

**Servant of God Fr. Paul Smolikowski CR as Rector of Polish Pontifical
College in Rome**

Summary

Fr. Paul Smolikowski (1849–1926), a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection, was a rector of the Polish Pontifical College in Rome for circa twenty years (1892–1895, 1898–1902, 1905–1915, 1919–1921). As an outstanding personality, he influenced the humanity, culture, intellect and spirituality of his alumni. Among them we can single out the following: Rev. Edmund Dalbor (1869–1926), a future cardinal and primate of Poland, Rev. Aleksander Kakowski (1862–1938), a future archbishop of Warsaw and cardinal, as well as many others (professors of philosophy and theology at several Polish universities). One of them, Rev. Jan Balicki (1869–1948), whose confessor was Smolikowski, was beatified in 2002. His writings indicate that he belongs to the Resurrectionist school of spirituality.