

## II National Forum of Brotherhoods and V Pan-European Forum of Confraternities

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On April 27-28, in the Valley of Mercy in Częstochowa, the Second National Forum of Brotherhoods was held, combined with the V Pan-European Forum of Brotherhoods and Confraternities. The guests in Poland will be, m.in, Brotherhoods from Italy, France, Malta, Switzerland and Spain, which is an excellent opportunity to exchange experiences and make new acquaintances.

**Rev. Mariusz Marszałek** The Secretary of the Divine Mercy Province of the Annunciation of the Union of Catholic Apostles explained the April meeting in the Valley of Mercy:

– Brotherhoods are communities that have been inscribed in the tradition of the church for a long time, they are communities of believers who, through liturgical practice, or expanding some element of charitable works. As a rule, this is accompanied by various traditional elements such as costumes, banners or various types of pins, which distinguish the brotherhood from other secular associations.

**Adam Jabłon**, one of the participants of the forum who is a member of the Confraternity of St. James the Apostle the Elder at the Field Cathedral of the Polish Army in Warsaw, spoke about the activities of the community:

"This is the second time we have been on the forum, we were already two years ago. Our confraternity gathers people who are primarily pilgrims. to Santiago de Compostela, but also to Poland. Among other things, our goal is to awaken in Poland just such an idea of pilgrimages along Polish roads, because they are also beautiful. At the same time, through our pilgrimages, we perfect our faith and get closer to God.

The Forum of Brotherhoods ended with a solemn procession to Jasna Góra. Participation in the meeting was free of charge, but prior registration was required.

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