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**Nauka – kultura – religia: na marginesie sesji naukowej „Wkład  
OO. Pijarów do nauki i kultury w Polsce XVII-XIX wieku”**

**Science-culture-religion-reflection connected with the scientific  
session “The contribution of Fathers Piarists to Polish science  
and culture in 17th-19th centuries”**

SUMMARY

In the year 1992 we celebrated the 350th anniversary of activity of the Order of Piarists in Poland. Because of this occasion, the Institute of History of Sciences (Division of the History of Social Sciences) which cooperated with Polish Province of Piarists organized the session that took place in the Museum of Technology in Warsaw. During the two days' meeting (November 20-21) many authors presented their articles connected with the problem of *The contribution of Fathers Piarists to Polish science and culture in 17th-19th centuries*. The participants of the session represented many scientific institutes and universities. The papers were published in June 1993. Shorter version of this book will be edited in Spanish.

The next fragment of the article consists of three parts. *Firstly*: we wanted to demonstrate the original personality and the interesting activity of St. Joseph de Calasanz, the founder of *Ordo Scholarum Piarum* (popularly called “the Piarists”). From our perspective today we can call him a precursor of *Vaticanum Secundum*. His conceptions connected with education were very modern and progressive. His main idea was that school education should be obligatory and free for all children.

*Secondly*: we wanted to present the most famous Polish Piarists participating in political, economic, scientific and cultural life. Besides Stanisław Konarski, the famous founder of *Collegium Nobilium* and other Piarists were connected with Polish science and culture, e.g.: Onufry Kopczyński, Michał Dymitr Krajewski, Kazimierz Narbutt, Antoni Wiśniewski, Antoni Popławski, Jakub Falkowski, Teodor Waga, Józef Herman Osiński, Bonifacy Jundziłł. Their ideas were often very progressive and inspiring.

*Thirdly*: we wanted to discuss the present activity of Fathers Piarists, particularly in Poland. Among other topics we presented the programme and educational conceptions of the modern Lyceum in Cracow, organized by Polish Piarists.

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