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Rev. Fr. Wacław Nowacki
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Dear Father Nowacki and all the people gathered to celebrate the Centenary ceremony in Czarnia,

I have received your letter of invitation to this historical ceremony on the occasion of the first centenary of the birth of Brother Zeno, Missionary of goodness and generosity, to Japan.

Although I am not be able to participate in this great ceremony in the birthplace of Brother Zeno, I am very glad to know that good people of Poland and Japan continue to cooperate together to make Brother Zeno's life and work a good example to follow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Great part of Brother Zeno's life had been dedicated to the poorest of the poor of Nahasaki and Tokyo after the second world war.

As a consequence, Brother Zeno has been known and beloved by not only catholics in Japan, but also the Japanese people in general without any distinction.

I find it is very worthy of Brother Zeno to stand in a statue together with a little Kurpian girl and a little Japanese boy.

May God bless you all, through the great intercession of Brother Zeno so that the life and work of this great missionary to the poorest of the poor inspire many young men and women both in Poland and Japan to follow his steps.

Sincerely yours' in the Lord

+ *Peter Card. Shirayanagi*

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