenia-mienia/>

(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://wlubelskim.pl/2024/03/28/lubartow-zniszczyl-przydrozna-kapliczkez-wizerunkiem-matki-boskiej/>

(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/s/lublin112-pl/zdewastowal-kapliczke-wandalowigrozi-surowa-kara-7010815684762592a>

(access date: 01.07.2024)

12. Theft in the Church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul in Żychlin

Date: 1.03.2024

Description: On 1 March 2024, in the church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul in Żychlin, an unknown perpetrator stole a cross and a lavabo, i.e. a vessel for washing the hands of the priest during the liturgy.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 99-320 Żychlin (C)

Voivodeship: Łódzkie

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: https://ekutno.pl/pl/473_na-sygnale/58514_zlodzieje-okradli-kosciol-wychlinie.html
(access date: 20.04.2024)

https://lowiczanie.info/pl/19_wiadomosci-zregionu/633_zychlin/308905_kradziez-w-kosciele-w-ychlinie-darczynkawyznaczyl-nagrode-za-wskazanie-sprawcy.html
(access date: 20.04.2024)

13. Devastation of two chapels on the trail tourist path leading to Lysa

Date: 18.03.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 18 March 2024, the local media reported on the devastation of two shrines located on the tourist trail leading to Lysa (in Zywiec).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 34-300 Zywiec (C)

Voivodeship: Silesia

Status of the proceedings: The matter was reported to the Municipal Police

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://zywiecinfo.pl/wydarzenia/nieznani-sprawcy-zdewastowali-dwiekapliczki>
(access date: 18.03.2024)

14. Destruction of the Virgin Mary shrine in the village of Trojanow

Date: 14.03.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 14 March 2024, the local media reported on the destruction of the shrine of Our Lady in the village of Trojanow. An unknown perpetrator fired a gun in the direction of the statue of Our Lady in Opatowek, resulting in damage to the statue. Traces of gunfire can also be seen on the wall and tin roof 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: 08-455 Trojanow (V)

Voivodeship: Masovia

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://latarnikkaliski.pl/padly-strzaly-w-trojanowie/>
(access date: 01.06.2024)

15. Devastation at the Jewish cemetery in Janow Lubelski

Date: 15/16.03.2024

Description: On the night of 15-16 March 2024, unknown perpetrators splashed red paint on a plaque at the Jewish cemetery on Wojska Polskiego Street in Janow Lubelski.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 23-200 Janow Lubelski (C)

Voivodeship: Lubelskie

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

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: https://www.facebook.com/story.php/?story_fbid=431824929514636&id=100080613985010
(access date: 25.04.2024)

<https://www.janowlubelski.pl/aktualnosci/dewastacja-na-cmentarzuzydowskim>
(access date: 25.04.2024)

16. Profanation of the Church of St. Joseph the Worker in Konstantynow Lodzki

Date: 19.03.2024

Description: On 19 March 2024 a twenty-three-year-old man committed an act of profanation of the Saint Joseph the Worker church, located on Jana Pawla II Street in Konstantynow Lodzki. Saint Joseph the Worker, located on Jana Pawla II Street in Konstantynow Lodzki. The perpetrator broke three windows in the church and knocked over tables, benches and kneelers in the building's porch. The vandal committed acts of vandalism that day in three parishes in Konstantynow Lodzki.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 95-050 Konstantynow Lodzki (C)

Voivodeship: Lodzkie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested..

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/polityka/685947-23-latek-demolowal-koscioly-niepozostanie-bezkarny>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://lodz.tvp.pl/76550477/demolowal-koscioly-23letni-wandal-zzarzutami-wideo-zdjecia>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://www.zyciepabianic.pl/informacje/na-sygnale/23-latek-wybijal-szybyw-kosciolach-jeden-z-nich-zdemolowal-odpowie-za-obrazu-uczucieligijnych.html>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

17. Profanation of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Konstantynow Łódzki

Date: 19.03.2024

Description: On 19 March 2024 a twenty-three-year-old man committed an act of profanation of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in Kosciuszki Square in Konstantynow Łódzki. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located at Kosciuszki Square in Konstantynow Łódzki. The perpetrator destroyed a window display and attempted to break a window of the church. The vandal committed acts of vandalism that day on the territory of three parishes in Konstantynow Łódzki (also on the territory of the parish of St. Joseph the Worker and the parish of Divine Mercy).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 95-050 Konstantynow Łódzki (C)

Voivodeship: Łódzkie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/polityka/685947-23-latek-demolowal-koscioly-niepozostanie-bezkarny>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://lodz.tvp.pl/76550477/demolowal-koscioly-23letni-wandal-zzarzutami-wideo-zdjecia>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://www.zyciepabianic.pl/informacje/na-sygnale/23-latek-wybijal-szybyw-kosciolach-jeden-z-nich-zdemolowal-odpowie-za-obraze-uczucieligijnych.html>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

18. Profanation of the Church of Divine Mercy in Konstantynow Lodzki

Date: 19.03.2024

Description: On 19 March 2024, a twenty-three-year-old man committed an act of profanation of the Church of the Divine Mercy, located at 2 Cemetery Street in Konstantynow Lodzki. Divine Mercy, located at 2 Cmentarna Street in Konstantynow Lodzki. The perpetrator broke three windows and damaged the window frame of the church. The vandal committed acts of vandalism that day on the territory of three parishes in Konstantynow Lodzki (also on the territory of the parish of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the parish St. Joseph the Worker).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 95-050 Konstantynow Lodzki (C)

Voivodeship: Lodzkie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/polityka/685947-23-latek-demolowal-koscioly-niepozostanie-bezkarny>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://lodz.tvp.pl/76550477/demolowal-koscioly-23letni-wandal-zzarzutami-wideo-zdjecia>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://www.zyciepabianic.pl/informacje/na-sygnale/23-latek-wybijal-szybyw-kosciolach-jeden-z-nich-zdemolowal-odpowie-za-obraze-uczucieligijnych.html>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

19. Devastation of the Virgin Mary shrine in Czerwona Gora

Date: 26.03.2024

Description: On 26 March 2024, a thirty-eight-year-old man destroyed the shrine to Our Lady in Czerwona Gora.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 26-060 Checiny (Czerwona Gora) (V)

Voivodeship: Swietokrzyskie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://akcjakatolicka.diecezja.kielce.pl/profanacja-kapliczki-matki-bozej-wczerwonej-gorze/>
(access date: 28.03.2024)

<https://echodnia.eu/swietokrzyskie/zdewastowanie-kapliczki-matki-bozej-wczerwonej-gorze-to-kolejne-zniewazenie-miejsca-kultu-religijnego-w-diecezjikielckiej/ar/c1-18417887>
(access date 28.03.2024)

<https://kielce.tvp.pl/76641266/wandal-zdewastowal-kapliczke-matki-bozejw-czerwonej-gorze-sprawca-juz-trafil-do-policyjnej-celi>
(access date: 28.03.2024)

20. Vandalism at the Jewish cemetery in Chorzow

Date: 16.04.2024

Description: On 16 April 2024, a monument was vandalised in the Park under the Chestnuts in Chorzow, which recalls the former Jewish cemetery located there. A swastika and the number 1488, a reference to the racist slogan 'Fourteen words' and the Nazi greeting 'Heil Hitler' (H being the 8th letter of the alphabet), are painted on the site.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 41-500 Chorzow (C)

Voivodeship: Silesia

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

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: <https://chorzow.naszemiasto.pl/symbole-nazistowskie-w-chorzowie-wparku-pod-kasztanami/ar/c1-9680299>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://dziennikzachodni.pl/w-chorzowie-w-parku-pod-kasztanamizdewastowano-pomnik-przypomina-on-o-mieszczacym-sie-tam-kiedyskirkucie/ar/c1-18469907>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

21. Theft in the Church of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Olawa

Date: 20/21.04.2024

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: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 55-200 Olawa (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.tuolawa.pl/artykul/34638,zlodziej-zlapany-ale-nie-ma-tego-coukradl>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://olawa24.pl/artykul/kradziez-w-kosciele-parafia-wychodzi-zapelem/1287547>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

22. Theft in a church in Wolanow

Date: 02/03.03.2023

Description: On 30 April 2024, the local media made public information about a theft committed in a church in Wolanow. The thirty-seven-year-old perpetrator stole, among other things, liturgical patens, a box for the host, metal trays, droppers and money from the church. The value of the loss was estimated at approximately PLN 1,500. The theft was recorded by cameras installed in church.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: woman

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 26-625 Wolanow (V)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://warszawa.tvp.pl/77289705/37latka-ukradla-z-kosciola-przedmiotyliturgiczne-nagral-ja-monitoring>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://twojradom.pl/weekendowe-zakazy-jazdy-dla-pojazdowciezarowych/1426996>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

23. Attempt to set fire to the Nozyk Synagogue in Warsaw

Date: 30.04/1.05.2024

Description: On the night of 30 April to 1 May 2024, there was an attempt to set fire to the Nozyk Synagogue in Warsaw. A 16-year-old threw a so-called Molotov cocktail towards the synagogue.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

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

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: <https://www.rp.pl/przestepczosc/art40291421-proba-podpalenia-synagogi-w-warszawie-16-latek-nie-zdradzil-co-nim-kierowalo>
(access date: 15.06.2024)

<https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/warszawa/proba-podpalenia-synagogi-wwarszawie-16-latkowi-moze-grozic-nawet-10-lat/8yxkv7b>
(access date: 15.06.2024)

https://www.rdc.pl/aktualnosci/warszawa/podpalenie-synagogi-warszawazatrzymany-zarzuty-synagoga-nozykow-ktopodpalil_3WSSgsEriQakhWd4cn8X
(access date: 15.06.2024)

24. Vandalism at the Jewish cemetery in Trzemeszno

Date: 10/12.05.2024

Description: On 10 or 12 May 2024, an unknown perpetrator or perpetrators painted over a plaque commemorating Jewish people with paint. The plaque is located on a stone monument situated in the Jewish cemetery on Orchowska Street.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 62-240 Trzemeszno (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

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

Religion/belief: Judaism

Source: <https://trzemeszno24.info/pomalowano-tablice-na-cmentarzu-zydowskim/>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://poznan.tvp.pl/77534835/trzemeszno-pomnik-cmentarz-zydowskipolicja-zniszczyl-pomnik-wandalizm-gniezno>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

25. Destruction of a shrine in Szydłów

Date: 24.05.2024

Description: On 24 May 2024, an unknown perpetrator vandalised the statues of Our Lady and Jesus Christ located in the roadside shrine in Mazowiecka Street in Szydłów. The perpetrator or perpetrators painted the statues of the Merciful Jesus and the Mother of God with red paint, painted the nails, eyes and mouth, as well as the rosary beads.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 28-225 Szydłow (C)

Voivodeship: Swietokrzyskie

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://codziennikmlawski.pl/2024/05/29/oburzenie-w-szydlowie-ktos-wwymyslony-sposob-zbezczescil-kapliczke/>
(access date: 10.06.2024)

<https://ciechpress.pl/mlawa/oburzenie-w-szydlowie-co-chcial-osiagnacsprawca-profanacja-figur-chrystusa-i-matki-bozej>
(access date: 10.06.2024)

26. Theft in a church in Bielsk Podlaski

Date: 28.05.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 28 May 2024, local media reported the theft of musical equipment in one of the churches in Bielsk Podlaski. According to the reporters, the perpetrators of the theft committed in mid-May entered the church at night through a side door, then took three guitars, a mixer, two projectors and a speaker worth 13,000 PLN and additionally stole PLN 1,500.

Perpetrator: natural person

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

Gender of the perpetrator: man, man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 17-100 Bielsk Podlaski (C)

Voivodeship: Podlaskie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://bielsk-podlaski.policja.gov.pl/po6/aktualnosci/96022,UKRADLI-ZKOSCIOLA-SPRZET-MUZYCZNY-WART-KILKANASCIE-TYSIECY.html>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://ewysmaz.pl/artukul/zatrzymano-szesc-osob-n1247612>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://www.radio.bialystok.pl/wiadomosci/index/id/239210>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

27. Profanation of St. Margaret's Church in Gostynin

Date: 8.06.2024

Description: On 8 June 2024, a nineteen-year-old man damaged two stained glass windows of St. Margaret's parish church in Gostyn.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 63-800 Gostyn (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gostynska.pl/wiadomosci/19-letni-wandal-zniszczyl-witraz-wkosciele-farnym-w-gostyniu-wszystko-zarejestrowalmonitoring/zWgFiNWosaYIO5TLglDc>
(access date: 15.06.2024)

<https://tvn24.pl/poznan/gostyn-rzucil-kamieniem-uszkodzil-koscielnawitraz-kosztowny-wybryk-w-okukamery-st7957183>
(access date: 15.06.2024)

https://gostyn24.pl/pl/473_na-sygnale/69005_przechodzil-obok-kosciolachwycil-za-kamien-i-wszystko-nagraly-kamery.html
(access date: 15.06.2024)

28. Devastation of the shrine of Jesus Crucified in the Annobora Kolonia

Date: 9.06.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 9 June 2024, the local media reported the devastation of the shrine of Jesus Crucified in Annobor Kolonia. An unknown perpetrator spray-painted Nazi swastikas on the cross, an acronym for an anti-police slogan (JP) and smeared the face of the Jesus statue with white paint.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 21-100 Annobor-Kolonia (Kolonia) (V)

Voivodeship: Lubelskie

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://porzadek.org.pl/profanacja-krzyza-w-annoborze-kolonii-bedzienagroda-za-wskazanie-sprawcy-zdjecia-17458189.html>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://lubartow.24wspolnota.pl/informacje-lubartowskie/profanacja-krzyzaw-annoborze-kolonii-bedzienagroda-za-wskazanie-sprawcyzdjecia/zaAi9khbpeyfvhOvGiuC>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

29. Theft at the Holy Trinity Church in Turośni Church

Date: 15.06.2024

Description: On 15 June 2024 a 40-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman stole a reliquary containing the relics of Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko from the Holy Trinity Church in Turośni Koscielny.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man, woman

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 18-106 Turośn Koscielna (V)

Voivodeship: Podlaskie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://bialystok.tvp.pl/78459101/malzenstwo-ukradlo-relikwiarz-zrelikwiami-bl-ks-jerzego-popieluszki-teraz-grozi-im-wiezienie>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://www.radio.bialystok.pl/wiadomosci/index/id/240038>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://poranny.pl/kradziez-w-kosciele-w-turośni-koscielnej-malzenstwo-zlap-zabralo-relikwie-bl-ks-jerzego-popieluszki-parze-grozi-75-roku/ar/c1-18617913>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

30. Arson attack on St. Helena Church in Nowy Sacz

Date: 16.06.2024

Description: On 16 June 2024, a twenty-two-year-old man set fire to the historic St. Helena Church in Nowy Sacz. The wooden structure of the building was destroyed along with its furnishings, including the historic altar, sculptures and paintings listed in the register of monuments.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 33-300 Nowy Sacz (C)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.pap.pl/aktualnosci/areszt-dla-podejrzanego-o-podpaleniezabytkowego-kosciola>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/zakopane/news-pozar-zabytkowego-kosciolaw-nowym-saczu-podpalacz-zatrzymano,nId,7594050#crp_state=1
(access date: 01.07.2024)

<https://miastons.pl/kronika-zdarzen/to-bylo-jednak-podpalenie-zatrzymano22-latka-splonal-kosciol-sw-heleny-w-nowym-saczu/>
(access date: 01.07.2024)

31. Profanation of St. Adalbert' Church in Krakow

Date: 19.06.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 19 June 2024, the All-Polish Youth - Krakow announced on its Facebook profile that the facade of St. Adalbert's Church in Krakow had been destroyed. Unknown perpetrators placed vulgar graffiti on the walls of the church, the content of which expresses great hatred of the Catholic Church, the Vatican and is an accusation of paedophilia by the clergy.

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 Krakow (C)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://pch24.pl/antykoscielny-szal-w-krakowie-wandale-oszpecili-kosciolsw-wojciecha-wulgarnymi-bazgrokami/>
(access date: 22.06.2024)

<https://www.intoleranceagainstchristians.eu/index.php?id=12&case=8189>
(access date: 22.06.2024)

32. Destruction of the shrine of Our Lady in Lancut

Date: 24.06.2024

Description: On 24 June 2024 in Łańcut a twenty-seven-year-old man vandalized a roadside shrine and smashed a plaster statue of the Virgin Mary inside.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 18-30

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 37-100 Lancut (C)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://nowiny24.pl/27latek-zdewastowal-przydrozna-kapliczke-i-rozbilfigurke-matki-boskiej/ar/c1-18637201>
(access date: 13.08.2024)

<https://rzeszow24.info/na-sygnale/lancut-zdewastowal-przydroznakapliczke-odpowie-za-obraze-uczuc-religijnych-i-uszkodzeniemienia/gKZhUrzVCAMC77MoZnDH>
(access date: 13.08.2024)

33. Theft in a church in the municipality of Poczesna

Date: 22.07.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 22 July 2024, the local media reported the theft of a cash box a church in the municipality of Poczesna by a thirty-four-year-old perpetrator.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: Poczesna Municipality (V)

Voivodeship: Silesian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://slaska.policja.gov.pl/kat/informacje/wiadomosci/390724,Tuz-pomszy-ukradl-ksiedzu-kasetke-z-pieniedzmi.html>
(access date: 01.08.2024)

<https://dziennikzachodni.pl/kradziez-w-kosciele-w-gminie-poczesna-pozakonczonej-mszy-zabral-ksiedzu-kasetke-z-pieniedzmi/ar/c1-18692709>
(access date: 01.08.2024)

34. Devastation of the cemetery in Medrzechow

Date: 6/7.08.2024

Description: On the night of 6-7 August 2024, a fifty-three-year-old man destroyed three graves on the cemetery in Medrzechow (Dabrowa district).

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 45+

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 33-221 Medrzechow (V)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://tarnow.naszemiasto.pl/demolka-na-cmentarzu-w-medrzechowie-50-latek-zatrzymany/ar/c1-9770037>
(access date: 13.08.2024)

<https://tarnow.net.pl/articles/s/i/482015>
(access date: 13.08.2024)

35. Destruction of the shrine of Our Lady the Immaculate

Date: 2/3.09.2024

Description: On the night of 2 to 3 September, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate. The incident took place in Otwock on Chrobrego Street..

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: unknown

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 05-400 Otwock (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://czestochowa.niedziela.pl/artykul/104772/Otwock-kolejny-aktwandalizmu-na>
(access date: 6.09.2024)

36. Disruption of Mass and profanity places of worship

Date: 20.10.2024

Description: A thirty-five-year-old resident of the municipality of Nowy Wisnicz entered the church from the side of the sacristy while Mass was in progress. The man allegedly shouted loudly and waved his hands. He then entered the altar, where he pushed the cross standing there, causing it to fall and be damaged.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

Place: 32-720 Nowy Wisnicz (C)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.niedziela.pl/artukul/106331/Bulwesujace-sceny-w-NowymWisniczu-podczas-Mszy-sw-wszedl-na-oltarz-przewrocil>
(access date: 25.03.2025)

37. Interference with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Date: 30.11.2024

Description: On 30 November, a desecration took place in the Divine Mercy Church in Debica during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It was committed by two young people in the lower church, where perpetual adoration of ed Sacrament was place at the time. The faithful present in the church restrained the teenagers and informed the priest.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: under 18

Gender of the perpetrator: man, woman

Category of act: destroying and profaning places of worship

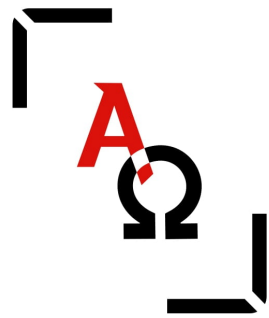
Place: 39-200 Debica (C)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrators were arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/11905822/debica-dochodzenie-w-sprawieprofanacji-kosciola-zostalo-umorzzone.html>
(access date: 25.03.2025)



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CATEGORY OF ACT III

DESTROYING AND PROFANING OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS AND OBJECTS OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP

1. Profanation of images of Jesus and the Virgin Mary in Warsaw

Date: 16.01.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 16 January 2024, the local media made public the news of the profanation of images of Jesus and the Virgin Mary in the 'Madonna' restaurant, located at Plac Konstytucji 3 in Warsaw. The interior of the restaurant was arranged using elements offensive to religious people:

- the face of actor Keanu Reeves was placed in the image of the Sacred Heart,
- The face of singer Rihanna was substituted in place of Mary's face,
- The hanging images depict the Virgin Mary smoking cigarettes,
- A confessional is located in the restaurant where you can take photos,
- rosaries were hung on bottles of vodka.

The restaurant continues to display images of saints despite protests.

Perpetrator: other

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: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: Other

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=122106548252181251&id=61555437551459&ref=embed_post
(access date: 01.02.2024)

<https://radiowarszawa.com.pl/profanacja-w-centrum-stolicy/>
(access date: 01.02.2024)

<https://www.fakt.pl/wydarzenia/polska/warszawa/burza-wokolwarszawskiej-restauracji-katolicy-sprzeciwiaja-sie-bluznierczejaranzacji/01e25x8>
(access date: 01.02.2024)

<https://kresy.pl/wydarzenia/rozance-na-butelkach-z-wodka-obrazy-maryipalacej-papierosy-warszawska-restauracja-kpi-z-katolickich-symboli/>
(access date: 01.02.2024)

2. Devastation of a cross at the municipal cemetery in Wągrowiec

Date: 5.03.2024

Description: On 5 March 2024, an unknown perpetrator threw a cross with the Lord Jesus (a pasque) into one of the containers located in the municipal cemetery in Wągrowiec.

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: 62-100 Wągrowiec (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity

Source: <https://oknonawagrowiec.pl/profanacja-krzyza-na-cmentarzu-komunalnymw-wagrowcu-ktos-wyrzucil-go-do-smietnika-foto/>
(access date 17.04.2024)

3. Devastation of the Christmas nativity scene in Brzesko

Date: 3/4.04.2024

Description: On the night of 3-4 April 2024, unknown perpetrators cut down the Mission Cross in front of the church in Bogatynia.

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: 59-920 Bogatynia (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/687446-dalszy-ciag-opilowywania-katolikowscieto-krzyz-misyjny>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://twitter.com/PCh24pl/status/1775916743698825518>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

<https://legnica.niedziela.pl/artykul/100603/Nabozenstwo-ekspiacyjne-zaprofanacje>
(access date: 16.04.2024)

4. Disruption of Mass and profanation of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of St. Karol Boromeus in Poznan

Date: 27.04.2024

Description: On 27 April 2024, a woman attending Mass at the Church of St. Karol Boromeus in Poznan disrupted the celebration of the liturgy and profaned the Blessed Sacrament. During the administration of Holy Communion to the faithful, the woman did not receive the Blessed Sacrament in her mouth, but in her hand, and during a conversation with the priest she threw the Host on the floor. According to a witness – the woman allegedly snatched the tin with the consecrated Communion from the priest, threw it on the ground and crushed the Host with her fingers.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: woman

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

Place: 50-154 Poznan (C)

Voivodeship: Greater Poland

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source:

<https://epoznan.pl/news-news-150403>

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zmiazdzyla-ich-palcami-836794/

(access date: 02.05.2024)

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dzieje-wpolsce-kto-je-potepi/

(access date: 02.05.2024)

5. Profanation of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Karscino

Date: 27/28.04.2024

Description: On the night of 27-28 April 2024, unknown perpetrators committed an act of profanation in the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Karscino. The vandals broke into the church and stole the ciboria with the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle.

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: 78-230 Karscino (V)

Voivodeship: West Pomeranian

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://pch24.pl/profanacja-w-karscinie-nieznani-sprawcy-ukradli-cyboria-znajswietszym-sakramentem/>
(access date: 02.05.2024)

<https://pch24.pl/profanacje-najswietszego-sakramentu-to-sie-dzieje-wpolsce-kto-je-potepi/>
(access date: 02.05.2024)

<https://pl.aleteia.org/2024/04/30/profanacja-najswietszego-sakramentusprawcy-ukradli-dwa-cyboria/>
(access date: 02.05.2024)

<https://koszalin.gosc.pl/doc/8782655.Profanacja-Najswietszego-SakramentuWierni-sa-wstrzasnieci>
(access date: 02.05.2024)

6. Profanation of the Blessed Sacrament and theft in the Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bytom

Date: 29/30.04.2024

Description: On the night of 29-30 April 2024, unknown perpetrators committed an act of profanation in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bytom. The vandals smashed the tabernacle, from which they took the ciboria (containers for the Blessed Sacrament), a small monstrance and the reliquary of St. Faustina. Consecrated hosts were found scattered and profaned in and outside the sanctuary.

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: 41-900 Bytom (C)

Voivodeship: Silesian

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.rmfm24.pl/regiony/slaskie/newsamp-profanacja-najswietszegosakramentu-i-kradziez-w-kosciele-w-,nId,7486857>
(access date: 02.05.2024)

<https://opoka.org.pl/News/Polska/2024/profanacja-bytom>
access date: 02.05.2024)

<https://www.eska.pl/slaskie/bytom-ktos-wlamal-sie-do-kosciola-ukradlmonstrancje-i-rozrzucil-na-ziemi-hostie-aa-qzfN-Ep3D-YUoi.html>
(access date: 02.05.2024)

7. Destruction of the statue of Our Lady in Zary

Date: 29/30.06.2024

Description: On the night of 29-30 June 2024, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the statue of Our Lady located on Zielona Gora Street in Zary. The vandal stripped the statue of Mary of its hands.

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: 36-004 Zary (C)

Voivodeship: Lubuskie

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://gazetalubuska.pl/profanacja-figury-maryi-w-zarach-wandaleposzukiwani-przez-policje/ar/c9-18649149>
(access date: 15.07.2024)

<https://zary.naszemiasto.pl/profanacja-figury-maryi-w-zarach-policja-natropie-sprawcow/ar/c9-9743777>
(access date: 15.07.2024)

8. Destruction of the Virgin Mary statue in Kosciuki

Date: 27/28.07.2024

Description: On the night of 27-28 July 2024, unknown perpetrators vandalised the statue of Our Lady Immaculate standing under the cross, located at the entrance to the Kosciuk colony from the Kruszevska road. The vandals cut off the statue's hands, gouged a hole in its head and destroyed its face.

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: 16-070 Kosciuki (V)

Voivodeship: Podlaskie

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.wprost.pl/kraj/11771238/ktos-wydlubal-oczy-maryi-podlaskawies-wstrzasnieta-mowia-o-zorganizowanej-akcji.html>
(access date: 04.08.2024)

<https://www.onet.pl/informacje/onetbialystok/figura-matki-boskiejzdewastowana-wies-na-podlasiu-zdruzgotana/36g8ts3,79cfc278>
(access date: 04.08.2024)

<https://polskieradio24.pl/artykul/3409663,wydlubano-maryi-oczy-i-odcietorece-profanacja-na-podlasiu-mieszkancy-wstrzasnieci>
(access date: 04.08.2024)

9, 10, 11. Three-time vandalism of a cross in the village of Izbiszczce

Date: 5.08.2024 (date of media report)

Description: On 5 August 2024, the local media reported that a concrete cross located in the Podlasie village of Izbiszczce had been devastated three times. During the first profanation, the cross was devastated along with the statue of Jesus Christ, which was attached to the cross. An unknown perpetrator smashed the concrete cross and cut the arms and legs of the figure placed on it with an angle iron. Two days after being repaired, the cross was again broken and the Jesus figure was thrown into the bushes. When the religious symbol was repaired again, not a day passed, an unknown perpetrator destroyed the cross again, probably by throwing a large stone at it, resulting in the cross breaking again.

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: 16-070 Izbiszczce (V)

Voivodeship: Podlaskie

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.tvp.info/79698863/podlaskie-seria-profanacji-jezusowi-wycieto-rece-maryi-wydlubano-oczy-izbiszczce-i-choroszcz>

(access date: 04.08.2024)

<https://polskieradio24.pl/arttykul/3410662,wycieto-jezusowi-rece-i-nogikolejny-akt-profanacji-na-podlasiu-jestesmy-przerazeni>

(access date: 04.08.2024)

12. Profanation of the Cross in the Sanctuary of St. John Paul II in Krosno

Date: 20.12.2024

Description: On the night of 20 December 2024, a man broke into the church (damaged the door) and destroyed the passion cross.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

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

Place: 38-400 Krosni (C)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://radiofara.pl/2024/12/20/krosno-profanacja-krzyza-w-sanktuariumsw-jana-pawla-ii/>
(access date: 25.03.2025)

13. Devastation of the Virgin Mary statue

Date: 25/26.12.2024

Description: On the night of 25-26 December 2024, an unknown perpetrator entered the grounds of the St. Rafał Kalinowski church in Mragowo and destroyed the statue of Mary in the chapel by the church. St. Rafał Kalinowski in Mragowo and destroyed the statue of Mary in the chapel by the church. Situation was recorded by a parish camera.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

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

Place: 11-700 Mragowo (C)

Voivodeship: Warminsko-Mazurskie

Status of the proceedings: Attempt to clarify the situation=

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.niedziela.pl/artykul/108392/>

(access date: 23.03.2025)

<https://opinie.olsztyn.pl/warmiai-mazury/profanacja-w-mragowie/>

(access date: 23.03.2025)

14. Arson of a cross

Date: 27.12.2024

Description: A man doused a cross at 51 Goralska Street in Niedzwiednik, Gdansk, with petrol around 5am and then set it on fire. He also shouted anti-clerical slogans, waking up sleeping residents in the process.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man

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

Place: 80-292 Gdansk (C)

Voivodeship: Pomeranian

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.trojmiasto.pl/wiadomosci/Gdansk-Oblal-benzyna-i-podpalilkrzyz-na-Niedzwiedniku-n197406.html>
(access date: 25.03.2025)

15. Destruction of a statue in the Christmas crib

Date: 27.12.2024

Description: A traditional Christmas nativity scene was profaned in the market square in Ustrzyki Dolne. The Town Hall reported that one of the figures in the nativity scene had been destroyed.

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

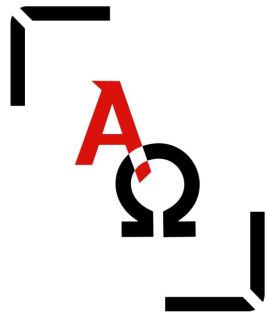
Place: 38-700 Ustrzyki Dolne (C)

Voivodeship: Subcarpathian

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

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/kraj/717109-profanacja-zniszczono-figure-z-szopkibozonarodzeniowej>
(access date: 25.03.2025)



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CATEGORY OF ACT IV

RESTRICTIONS IN PROFESSING FAITH IN PUBLIC

1. Interrupting the prayer action and stopping the volunteer near the hospital in Olesnica

Date: 11.01.2024

Description: On 11 January 2024, the police detained the coordinator of the Pro-Life Foundation in connection with the organisation of a public rosary prayer to stop abortion outside a hospital in Olesnica. In doing so, officers pacified a legal public gathering and seized equipment belonging to the Foundation. The action was a legal public assembly and the Foundation issued a statement that all formal procedures had been followed in accordance with the applicable law and the Polish Constitution, which guarantees our freedom of assembly and expression.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: restrictions in professing faith in public

Place: 56-400 Olesnica (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: Other

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source:

<https://pch24.pl/policja-pacyfikuje-akcje-modlitewna-w-olesnicy-izatrzymuje-wolontariusza/>

(access date 29.01.2024)

<https://kresy.pl/wydarzenia/policja-zlikwidowala-akcje-modlitewna-przeciwaborcji-pod-szpitalem-w-olesnicy-wolontariusz-zatrzymany/>

(access date: 29.01.2024)

<https://afirmacja.info/2024/01/16/olesnica-policja-zatrzymalawolontariusza-pro-life-i-rozbila-rozaniec-przed-szpitalem/>

(access date: 29.01.2024)

2. Failure to allow priest to see accident victims in Rabka-Zdroj

Date: 1.04.2024

Description: On 1 April 2024, a priest called to the scene was not allowed to see the dying people who had suffered an accident. The incident took place due to a gale in Rabka-Zdroj. Three people died as a result of being crushed by a tree; the police officer involved called the sacrament “witchcraft”.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: restrictions in professing faith in public

Place: 34-700 Rabka-Zdroj (C)

Voivodeship: Lesser Poland

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source:

<https://pch24.pl/niebywaly-skandal-i-lajdactwo-policjant-z-rabki-niedopuscil-ksiedza-do-umierajacego/>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://stacja7.pl/z-kraju/tragedia-w-rabce-zdroju-do-ofiar-wypadku-mialnie-zostac-dopuszczony-ksiadz/>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://wpolityce.pl/kraj/687558-rokita-probuja-uderzyc-w-najbardziejintymny-aspekt-wiary>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://dorzeczy.pl/opinie/570891/ateistyczna-buta-rokita-trudno-pisac-mito-co-teraz-pisze.html>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://plus.dziennikpolski24.pl/jan-rokita-prawo-do-wiatyku/ar/c15-18436317>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://wiadomosci.onet.pl/krakow/policjant-nazwal-sakrament-czaramiteraz-ma-problemy-prokurator-tez/n7y6lmm>

(access date: 6.04.2025)

3. Disruption of Mass in Tarnobrzeg

Date: 8.09.2024

Description: During Sunday Mass on 8 September, after 8:00 a.m., there was a disturbance in one of the churches in Tarnobrzeg. A cyclist rode into the sanctuary, made several laps, while shouting offensive words. The Tarnobrzeg resident was shouting in English.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: restrictions in professing faith in public

Place: 39-400 Tarnobrzeg (C)

Voivodeship: Podkarpackie

Status of the proceedings: The perpetrator was arrested.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://policja.pl/pol/aktualnosci/250363,Rowerem-wjechał-do-kosciolazaklocajac-msze-swieta.html>
(access date: 25.03.2025)

4. Interference with public prayer of the rosary

Date: 15.12.2024

Description: On 15 December, a public rosary prayer was taking place on the market square in Toruń. At one point a man and a woman started to disrupt the prayer. The man told the praying people to "roll up" and behaved aggressively, while the woman was very loud and "unpleasant".

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: unknown

Gender of the perpetrator: man, woman

Category of act: limiting the public profession of faith

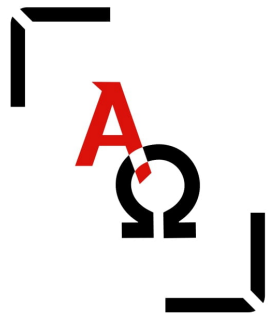
Place: 87-100 Torun (C)

Voivodeship: Kuavian-Pomeranian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotycznyTorun/posts/pfbid02wCyvviYTZz23o4BqqGAZbe9KCpGWSR89KCis2zQ1UfAqtKbMiwDCar8mPPFjYCCA1>
(access date: 18.12.2024)



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CATEGORY OF ACT V

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGIOUS BELIEF

**(RESTRICTION OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF
PROFESSED FAITH)**

1. Abolition of national pastoral care Voluntary Labour Corps in Poland

Date: 31.01.2024

Description: On 31 January 2024, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Voluntary Labour Corps in Poland decided to liquidate the national OHP ministry without giving specific reasons for the liquidation of the ministry and the dismissal of the pastoralists working in it.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: discrimination based on religious belief

Place: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: Other

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.radiomaryja.pl/informacje/duszpasterstwo-ochotniczychhufcow-pracy-zostalo-zlikwidowane-ks-l-skarzynski-chodzi-o-sprawyydeologiczne-nie-wpisujemy-sie-w-ideal-wychowania-jaki-ma-byczaproponowany-mlodziezy/>
(access date: 10.02.2024)

<https://naszdzienik.pl/index.php/wiara-kosciol-w-polsce/292298,likwidacjaduszpasterstwa-ochotniczych-hufcow-pracy.html>
(access date: 10.02.2024)

2. Decision of the Mayor of Warsaw on removal of crosses in the town hall

Date: 05.2024

Description: In May 2024, the Mayor of Warsaw signed an ordinance, an executive act, (Standards for Equal Treatment in the Warsaw City Hall; appendix), under which, among other things, religious symbols were banned in the City Hall, including, for example, the placing of crosses on desks in the Warsaw City Hall.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: discrimination based on religious belief

Place: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source:

<https://dorzeczy.pl/opinie/587202/oburzenie-po-decyzji-trzaskowskiego-wskrzyzy.html>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://wpolityce.pl/polityka/691975-szokujace-wytyczne-trzaskowskiegozakaz-krzyzy-w-ratuszu>

(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://tvn24.pl/tvnwarszawa/najnowsze/warszawa-bez-symboli-religijnychna-scianach-jezyk-pracownikow-musi-byc-rownoscowy-nowe-standardy-wratuszu-st7919631>

(access date: 24.03.2025)

https://tvn24.pl/najnowsze/zalacznik-do-zarzadzenia-nr-8222024-prezydenta-mst-warszawy-z-8-maja-2024-rbi7921621/0822_0805zal.docx.pdf

(access date: 6.04.2025)

3. Dismissal of hospital director on worldview grounds

Date: 8.10.2024

Description: Jarosław Rabczenko, Deputy Marshal of the Lower Silesian Voivodship, announced that the Voivodship Board had dismissed Dr Agnieszka Chrobak from her position as Director of the Wrocław Brochów Hospital. The Marshal made no secret of the fact that this step was determined by worldview considerations. The director was dismissed from her post for not agreeing to the killing of an unborn child in hospital on the basis of a certificate from a psychiatrist and for bringing the relics of the Blessed Ulma family to the hospital chapel.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: discrimination based on religious belief

Place: 50-001 Wrocław (C)

Voivodeship: Lower Silesia

Status of the proceedings: Other

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.ekai.pl/dyrektor-szpitala-zwolniona-ze-wzgledowswiatopogladowych-protestuje-25-tys-osob/>
(access date: 24.03.2025 r.)

<https://www.proelio.pl/aktualnosci/108-wspaniala-dyrektor-szpitalaodwolana-za-to-ze-nie-zgodzila-sie-na-zabicie-dziecka>
(access date: 24.03.2025)

4. Cancellation of long-standing Superintendent Competition on Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Primate of the Millennium

Date: 09/10.2024

Description: Mazovian Education Superintendent Wioletta Krzyżanowska has cancelled the School Superintendent's Competition on Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Primate of the Millennium, for pupils in primary school classes IV - VIII in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in the school year 2024/2025. This is part of a broader context of the actions of the education authorities, which aim to remove everything associated with Christianity.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: discrimination based on religious belief

Place: 00-024 Warsaw (c)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: Other

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.niedziela.pl/artukul/106083/Mazowiecka-Kurator-Oswiatyodwolala-Konkurs-o-kard-Wyszynskim-dla-dzieci>
(access date: 25.03.2025)

5. Search of the Dominican friary in Lublin

Date: 19.12.2024

Description: On 19 December 2024, the police searched the Dominican monastery in Lublin. The National Prosecutor's Office reasoned that this was in response to information that the prosecuted Law and Justice MP Marcin Romanowski was hiding there. The search concerned residential and outbuilding premises.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: discrimination based on religious belief

Place: 20-001 Lublin (C)

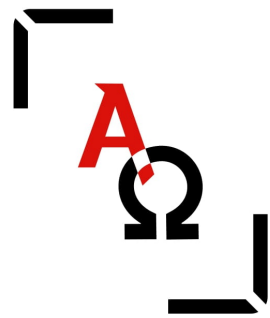
Voivodeship: Lubelskie

Status of the proceedings: Other

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://lublin.dominikanie.pl/2025/01/06/oficjalny-komunikat-wsprzeszukiwania-klasztoru/>
(access date: 24.03.2025)

<https://www.gov.pl/web/prokuratura-krajowa/informacja-o-przeszukaniupomieszczen-mieszkalnych-i-gospodarczych-w-klasztorze-w-lublinie>
(access date: 24.03.2025 r.)



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CATEGORY OF ACT VI

**INCITEMENT TO HATRED ON GROUNDS OF RELIGIOUS
DIFFERENCES**

**OR INSULTING A GROUP OF PEOPLE OR SOME PERSONS
BECAUSE OF ITS RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION**

1. Offensive statement by RP MP on bill to defend Christians

Date: 25.04.2024

Description: On 25 April 2024, during the debate on the bill on the defence of Christians in the Polish Parliament, one MP included offensive words about religion in his speech: “As the classic said, religion is like a certain male organ: it is quite all right when someone has it and is proud of it, but if someone takes it out and waves it in front of our noses, we already have a certain problem”.

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: man

Category of act: incitement to hatred on grounds of religious difference

Place: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.donald.pl/artykuly/X8ETpu2h/posel-jozefaciuk-poglupimwystapieniu-postanowil-glupio-sie-tlumaczyc-ze-nie-chodzilo-mu-o-siurkatylko-o-mozg>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

<https://wiadomosci.wp.pl/jozefaciuk-porownal-religie-do-meskiego-organunawet-czarzasty-nie-wytrzymal-7021012386970560a>
(access date: 20.08.2024)

2. Verbal attack towards priests

Date: 12.10.2024

Description: Aleksandra Gajewska, deputy minister of the family, during the convention of the KO in Warsaw's Bemowo district made a scandalous statement in which she attacked the clergy. The statement referred to the 500+ and 800+ programmes, she said: "For a few hundred zlotys a family will not build itself a crèche close to its home. For a few hundred zlotys, a young couple will not make a woman in the district hospital and not the wellbeing of the local priest".

Perpetrator: natural person

Age of the perpetrator: 30-45

Gender of the perpetrator: woman

Category of act: incitement to hatred on grounds of religious difference

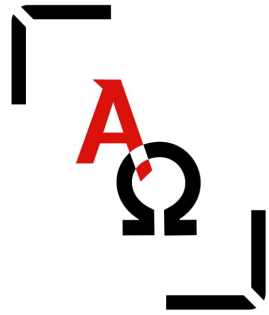
Place: Warsaw Bemowo (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://wpolityce.pl/polityka/709667-oburzajace-wystapienie-gajewskiejurbanowska-narracja>
(access date: 24.03.2025)



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OTHER

1. Blocking funding for faith-based journals in Journals programm

Date: 03.2024

Description: The Minister of Culture and National Heritage, Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz, has refused to subsidise the Dominican magazine 'W drodze' in the ministerial programme 'Magazines'. As he explained: “The mission of the state is not to spread faith and salvation. This is a secular state. He stressed that: 'In the first instance, money should flow to the editors of magazines that deal with culture and art. This is so obvious that it needs no comment’”.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: Other

Place: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: Christianity, Roman Catholic

Source: <https://www.bankier.pl/wiadomosc/Ministerstwo-kultury-rozdalo-pieniadzew-programie-Czasopisma-Czym-sie-kierowano-8710965.html>
(access date: 6.04.2025)

<https://www.tokfm.pl/Tokfm/7,103087,30796699,nie-bedzie-dotacji-dlapism-wyznaniowych-sienkiewicz-to-jest.html>
(access date: 6.04.2025)

2. Amendment of the Regulation on the organisation of religious education

Date: 1.09.2024

Description: As of 1 September 2024, the Ordinance of the Minister of Education of 26 July 2024 amending the Ordinance on the conditions and manner of organising religious instruction in public kindergartens and schools (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1158) came into force, despite the suspension of the application of the Ordinance issued by the Constitutional Tribunal on 30 August 2024. On 27 November 2024, the Constitutional Tribunal considered the application of the First President of the Supreme Court concerning the teaching of religion in public kindergartens and schools and unanimously ruled that the Ordinance is, in its entirety, incompatible with Article 12(2) of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the educational system in connection with Article 92(1) in connection with Article 25(3) in connection with Article 2 and Article 7 of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland.

Perpetrator: other

Age of the perpetrator: not applicable

Gender of the perpetrator: not applicable

Category of act: Other

Place: 05-075 Warsaw (C)

Voivodeship: Masovian

Status of the proceedings: No information about the procedure.

Religion/belief: All

Source: <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/DocDetails.xsp?id=WDU20240001158>
(access date: 6.04.2025)