

Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz was born on April 27, 1939 in Raba Wyżna, Poland. He is currently the Archbishop of Kraków and has been a Cardinal since 24 March 2006. He was most widely known as a member of the Prefecture of the Papal Household and for his nearly forty years in service as private secretary to Pope John Paul II; Dziwisz was elevated to the rank of titular archbishop during that service. On June 3, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Dziwisz to his first diocese as the Archbishop of Kraków—an office once held by John Paul II.

Cardinal Dziwisz studied in a local seminary and after successful completion of theological studies was ordained priest on June 23, 1963 for the diocese of Kraków by its auxiliary bishop, Karol Józef Wojtyła. Wojtyła kept Dziwisz on staff as his personal secretary during his time as auxiliary bishop and later as archbishop. When Wojtyła was elected pope, Dziwisz was summoned once more for service as private secretary to the new pope.

Dziwisz was appointed titular bishop of San Leone and joint head of the Prefecture of the Papal Household on February 7, 1998. He was ordained a bishop on March 19 of that year, the principal consecrator being Pope John Paul II, and the co-consecrators Angelo Sodano, Secretary of State and Franciszek Macharski, the Archbishop of Kraków. John Paul II elevated Dziwisz to the rank of archbishop on September 29, 2003, still having the titular see of San Leone.

At the consistory of March 24, 2006, Archbishop Dziwisz was raised to the cardinalate, becoming the Cardinal Priest of the *Titulus S. Mariae de Populo*. It is customary to name the bishops of certain important episcopal sees, such as Kraków, to the College of Cardinals.

Cardinal Dziwisz has written a book entitled *A Life with Karol: My Forty-Year Friendship with the Man Who Became Pope*, which is available in many languages. The book gives a rare personal glimpse of one of the most remarkable historical figures in modern history.

In May 2006, Pope Benedict named Cardinal Dziwisz to be a member of the Congregation for Catholic Education and the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. He makes his first Pastoral Visit to the United States as a Cardinal in June 2008, with stops at Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Detroit, and Chicago.