

CHRONOLOGY OF THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH SEBASTIAN PELCZAR

- September, 1841** – Maria Pelczar, mother of Joseph Sebastian Pelczar, makes pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lezajsk, where she offers him to our Lady.
- January 17, 1842** – Born in Korczyna, Poland of Wojciech and Marianna (nee Miesowicz) Pelczar
- January 19, 1842** – Baptized at the parish church in Korczyna on the vigil of St. Sebastian
- 1847** – Begins primary education in Korczyna
- September 1850** – Departs for Rzeszow: begins studies at the district school
- 1852-58** – Studies at Rzeszow Academy;
- 1854** -- Receives the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Francis Xavier Wierzchlejski
- 1858-1860** – Studies at Przemyśl Minor Seminary and completes exams.
- September, 1860 – July, 1864**
– Theological studies in the Major Seminary in Przemyśl
- July 17, 1864** – Reception of Holy Orders
- August 18, 1864** – **December 4, 1865** – Serves as assistant in Sambor parish
- January 2, 1866 – December 12, 1866**
– Theological studies in Jesuit Collegium Romanum (Rome)
- November 06, 1866 – April 2, 1868**
– Canon Law Student at Papal Institute of St. Apollinary (Rome)
- April 24, 1868** – Returns to Przemyśl
- July 13, 1868- October, 1869**
– Serves as assistant in Wojutydze and Sambor
- October 1869 – September 1870**
– Serves as prefect at the Major Seminary in Przemyśl
- Beginning September, 1870**
– Professor at Przemyśl Seminary
- Spring, 1872** – Makes pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- March 19, 1877** – Nomination for Professor of Jagiellonian University
- April 12, 1877** – Arrives in Krakow

- December 21, 1877** – Death of his father, Wojciech Pelczar
- 1880/81** – Pro-rector of Jagiellonian University
- 1881/82** – Dean of the Theological Department of the Jagiellonian University
- 1882/83** – Rector of the Jagiellonian University
- January 4, 1889** – Death of Marianna (Miesowicz) Pelczar
- 1883-99** – Director of the Association of People’s Education
- 1884/85** – Dean of Theological Department of Jagiellonian University
- 1890/91** – Vice-Dean of Theological Department of Jagiellonian University
- May 3, 1891**
Krakow – Founding of Confraternity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Polish Crown in Krakow
- April 18, 1893** – Profession as Franciscan Tertiary (in Assisi)
- April 15, 1894** – Founding of the Congregation of the Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Krakow

I fall at your feet, Lord Jesus and I entrust these Servants to your Heart. Vivify them with your love, and give them a true religious spirit; bless their work, increase their number. I give this group to your Heart. Let them live according to these words: Glory Be To the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

*-- St. Joseph Sebastian,
Excerpt from his homily at the Founding of our Congregation*

- February 27, 1899** – Appointed as auxiliary bishop of Przemyśl
- March 19, 1899** – Consecration as bishop at the hands of Bishop Lukasz Solecki
- December 17, 1900** – Appointed as local ordinary of Przemyśl
- January 13, 1901** – Episcopal enthronement
- August, 1901** – Dedication of the Diocese of Przemyśl to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
During his pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial and Lourdes, France
- August 19-22, 1902** – Diocesan Synod
- August 24-27, 1908** – 2nd Diocesan Synod
- December 17, 1909** – The Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus receive papal approbation.
- July 6-9, 1914** – 3rd Diocesan Synod

- July 17, 1914** – 50th Jubilee Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
- January 30, 1923** – Final approbation by the Holy See of the Constitutions of the Congregation of the Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- November 11, 1923** – Receives national Commander Star Medal (*Polonia Restituta*)
- March 19, 1924** – 25th Jubilee Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration
- March 28, 1924** – Death due to pneumonia
- April 1, 1924** – Funeral Mass for Bishop Pelczar
- June 28, 1954** – Opening of Cause of Canonization
- June 2, 1991** – Beatification in Rzeszow, Poland by Pope John Paul II
- May 18, 2003** – Canonization in Rome by Pope John Paul II