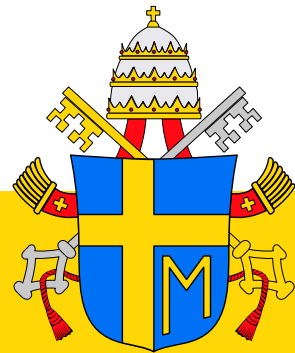


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*"In Bethlehem, the angels announce to the shepherds:
peace among men of God's favor' on earth (Luke 2:14)".*

John Paul II, December 26, 2000

Dear Members and Friends of the John Paul II Foundation,

We wholeheartedly wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas! May peace and kindness always prevail in your families and in your work and life. At a time when Bethlehem, the city of peace and bread, has been deserted in Palestine because of the war, and that in so many other places on earth people are experiencing the evil of anxiety and hunger, let the cry of Saint John Paul II be heard with new power. Here is what he said 45 years ago, on January 1, 1979, at the 12th World Peace Day:

"Deliver us from evil!" From war! From any war. The Pope, son of a nation that in history, especially in this century, had experienced the horror, cruelty and the cataclysm of war, is begging you, Father who art in heaven, Father of life and Giver of peace. He is begging You in the name of all people in the world, of all countries, of all continents. He is begging you in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace".



Inauguration of the pontificate of John Paul II in the report of the Italian television station RAI 3

Sunday, October 22, 1978, solemn Liturgy. First, greeting the cardinals, including the elderly Primate of Poland, who, like an adamant oak, kneels, proud, moved, and then his friend, an outstanding theologian, Cardinal Ratzinger. Karol presents himself to the world. „Do not be afraid!“. „Do not be afraid, open, open wide the doors to Christ. For His saving power, open the borders of countries, of economic and political systems, of wide areas of culture, civilization and development! Do not be afraid! „When I said the words ‚do not be afraid,‘ I could not fully realize how far they would take me, me and the entire Church.“ „Christ knows what a person carries inside. Only He himself knows this! Today, people often do not know what is hidden inside them, in the depths of their soul and heart. So often we are uncertain about the meaning of life on this earth and we are overcome with doubt that turns into despair. Please, I beg you with humility and trust! Let Christ speak to people.“ These words seem to have come from the catacombs of a Catholicism that is scared and lost: „Only He alone has the words of life, yes, eternal life.“ This is a procla-



mation of a living faith – openly – this is not the God of sociology or restless and faded theology, but the powerful and merciful God of Holy Scripture, the certainty that comforts, the devotion that gives courage, the God of Abraham, the God of trials, testimony even to martyrdom. New, young, strong, this is what the new shepherd looks like, with a lot of safety, self-confidence, boldness, far from the slim, shy, delicate physicality of his two predecessors. Then, on this gentle morning

of Roman October, Charles once again transcends, breaks protocol, suddenly descends the steps of the Basilica, goes to the people, meets the crowd, then with an instinctive gesture he grabs the shepherd's cross with both hands and raises it like a bought out banner, like an old banner that has been forgotten for too long, as a signal that it's time to gather, it's time for God's people to collect their tents and hit the road.

Rome celebrates the 45 anniv. of the election of JPII

As announced by Msgr Paweł Ptasiński, President of the Administrative Council of the John Paul II Foundation who is also, at the same time, responsible for the pastoral care of Poles in Rome, the main objective of the Roman celebrations of the anniversary was to emphasise the dimension of Polishness and Polish culture, Christian culture and everything that was important to John Paul II. We wanted „to mobilise the Polish community in Rome to remember that time, that pontificate, and various dimensions of the work of John Paul II, not only the religious

dimension, but also the dimensions of culture and world history.“ The commemorations were organized in such a way that „precisely all these dimensions fit into them.“ On Thursday, October 12, Holy Mass was celebrated at the tomb of St. John Paul II, led by Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, Metropolitan of Krakow with the participation of many faithful and bishops, including the President of the Polish Episcopal Conference, Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki. During the same evening in the hall at St. Stanislaus Church in Rome, the excerpts from the films „Apartment“ and „One

Meter from Holiness“ were screened, followed by a Polish-Italian discussion panel. From October 13 to 15, Church Music Workshops „Faith and Reason“ were held at St. Stanislaus Church in Rome. On the day of the election of the Polish Pope, October 16th, at 7:15 a.m., Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presided at the Holy Mass for the living and deceased members of FJPII at the tomb of St. John Paul II. On the same day at 3.00 p.m., a solemn Eucharist with the participation of Synodal Fathers took place at the Cathedra Petri altar in the Vatican Basilica. The day ended with a concert by the song



and dance group „Mazowsze” in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. On 17 October, at 7 p.m., a spoken word and music concert was held at St Stanislaus Church. On 18 October, a scholarly session “John Paul II and the Actions of the Communist Secret Service” took place at the Pontifical Gregorian University. On 21 October, in the

eve of the liturgical commemoration of the Polish Pope, a presentation of the Theological Works of Karol Wojtyła with a lecture by Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski on the theological thought of the Polish Pope was held at St Stanislaus Church. On 22 October, the liturgical commemoration of St John Paul II, a Mass with the inten-

tion for the Polish community was celebrated at St Stanislaus Church, followed by an artistic programme performed by teachers and students from the St John Paul II Catholic Polish Primary School in Rome. On the same day, at 7.30 p.m., a Polish Prayer Vigil took place in St Peter's Square in the Vatican.

Mass for the Living and Deceased Members of the John Paul II Foundation at the Tomb of the Holy Patron

On 16 October 2023, at exactly the 45th anniversary of the election of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła to the See of Peter, a Holy Mass organized by the Secretariat of the John Paul II Foundation at the tomb of Saint John Paul II in the Vatican Basilica was attended by a large group of Poles led by Amb. Adam Kwiatkowski. The Eucharist was celebrated and the homily was given by Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, Metropolitan of Krakow, the supreme authority of the Foundation. The concelebrants were: Msgr Grzegorz Kaszak, diocesan bishop of Sosnowiec, Msgr Paweł Ptasznik, Chairman of the Administrative Council, Msgr Dariusz Giers, Administrator of the Foundation, Fr Mateusz Wójcik, Director of the John Paul II Polish Home in Rome. Archbishop Jędraszewski reminded us that “45 years ago, for the first time in the 455 years of Vati-

can's history, a non-Italian pope was elected –. He had been also the first pope from behind the Iron Curtain. It was a shocking news in those times. This news had been received with enthusiasm and surprise at St. Peter Square. I was a witness and participant of this news in Rome,” said Archbishop Jędraszewski. He finished the sermon with these words, “45 years ago, Cardinal Karol Wojtyła became our ‘Saint’—the Saint Father or Santo Padre... but since 2014, he is a saint of the Catholic Church. The inscription on His grave reads: ‘Sanctus Joannes Paulus pp. II’ . . . Today, we gather next to His tomb thanking God for His life, thanking God for giving Him to Poland, to the Catholic Church, to the Church in Poland, and to the whole world. We go back to the Testament that He left us: ‘Open the doors wide to receive Christ!’” In the prayer of the faithful, we presented the following intentions to Our Lord: * for God's blessing for the JP II Foundation, which we had received from Him as a gift and as an obligation, * for all the Members, Friends, and Benefactors of the Foundation, so that God may bless them and surround them and their families with His shield against evil, so that they can fulfill their obligation in passing the teachings of Saint John Paul II to future generations, * for the Youth whom the Polish Pope called “my hope and the future of the world”; especially for the scholarship recipients of the John Paul II Foundation, so that they may make

the most of the opportunity for spiritual and intellectual development which they have received thanks to the generosity of many good people; * for all the people engaged in the goals of JP II Foundation, so that God may reward them with His blessings through the intercession of our Polish Pope; * for all those involved in the work of the Foundation, especially the dedicated pastoral workers, employees and people of good will, that the good Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Pontiff, may reward their efforts and sacrifices; * for the sick and suffering, that they may be strengthened and healed by the merciful God, and that St John Paul II, through his example of perseverance in suffering, may help them to carry their own cross; * for the deceased benefactors of the Foundation: presidents and members of the Chapters of Friends; for pastors, religious and lay faithful, that God rich in mercy, receive them in His kingdom; * for peace in the world and for reconciliation between warring nations by praying the Holy Rosary, John Paul II's favorite Marian prayer. We would like to thank all the participants of this morning's Mass and, above all, Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski for celebrating the Eucharist and for reminding us about that special day in the history of Poland and the Church – 16 of October A.D. 1978. May St John Paul II intercede for us, so that we may receive grace and blessing from Our Lord!





Scientific Symposium: John Paul II and the Communist Secret Services

The aim of the academic session was to show the role of accessing archival documents and their proper interpretation in explaining the actions of communist special services against John Paul II. The first part of the session was devoted to the years when Karol Wojtyła was the Archbishop of Krakow. In March of the current year, Polish media featured voices accusing Wojtyła of hiding pedophilia cases. The accusers relied on the archives of communist secret services. This issue also gained attention in the international press. Prof. Łucja Marek from the Institute of National Remembrance has been dealing for many years with the problem of surveillance of the Church in Poland by communist secret services. Her public debates in Poland in connection with the allegations helped to understand how much depends on the proper hermeneutics of reading these documents and knowing the context of their production. These explanations showed

that the allegations against Wojtyła are unfounded. Prof. Marek's speech during the session shed light on this topic. It was also an opportunity to ask questions and receive expert answers. Other employees of the Institute of National Remembrance, including the director of Archives, Dr. Marzena Kruk, also took part in the session. The second part of the session was a presentation of the book "Agca was not alone." The publication outlines the results of the investigation into the assassination attempt on John Paul II on May 13, 1981, conducted by the Institute of National Remembrance from 2006 to 2014. As a result of this investigation, new previously unknown documents from the archives of communist special services were accessed. Based on them, the extensive preparations for the assassination and efforts to cover up traces and misinform the public were demonstrated. Based on the collected archival material, new leads concerning the

assassination attempt on John Paul II can be pointed out today. In this part of the session, Michał Skwara, the prosecutor leading the investigation, spoke, as well as historians Andrzej Sznajder and Andrzej Grąjewski from the Institute of National Remembrance, who also answered participants' questions. The academic session was co-organized by the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage of the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Vatican Foundation of John Paul II, and the Institute of National Remembrance. The heads of these institutions: Vitor Delio J. de Mendonça SJ, Msgr. Paweł Ptasznik, Dr. Mateusz Szpytma spoke at the beginning of the meeting. In conclusion, an agreement on cooperation between the Institute of National Remembrance and the John Paul II Foundation was signed, which includes the Center for Documentation and Study of the Pontificate located in Rome at Via Cassia 1200 equipped with a library and archive.

Conference of Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski on the theology of the Polish Pope

On 21 October 2023, in the auditorium at the Church of St. Stanislaus B.M. in Rome, Archbishop of Kraków, Marek Jędraszewski delivered a paper entitled "Theological Thought of St. John Paul II". He pointed out that there is no direct theology of any pope which is preached as his private responsibility - it is always a message on behalf of the Church, which means that what a given pope publishes, preaches or transmits may include his personal reflections or achievements and previous experiences. In the pope's publications, one can find echoes of the historical contexts and challenges of

the time that had to be answered at that time. The speaker emphasised that one of the most strongly contested parts of John Paul II's teaching today is the theology of the body. The speech of the Archbishop was preceded by a presentation of the Theological Works of Karol Wojtyła, which was conducted by Rev. prof. dr hab. Robert Tyrała, rector of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Kraków, and Fr. Sebastian Kozyra, director of the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue of John Paul II in Kraków. Fr. Tyrała emphasized that the recipients of Karol Wojtyła's works are

not only scientists but all people. He added that 22 volumes were planned to publish but it is already known that there will be more than 30. The first volume of Theological Works contains the earliest works of Fr. Wojtyła focused on the person of St. John of the Cross, who had a significant impact on the intellectual and spiritual development of the future pope. The works dedicated to the Spanish mystic from the 16th century had so far been published only in part and never received systematic elaboration. Therefore, in the first volume of Theological Works, we find both known



and never before published youthful works of the future Pope John Paul II. Fr. Kozyra pointed out the relevance of the message of the Polish Pope, which thanks to this publication can reach readers. The publication was edited by Fr. prof. Jan Machniak, with the editorial collaboration of Marty Burghardt.



We thank God for giving us the only Polish pope in history

„We thank God for the gift of a great compatriot, unique in our Homeland’s history. On the 45th anniversary of his pontificate, Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church in Rome praised St. John Paul II. The Pope’s famous words, ‘Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ,’ marked the beginning of his papacy, earning him admiration as a worthy successor to St. Peter. In a conversation with André Frossard, St. John Paul II emphasized the difficulty of the question, ‘Do you love me?’ posed by Christ to St. Peter. The Pope’s answer lay in his devotion to Jesus Himself, revealing his loving heart’s secrets. Like St. Paul, Christ entrusted him with proclaiming the Gospel, even when met with resistance. During his 1991 pilgrimage to Poland, the Pope advocated for true freedom aligned with God’s commandments,

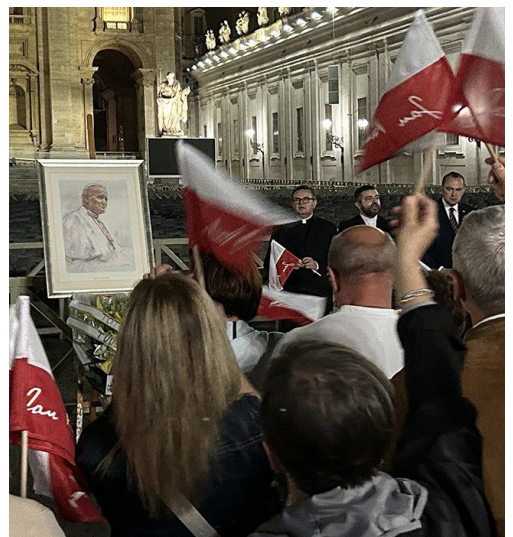
even when some disagreed. He tirelessly proclaimed the truth and persevered through an assassination attempt and illness. Young people were drawn to him, feeling his paternal love and guidance. St. John Paul II gave his heart to the Church, holding countless audiences and joining his sufferings with Christ’s for the Church’s salvation. His deep love for Poland was evident in his poem ‘Thinking Homeland’ and his heartfelt words at Jasna Góra Appeal. In conclusion, Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski urged us to heed St. John Paul II’s call to ‘Open the doors to Christ,’ appreciating his Petrine mission characterized by challenging, love-filled suffering. On this 45th anniversary, we remain grateful for his teachings on love for Christ, the Church, and Poland.”



Prayer meeting in the Vatican Square

In the evening of October 22nd, Poles gathered together at St. Peter’s Square, a silent witness to the inauguration and the entire pontificate of St. John Paul II. The Rosary was prayed, hymns were sung and flowers were laid on the spot where our Pope was shot. This prayer meeting was culminating one week of solemn celebrations of the 45th anniversary of the election of Card. Karol Wojtyła as a successor of St. Peter in Rome Msgr. Paweł Ptasznik, Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Foundation responsible for the pastoral care of Poles in Rome, summarizing the celebrations expres-

sed his joy that the Polish community remains close to John Paul II: “It was an exceptional time. We have always tried to remember the anniversary of the election of John Paul II and the liturgical commemoration. But this year, because of the 45th anniversary of this occasion, we tried for the whole week to be close to the Polish Pope, his teaching and his work.” There was no lack of representatives of Church and State institutions in Rome. Among the local Polish community present today, many still hold memories of personal encounters with our greatest compatriot in history.





Administrator of the FJPII in Los Angeles

Msgr. Dariusz Giers, the new administrator of the John Paul II Foundation arrived in California at the invitation of the Chapter of Friends of the JPPII Foundation in Los Angeles. On October 22, the 45th anniversary of the Polish Pope's pontifical Mass, he presided over the Sunday Eucharist at Our Lady of the Bright Mount Parish, the diocesan shrine of St. John Paul II. The concelebrants were Fr. Miroslaw Frankowski, SChr, pastor and custodian of the shrine, and Fr. Marek Stybor, OFM. In addressing the faithful, Fr. Administrator thanked them for the invitation and the opportunity to experience this anniversary in the Polish American community, which has strongly supported the John Paul II Foundation from its beginning. He expressed gratitude to those gathered at the shrine of the Polish Pope and to all those who, in this place, cherish his memory. Referring to the Pope's book "Memory and Identity," he stressed that it is from the grateful

memory of the great events in our history and of our great compatriots that our national and spiritual identity is born. He called on all those who were fortunate enough to live during the pontificate of St. John Paul II to witness the spirit of his teachings and to pass on his legacy to future generations and not only Poles. He noted that there are many Mexicans and Hispanics in California who have a great love for the Polish Pope. In regard to the words of Sunday's gospel: "Render, therefore, to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God" (Mt. 22:21), the preacher explained that Jesus in this statement clearly indicated the primacy of God over all human principles and arrangements, including political ones, and that this is what St. John Paul II taught us. After the Mass, Msgr. Giers blessed with the holy water to the metal coats of arms of St. John Paul II and Blessed Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, which were installed on the doors of

the sanctuary. Afterwards, members of the Los Angeles Chapter of JPPII Foundation moved to the parish hall richly decorated with papal symbols for a festive dinner. The Administrator had the opportunity to introduce himself and reminisce about his meetings with the Holy Father, as well as introduce the current affairs of the Foundation. In the artistic part, a poem by Ms. Zofia Truta dedicated to St. John Paul II was read. On the Saturday, preceding the celebration, a group of members of the Friends of Los Angeles Chapter of the JPPII, accompanied by Msgr. Giers and Fr. Frankowski, went on a pilgrimage to the Catholic Mission, Old Mission Santa Inés, in Solvang. The Holy Mass was presided over by the newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Slawomir Szkredka. He shared his testimony of his love for St. John Paul II, who, he stressed, was always close to him, especially during his studies in Rome. He was particularly struck by the words "gift and work" which should be the principle of our conduct, namely, that every gift we receive in life obliges us to use it in the best way possible. My time spent in Los Angeles among those who love the Pope "from a faraway land" was a great gift. I am extending my gratitude to the Los Angeles Chapter's President Boguslawa Doerr along with the Board of Directors for the perfect organization of my stay. May the good Lord reward everyone, especially Fr. Miroslaw Frankowski, for the open doors of their homes and the well-known old Polish hospitality.

Msgr. Dariusz Giers





Polonia in New York celebrates the 45th anniversary of John Paul II's election

On Sunday, October 15th (Pope's Day), Polonia in New York celebrated the 45th Anniversary of John Paul II's election as St. Peter's successor. The representatives of the Board and the supporters of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation participated in religious and patriotic events. The New York Chapter of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation took part in an Anniversary Mass at the Saint Stanislaw Kostka Church in Greenpoint commemorating the October 16th, 1978, election of a Polish Pope. The 39th Anniversary of the martyrdom and death of the blessed priest Jerzy Popieluszko was also commemorated there. The Mass was co-celebrated by the Chaplain of the New York Friends of Foundation Chapter Fr. Jozef Szpilski, and by the parish priest, Fr. Grzegorz Markulak. The homily addressed the accomplishments of Saint John Paul II and the martyrdom of Fr. Popieluszko. Many organizations and groups participated at the Mass, among them, Boy Scouts from Warmia group, children's folk and dance ensemble Krakowianki i Gorale, Marine League, the representatives of the Polish American Congress, the teachers of Polish schools, Friends

of Foundation Chapter and Angelus Choir. After the Mass, the faithful walked to the monument of the blessed Father J. Popieluszko located next to the McCaren Park. There, Fr. Szpilski led the prayers, Boy Scouts presented an artistic program to honor Father Popieluszko, and the President of the New York Chapter of the JPIIF, Mieczyslaw Pajak, gave a speech. The participants placed the flowers and lighted the candles next to the monument and sang the Polish religious anthem "Boże coś Polskę." In the afternoon, the special Mass to honor St. John Paul II was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown in Canada, Jozef Dabrowski, at the St. Joseph's Cathedral in Brooklyn. The co-celebrants were bishops from the Dioceses of Brooklyn: the Brooklyn Vicar, Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop Nicolas Di Marzio, Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Bishop Witold Mroziowski, and priests from Polish parishes. In his sermon, Bishop Jozef Dabrowski remembered St. John Paul II, his accomplishments, and his love for Poland and its culture and traditions. New York Polonia participated in large numbers. The cathedral was full to the brim. At the end

of the Mass, Father G. Stasiak, the coordinator of the Spiritual Services for Polish Immigrants, said, "This beautiful Mass of the Polish Heritage is a great opportunity for us to thank Our Lord for all the blessings and also for the Pontificate of Saint John Paul II." Following the Mass, the musical play "The Saint from Wadowice - John Paul II" was presented. It had been premiered in year 2016 in Cracow and Katowice during the World Youth Days. The actress, Urszula Grabowska, presented fragments of testimonies of those who, thanks to Saint John Paul II intervention, had been cured physically and spiritually. The roll of the "devil's advocate" was played by Patryk Szwichenberg, who explained the road to sainthood of John Paul II. We are happy that we could see in New York such touching and beautiful show on the eve of the 45th Anniversary of the election of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to the Papal Throne. Additionally, we need to mention that one of the sponsors of this concert was the New York Chapter of Friends of John Paul II Foundation.

Zofia Twarowska





The John Paul II Foundation in the Pulaski Prade 2023

On October 1, 2023 Fifth Avenue in New York's Manhattan belonged to Poles and the Polish American community. This year's parade was special, as it was attended for the first time by the incumbent Polish President Andrzej Duda, who flew to the United States especially for this Polish-American event. The parade was preceded by a ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, presided over by Bishop Edmund Whalen, suffragan of the Archdiocese of New York, and concelebrated by Bishop Janusz Stepnowski,

Ordinary of the Diocese of Lomza. The parade was led by President Andrzej Duda. Polish community representatives from the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania took part in the march. The red-and-white parade was attended by police officers, veterans, scouts, Polish parishes, students, young people, folk and music bands, Polish organizations and institutions, and all those connected with the Motherland through origin, attachment to tradition, religion and culture. Among the participants in

this Polish event were members and supporters of the New York Chapter of the JPIIF. Our platform was decorated with portraits of St. John Paul II and flags in red, white and papal colors, as well as a special inscription referring to the 45th anniversary of his election as pope. By participating in the Pulaski Parade, we manifested pride in our national identity, our patriotism rooted in Christian tradition, and pride in our countryman, Saint John Paul II.

Zofia Twarowska



Pilgrimage of the FJPII scholarship recipients to Italy

From 21 - 29 September 2023, the scholarship recipients from the John Paul II Foundation Home in Lublin went for a pilgrimage to Italy. The main reason for this was to visit the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul and St. John Paul II. The pilgrims were accompanied by the directors and staff. On the way to Rome, they visited Venice, especially St Mark's Square and Basilica. In Rome, the whole group stayed at the Polish House on via Cassia, where they enjoyed a family atmosphere, full of hospitality and kindness. They also participa-

ted every day in the Eucharist there. During almost one week-long stay in the Eternal City, they visited many places and attended important ceremonies and meetings. They were also received by Msgr. Paweł Ptasznik, Chairman of the Administrative Council of the John Paul II Foundation, at the Church of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr. On Wednesday, September 27th, they participated in the general audience with Pope Francis at the St. Peter's Square. Fr. Jan Strzałka and Fr. Robert Ptak, as the group's educators and repre-

sentatives, were able to meet Pope Francis in person and asked him for his apostolic blessing for the group and for the others in the group's house in Lublin. After the audience, they met with Msgr. Dariusz Giers, administrator of the Foundation, who coordinated their pilgrimage providing them with irreplaceable assistance. On the last day of their stay in Rome (Thursday, September 28th), they attended Mass celebrated by the Cardinal Nominee, Archbishop Grzegorz Ryś, on the 65th anniversary of the episcopal consecration



of Fr. Karol Wojtyła, at his tomb in the Vatican Basilica. In an interview with the Vatican Radio, the scholarship recipients highlighted that the Polish Pope was an inspiration to them, and that their stay at the Vatican allowed them to learn more about their identity and deepen their faith. All the scholarship recipients, together with the management and staff, expressed their immense gratitude for the Foundation's authorities, benefactors and all those who helped them to make the pilgrimage to Italy. They will keep the gratitude alive with prayers and remembrance.

Fr. Jan and Fr. Robert with Scholars



The former Administrator of the John Paul II Foundation, Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE, honored with the "Pride of Polonia" Award for his special contribution in spreading the legacy of St. John Paul II

The main celebration of the patron feast was held at the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown (PA) on August 27 2023. Thousands of pilgrims arrived for that occasion, among them a large number of members of John Paul II Foundation, who came to participate in the ceremony of the "Pride of Polonia Award 2023", given this year to Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, former Administrator of John Paul II Foundation. The National Polish Apostolate Committee in USA had decided to offer this prestigious honor to Fr. Wieliczko for his extraordinary efforts to promote the spiritual and cultural inheritance of Saint John Paul II in USA and in the world. The award was presented during the solemn Mass, presided over by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Ordinary of the Dio-

cese of Miami, Florida. In his homily delivered in Polish, he emphasized that the extraordinary value of the Polish tradition and heritage of St. John Paul II should be cherished and passed on to future generations. Fr. Wieliczko, as an administrator of the Foundation, has done this with dedication for more than thirty years in many places around the world, especially where there were Circles and Societies of Friends of FJPII. Rev. Dariusz Giers, the new administrator of FJPII, attended the celebration at Fr. Krzysztof's invitation. For the first time since assuming the position, he had the opportunity to meet a larger group of of FJPII friends and supporters who came to Doylestown from New York, New Jersey, New England, Washington (DC), California, and even Indonesia and Singapore.

Expressing his gratitude for the invitation to participate in this solemn ceremony, he emphasized his predecessor's contribution to the development of the John Paul II Foundation, his dedication and devotion to its cause. Also, he expressed hope that this work, initiated by the Holy Father John Paul II himself, will continue to radiate and attract new people. A short conference titled "Highlight and Promote the Legacy of St John Paul II" and organized by the Polish National Apostolate Committee preceded the awarding of the prize. It was emphasized there that this year marks the 45th anniversary of the election of the Pope of Polish origin. It was stated that the importance of this event is comparable to such events in our history as the Baptism of Poland in 966 or rega-



ining independence in 1918. Bishop Wenski emphasized that the still current and universal teaching of St. John Paul II cannot be forgotten. The Pauline Provincial of the USA, Tadeusz Lizińczyk, expressed his joy that Fr. Wieliczko has contributed to the promotion of St. John Paul II's teaching through his ministry in Ameri-

ca and beyond. Fr. Wieliczko himself was surprised to receive the award from the Polish American community. He said that before becoming the administrator of the John Paul II Foundation, he had served as a parish priest in Manhattan for more than 12 years, as well as being the superior of the American Province of the

Pauline Fathers. During that time he was much concerned with the transfer of the Polish faith and tradition to American soil and the creation of the Polish Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa at St Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan is a good example of it.

Msgr. Dariusz Giers





As an expression of its gratitude, the John Paul II Foundation preserves for posterity the names of all those who have supported its development

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Caserio Jean Marcel et Jacqueline	180 €
Damme Guy et Marie Ange	180 €
de Zaluski Florian et Irène	180 €
Froidefond Michel et Patricia	180 €
Rogowski Henri et Christiane	180 €
Vincent Dominique et Christiane	180 €
Forestier Alina	150 €
Chodkiewicz Krystyna	100 €
Couturier Jacques, Jacqueline	100 €
Herondelle Didier	100 €
Lorencki Stanislas et Irène	100 €

Mezzarobba Aurélia	100 €
Rolea Mihail	100 €
Skrzypek Claude	100 €
Stolz Béatrice	100 €
Tomkiewicz Christiane	100 €
Valois Monique	100 €
Wallee Liliane	100 €
Beauchesne Jean-Pierre	90 €
Bernad-Nowaczyk Maria-Barbara	90 €
Bizzarri Denise	50 €
Gautheron Yolande	50 €
Guignette Paul	50 €
Helleboid Serge	50 €
Kohler Marta	50 €
Lebedeff Monique André	50 €
Le Saout Colette	50 €
Marsiglio Véronique	50 €
Mauris Odile	50 €
Philip Michèle	50 €
Wagner Léocadie	50 €
Coqueron Françoise	30 €

Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Aulnay sous Bois

Adamek Barbara i Zbigniew	50 €
Bigas Dorota i Jan	50 €
Delekta Robert i Sztot Renata	50 €
Dylag Irena i Kowalik Zbigniew	50 €
Gurgul Genowefa i Grzegorz	50 €
Noster Elisabeth i Czesław	50 €
Nowak Anna i Roman	50 €
Salach Halina i Kazimierz	50 €
Salach Stanisława i Stanisław	50 €
Starzak Henryka i Andrzej	50 €
Szwedo Anna i Michał	50 €
Bałanda Małgorzata	30 €
Bałut Joanna	30 €
Chudy Kazimiera	30 €
Czupełta Krystyna	30 €
Frań Małgorzata	30 €
Krawczyk Iwona	30 €
Krzyżek Natalia	30 €
Kwiatkowski Elżbieta	30 €
Lis Monika	30 €
Lulek Lidia	30 €
Łuczak Władysława	30 €
Majka Stanisława	30 €
Safin Izabela	30 €
Stefanowski Monika	30 €
Wpłaty bezimenne	1430 €

DONACJE:	
Gaśus Małgorzata i Henryk	200 €

GERMANY

Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Monachium

Polska Misja Katolicka (ofiary z parafii)	1.000 €
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Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Hamburgu przy PMK

Barbara Ciechna-Janek i Halina Weis	300 €
"Żywa Róża" przy PMK w Hamburgu	200 €
Siostry Wspólnej Pracy	
od Niepokalanej Maryi	150 €
ks. Jacek Bystron	100 €
Kinga Heymann	100 €
Grażyna i Henryk Koszałka	100 €

Teresa Ossowska	100 €
ks. Maciej Zabrocki	50 €
Małgorzata Żarow	50 €
Jolanta Przyborowski	20 €

GREAT BRITAIN

Eleonora Kwiatek	500£+500€
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Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Wlk. Brytanii

Danuta Michniewicz-Ambdur	130£
K. i G. Sewerniak	90 £
Barbara Weimann	70 £
G. i R. Kleiber	60 £
A. i W. Gąsiorowscy	50 £
Zofia Jagieła	50 £
Krystyna Kowal-Błaszczak	50 £
Lila Kozłowska	50 £
G. i Z. Zaczynscy	50 £
Alina Lichtarowicz	45 £
Zofia P. Podczaska - Negri	45 £
Ks. Roman Werner	45 £
Anna Hawryluk	40 £
Zofia R. Zaremba	40 £
K. i R. Chmielowiec	30 £
Zofia Choroszewska	30 £
Eva Hill	30 £
Elżbieta Listoś	30 £
Eugenia Maresch	30 £
Jagoda Obreńowska	30 £
Grażyna Pietrykowska	30 £
Elżbieta Trelek	30 £
Klementyna Szymaniak	30 £
Ks. Jan Wojczyński SCHR	30 £
Janina Bytniewska	20 £
Barbara Czerniecka	20 £
Teresa Piekarska	20 £
Beata Żebrowska - Barna	20 £
Teresa Archutowska	15 £
Jacek Bernasiński	15 £
Kazimiera Janota Bzowska	15 £
Danuta Marszałek	15 £
Teresa Robińska	15 £
Anna Rumian	15 £
Andrzej Suchcīt	15 £
Teresa Szuniewicz	15 £

LITHUANIA

Irena Laimutiene	100 €
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POLAND

Magdalena Marta Bylina	132 €
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SVEDEN

Fundusz stypendialny	
+Adela Karolina Staending	41.660,76 €
Nilsson Krystyna	500 SEK

Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Göteborgu

El Alka Krystyna	1.000 SEK
Berg Barbara	500 SEK
Kloc Małgorzata	500 SEK
Nylander Alfreda	500 SEK
Korniak Bernard	150 SEK

**Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II przy parafii St. Clemensa w Helsingborg**

Krystyna Magnusson 2.000 SEK
Irena i Marek Małachowski 2.000 SEK
Beata i Grzegorz Bobrowski 500 SEK
Jadwiga Dziechciowska 500 SEK
Teresa Kwaśniewska i Krzysztof Hancka 500 SEK

Kazimierz Kranc 500 SEK
Kinga i Artur Małachowski 500 SEK
Kazimierz Michalski 500 SEK
Mariola Nilsson 500 SEK
Janina Wirpszo 500 SEK
Barbara i Radosław Małachowski 400 SEK
Margareta i Zbigniew Trikilewicz 400 SEK
Jarosław i Renata Cwiek 300 SEK
Urszula i Grzegorz Kuźmiszyn 300 SEK
Lili i Tadeusz Musiał 300 SEK
Alicja i Arkadiusz Dybowski 200 SEK
Danuta Jensen 200 SEK
Eugeniusz i Stanisława Miklas 200 SEK
Przemysław i Maria Małachowski 100 SEK
Jolanta Norén 100 SEK
Zbigniew Trawiński 100 SEK
Ewa Żukowska 100 SEK
Mariasystrarna från Lubon 2.000 SEK

Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Lund

Stanisław Radziukiewicz 1.000 SEK
Jadwiga i Jan Kurkus 1.000 SEK
Tomasz Kwaśniewski 1.000 SEK
Emilia i Arkadiusz Bartczak Groba 500 SEK
Jolanta Bartosik 500 SEK
Joachim Gniot 500 SEK
Zofia i Peter Hajek 500 SEK
Rickard Perski 500 SEK
Alicja Persson 500 SEK
Halina Persson 500 SEK
Maria Ropel 500 SEK
Samuel Steciak 500 SEK
Ewa Lastman 310 SEK
Teresa Helssen 300 SEK
Marianna Kalitta 300 SEK
Grazyna i Jerzy Walentynowicz 300 SEK
Maria Weisse 300 SEK
Anna Ligas 280 SEK
Elżbieta Pieta 260 SEK
Bohdan Dziatkiewicz 200 SEK
Marta Kolodziej 200 SEK
Elisabeth Ledwon 200 SEK
Jadwiga Rudnicka 200 SEK
Leon Burzanowski 180 SEK
Maria Tracz 180 SEK
Teodora Palczynska 100 SEK

Fundusz stypendialny

Towarzystwo Przyjaciół FJP2-Lund 6.000 SEK

Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Sztokholmie

Andrew, Dorota, Karol, Adelia, Gabriel

Walko 3.500 SEK
Maria i Emil Mastej 1.500 SEK
Ewa i Bogdan Popielscy 1.000 SEK
Krystyna i Jan Andrzejewski 500 SEK
Polski Komitet Pomocy 500 SEK
Lucyna Castillo Llano 500 SEK
Elżbieta Szwajkowska-Olsson 410 SEK
Elżbieta Ścibor 400 SEK
Aleksandra Bochdziewicz 280 SEK
Helena Jędrysek 280 SEK
Marzena Rokicińska 280 SEK
Aneta Jarzombek 200 SEK
Urszula Świątek 200 SEK
Małgorzata Chwilczyńska 150 SEK
Zofia Dębska 100 SEK

USA

Fundusz stypendialny
Ryszard Krzyżanowski 20.000 USD
St. Stanislaus Benevolent Society 500 USD

Koło Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Nowej Anglii

Maria Janasz 150 USD
Marki Nancy Dawgiewicz 50 USD
Beata i Piotr Grabias 50 USD
Ewa i Michał Mamro 50 USD
Katarzyna i Mariusz Kalinowski 50 USD
Anna i Edward Kudron 50 USD
Beata i Krzysztof Skowronski 50 USD
Wiesław i Adam Sujdak 50 USD
Elizabeth i Wiesław Ząbek 50 USD
Janina Brawn 25 USD
Ks. Grzegorz Chodkowski 25 USD
Monika Gradzi 25 USD
Wanda Homme 25 USD
John Kalinowski 25 USD
Małgorzata Kicińska 25 USD
Andrzej Macko 25 USD
Joanne E. Minarik 25 USD
Barbara Napierkowski 25 USD
Janina Owczynko 25 USD
Ks. Ryszard Polek 25 USD
Maria Ptak 25 USD
Elizabeth Sabaj 25 USD
Maria Skawinska 25 USD
Wanda Sternal 25 USD
Maria Ucher 25 USD
Danuta Wiśniewski 25 USD
Ryszard Wroblewski 25 USD
Koło FJP2, Nowa Anglia 950 USD

Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w New Jersey

Maria Dymon 350 USD
Ryszard i Jolanta Smykowski 250 USD
Anna i Jan Szczecina 200 USD
Katarzyna i Zygmunt Brzenia 120 USD
Zoryana i Hubert Boks 100 USD
Ludmiła Kruczynski 70 USD
Lucyna i Janusz Sroga 50 USD
Anna i Jerzy Sądej 50 USD
Ludmiła i Marek Bieniek 30 USD

Nowy Jork

Marek Wójcicki 100 USD
Anna LaRocca 100 USD
Irena Sturm 100 USD
Mario Jackowski 100 €

Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Nowym Jorku

Jez Urszula 100 USD
Magda Apolonia 100 USD
Soroka Kazimiera 100 USD
Bobrzecki Leszek 50 USD
Brudz Andy 50 USD
Brudz Grace 50 USD
Choinski Stanisław 50 USD
Gensiorski Leszek 50 USD
Gierlach Barbara 50 USD
Gierlach Zbigniew 50 USD
Grabinska Maria 50 USD
Grabowski Edward 50 USD
Grabowski Geraldine 50 USD
Kaftan Władysława 50 USD
Kaminska Anna 50 USD
Karas Zenek 50 USD
Kruk Jadwiga 50 USD
Kuzma Bozena 50 USD
Kuzma Stanisław 50 USD
Maciag Maria 50 USD
Maciag Ryszard 50 USD
Myszka Lucyna 50 USD
Niewinska Wiesława 50 USD
Roszak Jolanta 50 USD
Saga Maria 50 USD
Szawrycka Bozena 50 USD
Szydłowski Mirosław 50 USD
Szydłowski Ula 50 USD
Uszynska Alicja 50 USD
Ziolkowska Katarzyna 50 USD

DONACJE:

Andraka M. 500 USD
Gierlach Z. 500 USD
Grabinski J. 300 USD
Ks. Strzadala Wiesław 200 USD
Pajak Alicja 175 USD
Adamczyk Bozena 133 USD
Kaftan Władysława 100 USD
Żukowska Krystyna 25 USD
Koło Przyjaciół FJP2, NY 1.367 USD

Południowa Kalifornia

Agnieszka Gorecki 300 USD

Koło Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Południowej Kalifornii

1.800 USD
Jerzy Nurek 100 USD
Waldemar i Leela Chmielewski 50 USD
Elżbieta Romuzga 25 USD

+ In memory of Freda Joanne Gumuly (Canada, On) 2000 CAD