

John Paul II

Vatican Foundation

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will" (Lk 2:14). On this day, as we begin the Great Jubilee, I wish that this blessing of God's peace may embrace everyone; that grace and truth may transform hearts and minds, awakening within them the desire to share in the glory of the newly born Lord. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

John Paul II, Urbi et Orbi, December 25, 1999

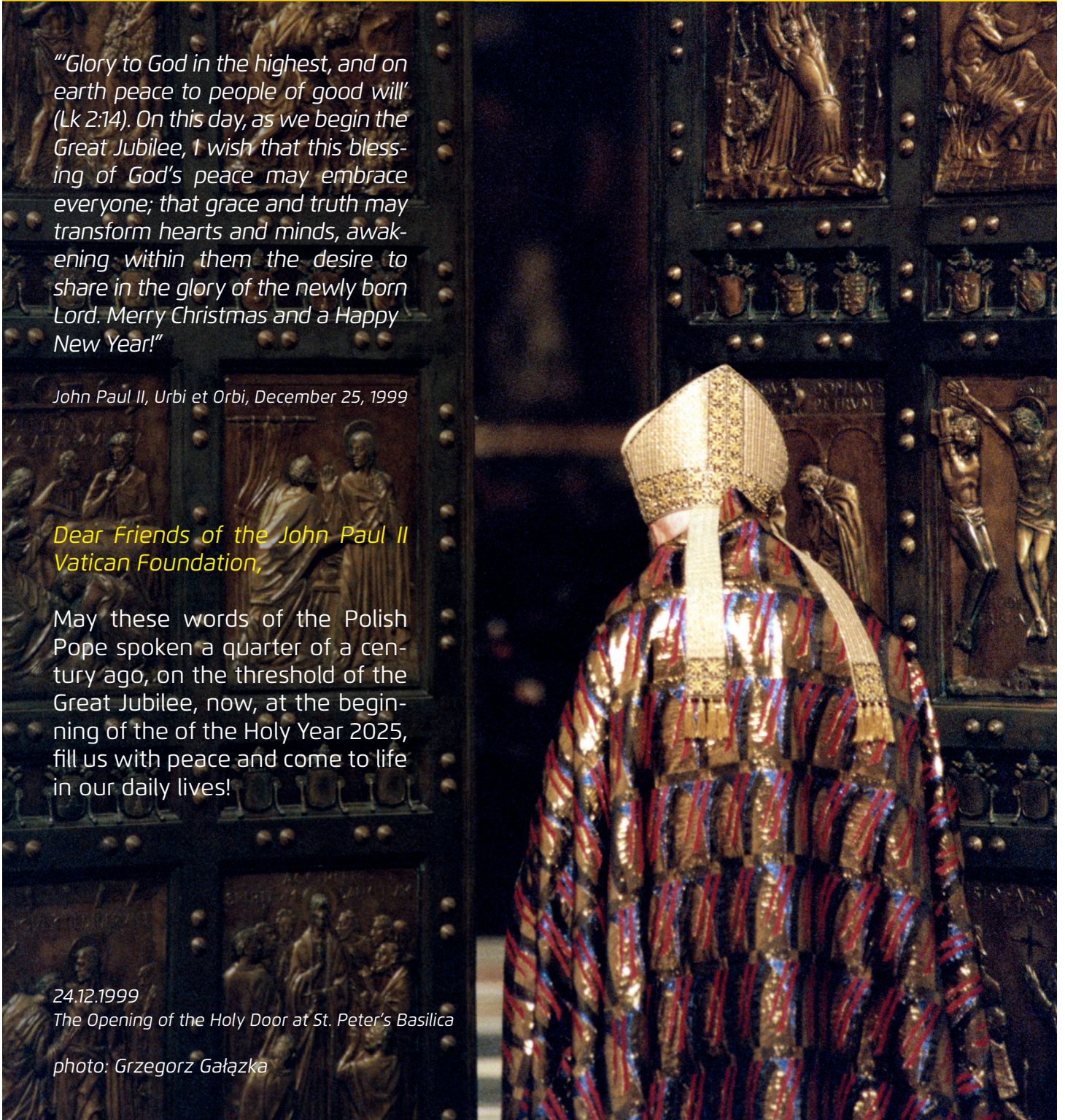
Dear Friends of the John Paul II Vatican Foundation,

May these words of the Polish Pope spoken a quarter of a century ago, on the threshold of the Great Jubilee, now, at the beginning of the of the Holy Year 2025, fill us with peace and come to life in our daily lives!

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The Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica

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Foundation administrator in London

On June 23, 2024, a celebration took place in London to mark the 29th anniversary of the establishment of the Society of Friends of the John Paul II Foundation in the United Kingdom. At the invitation of President Ewa Szymańska, Rev. Monsignor Dariusz Giers, administrator of the Foundation, took part in the event. The celebrations began with a ceremonial Mass at St. Andrew Bobola Church in the Hammersmith - Fulham district, dedicated to the living and deceased members of the Society. During the Mass, Msgr. Giers delivered a special homily, emphasizing the need to safeguard the great legacy of John

Paul II's pontificate and expressing gratitude to the Society members for their long-standing faithful support of the Vatican Foundation. Following the Mass, a gathering was held at the Polish Social and Cultural Association (POSK), accompanied by a dinner at the „Łowiczanka” restaurant. During the meeting, the current status of the Society was discussed, and commemorative medals of recognition were awarded, including one to Msgr. Giers. The assembly was graced by the presence of Rev. Monsignor Stefan Wylężek, former rector of the Polish Catholic Mission in the UK and long-serving administrator of the John Paul



II Foundation. The event concluded with a vocal and instrumental concert in honor of Saint John Paul II, under the direction of Andrzej Matuszewski.

Foundation administrator's visit to Munich

The Circle of Friends of the John Paul II Foundation in Munich celebrated the 24th Papal Day with particular solemnity. The parish community had the honor of hosting Rev. Msgr. Dariusz Giers, the administrator of the Foundation in Rome. On Saturday, October 12th, the guest celebrated Holy Mass for the Circle's members, followed by a festive agape. Rev. Msgr. Giers presented the attendees with updates on the current activities and plans of the Vatican Foundation and shared personal memories of his encounters with John Paul II during his seminary years. In turn, the members of the Circle recounted their own experiences related to the Polish Pope. On Sunday, October 13th, monetary collections were held after all Polish-language Masses celebrated in five Munich churches, as is the tradition, to support the John Paul II Foundation in Rome. Rev. Msgr. Giers delivered

homilies to the faithful, bringing closer the figure and pontificate of the Saint. He emphasized the redemptive significance of suffering, which marked the life of our Pope. The preacher also referred to his twenty years of service in the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Health Care Workers, dedicated to forming those who provide relief to the suffering. The motto for this year's Papal Day, "Saint John Paul II: The Gospel of Old Age and Suffering," directed our focus

to the sick, the disabled, and those who accompany them. To mark the occasion, the Circle's members beautifully decorated the churches, prepared a special address to the parishioners, and took an active part in the Liturgy of the Word. During the central Holy Mass at St. Joseph's Church, a banner bearing the image of John Paul II was prominently displayed. After all Masses, attendees had the opportunity to purchase religious books at fairs organized by the Circle.





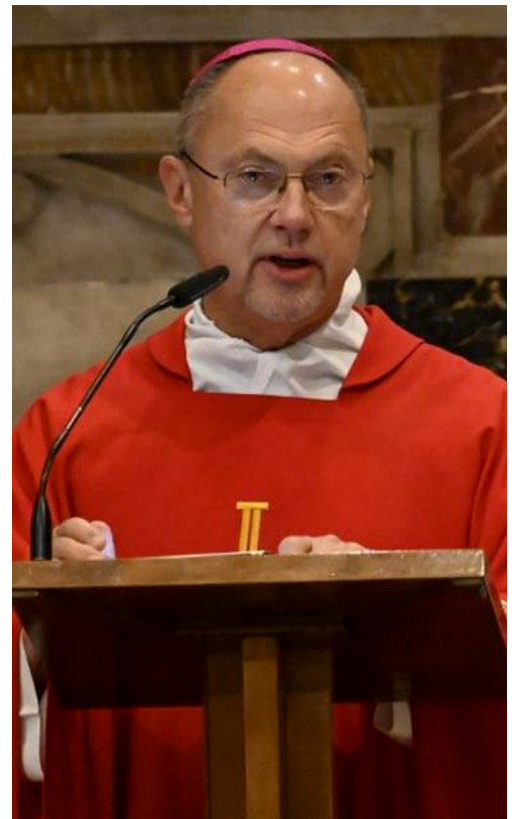
Bishop Oder: The tomb of John Paul II as a sign of God's glory and a call to holiness

Dear Sisters and Brothers, For many years now, we have gathered every Thursday at the tomb of St. John Paul II to celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist. This is a tradition of the Church, but, above all, it is a need of the heart. Coming to the tomb of St. John Paul II, we seem to hear the echo of today's reading from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him." The lives of saints tell the story of how a person, open to the Word of God and the workings of grace, becomes a child of God in Christ, a vessel of the Father's love, and a revelation of His glory. The tomb of a saint is therefore a sign of life - new life in Christ - of which holiness is the crown. A disciple who identifies with the Master walks the path of the Gospel and, in imitation of Christ, transforms their life into a gift. It is on this path that the disciple fully realizes their vocation and attains salvation. Dear Sisters and Brothers, the tomb to which we make pilgrimage is a place to glorify God for the gift of love that John Paul II embraced in his heart and made the rule of his life. "I am a debtor," he declared at the start of his pontificate. His entire Petrine ministry became an opportunity to repay that debt. Open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, the strength of his faith gave power to the words he preached, inspired his zealous service, and lent authenticity to his witness. Through faith and love, he iden-

tified with Christ and became, for us, a point of reference and a sign of unity. That is why this tomb must remain a source of inspiration, urging us to take up the effort of growing in holiness. My dear friends, today Christ speaks to each of us in this place with a message that is both important and unsettling. The tombs of saints are signs of God's glory and places where grace is revealed. Yet, like the tombs of the prophets, they can - and indeed should - become a source of shame or reproach for those who refuse to accept God's message and fail to recognize the time of His visitation. The life of St. John Paul II carries a message that challenges us not to neglect or dismiss God's gifts. It reminds us to live our lives as a response to Christ's invitation to holiness, placing our talents at the service of God and others - to build unity, peace, mutual love, and God's Kingdom. This message is both a gift and an obligation. This sacred place calls us to remembrance: it reminds us of the faith of the holy Pope and, at the same time, confronts us with the responsibility for our own faith. God gave us St. John Paul II as a prophet to strengthen our faith, to keep us from straying from the path of the Gospel, and to help us recognize what unites and binds us together. The words Christ speaks in today's Gospel serve as a powerful call to examination of conscience: "Woe to you, for you have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter, and you hindered

those who were entering." The anniversary of John Paul II's election to the See of Peter invites us to reflect on what remains of this gift within us. What fruits does the seed of truth he served bear in our hearts today? This is a matter of responsibility - for our present, for our future, and for our community as disciples of Jesus. Let us ask God, through the intercession of our great and holy compatriot, that we, like him, may open ourselves to grace and cooperate with it. May we be holy and blameless before the Most High, and may we find in Christ that which unites us and becomes the source of our deepest joy and hope.

St. Peter's Basilica, October 17, 2024





Premiere of film about the Foundation at the KUL



„Set Out into the Deep”: Film Premiere about Our Foundation at KUL On October 22, 2024, the feast day of St. John Paul II and the 46th anniversary of his papal inauguration, the premiere of the documentary *Set Out into the Deep*, directed by Damian Bieniek and Paweł Rozwód, took place at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) at 4:00pm. This exceptional event brought together numerous participants and served as a significant highlight of the celebrations honoring the Polish Pope. The film explores the work of the Vatican Foundation of John Paul II, its mission, various projects, and the scholarship recipients who, thanks to the Foundation’s support, can achieve

their educational and life goals. The event was organized by the Vatican Foundation of John Paul II, the Polish section of Vatican News, the Academy of Modern Media and Communication at KUL, the KUL Development Foundation, and the Lublin House of the Vatican Foundation of John Paul II. Thanks to the collaboration of these institutions, the premiere became an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of St. John Paul II and the initiatives inspired and supported by his teachings. Post-Screening Discussion Following the film screening, a brief yet insightful discussion was led by Wojciech Andrusiewicz, director of the Academy of Modern Media and Communication at KUL. The panel featured director Damian Bieniek, editor Monika Stojowska, Rev. Msgr. Dariusz Giers - administrative director of the Vatican Foundation of John Paul II, and Rev. Jan Strzałka - director of the Foundation’s House in Lublin. Panelists shared their reflections on the filmmaking process, the film’s message, and the pivotal role

of the John Paul II Foundation in supporting young people around the world. During the discussion, the importance of empowering youth and nurturing their talents in the spirit of values promoted by St. John Paul II was particularly emphasized. The Foundation’s efforts provide young people with opportunities not only for academic growth but also for spiritual development. The *Success of Set Out into the Deep* even prior to its premiere, *Set Out into the Deep* had already garnered recognition, winning an award at the 2024 Immaculata International Catholic Film and Multimedia Festival. Praised for its artistic and spiritual depth, the film serves as a tribute to the legacy of St. John Paul II and the Foundation’s mission, which continues his work. It highlights not only the daily efforts of the Foundation but, more importantly, its profound impact on the lives of young people who, through scholarships, can pursue their dreams and shape their futures in the spirit of Christian values. The premiere at KUL was a unique occasion to remember the immense role St. John Paul II played in the life of the Church and the world, as well as how his teachings continue to inspire new generations. The event was not merely a commemoration of his pontificate but a reminder that the message of the Polish Pope remains today as relevant and necessary as ever. The premiere of *Set Out into the Deep* was both a sign of hope and a call to remember that each of us, by responding to Christ’s invitation, can „set out into the deep,” fulfilling our life’s vocation while remaining faithful to the values preached by St. John Paul II.





St. John Paul II Days in Rome

Four days, three pontifical universities in Rome, three scientific conferences, an intergenerational debate, dozens of speakers, hundreds of participants, a joint Eucharist at the Pope's tomb, and a Final Gala with the results of a competition in which students from all continents submitted their works – this is the summary of the recently concluded

John Paul II. During the Roman John Paul II Days, conferences were held at three pontifical universities in Rome: Angelicum, Santa Croce, and Gregorian. The speakers included: Prof. Richard Swinburne from Oxford, Prof. Jacek Wojtysiak from Lublin, Rev. Prof. Rafael Martinez from Santa Croce, Rev. Prof. Mariusz Kuciński from Bydgoszcz, Rev. Prof.

In the hall where Rev. Karol Wojtyła defended his doctorate in 1948, the Final Gala was held on November 29, during which Prof. Hanna - Barbara Gerl - Falkovitz gave a lecture. Then, the results of the scientific competition for students of the pontifical universities in Rome, which was one of the significant initiatives of the Days, were announced. Participants from all continents, including clergy, consecrated persons, and lay people, took part in the competition. The scientific committee, composed of professors from Angelicum, Gregorian, and Santa Croce, selected the three best works related to the teachings of John Paul II. The winners are: 1st place – Rev. Ugochukwu Stophynus Anyanwu from Nigeria, a doctoral student at the Pontifical Gregorian University, 2nd place – Marco Visalli from Italy, a doctoral student at the Pontifical Lateran University, 3rd place – Rev. Jorge Alonso Tello Calmet from Peru, a doctoral student at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Attractive prizes were provided for the winners. The John Paul II Vatican Foundation funded: 2000 euros for 1st place, 1500 euros for 2nd place, and 1000 euros for 3rd place. The Church and Hospice of St. Stanislaus B&M in Rome funded a pilgrimage and scientific trip to Poland for the three winners, as well as for the next three places. Additionally, the articles of the three best authors will be published in scientific journals. The Gala began with a speech by Msgr. Paweł Ptasznik, President of the John Paul II Vatican Foundation and a long-time close collaborator of the John Paul II. The closing speech



John Paul II Days in Rome. From November 26 to 29, 2024, the first-ever St. John Paul II Days were held at the Pontifical Universities in Rome. The multi-day scientific and cultural event was organized by the John Paul II Vatican Foundation and the Church and Hospice of St. Stanislaus B&M in Rome, in cooperation with the Pontifical John Paul II University in Krakow. The event was under the patronage of the Dicastery for Culture and Education. This year's first edition of the Days was held under the theme: Faith and Reason in the Thought of

Dariusz Kowalczyk from Gregorian, and Prof. Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz, the 2021 Ratzinger Prize laureate. Additionally, a debate was held at the Church of St. Stanislaus B&M with the participation of Prof. Hanna Suchocka and Rev. Federico Lombardi, and on the last day in the morning, a Holy Mass for the participants was celebrated at the tomb of St. John Paul II in the Vatican by Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education. The St. John Paul II Days began and ended at Angelicum, the "Alma Mater" of John Paul II.



with thanks was delivered by Rev. Tomasz Jarosz, administrator of the Church and Hospice of St. Stanislaus BM in Rome. The Gala was conducted in three languages by Michał Kłosowski from the Church and Hospice of St. Stanislaus B&M in Rome and Rev. Tomasz Podlewski from the Vatican John Paul II Foundation. The participants of the Gala were accompanied by performances of the Sixtini Cantores choir.

- The legacy of St. John Paul II

continues to resonate, also among lay people of different ages, both among those who knew this pontificate personally and among young people - says Michał Kłosowski. - It is amazing how great and positive the response is from international and Polish communities, academic and cultural, professors and students, regarding the teachings of John Paul II. The concluding event is: four days, three pontifical universities in Rome, three scientific

conferences, an intergenerational debate at the Church of St. Stanislaus, dozens of speakers, hundreds of participants, the Eucharist at the Pope's tomb, and a Final Gala with the results of the competition in which students from all continents submitted their works. But beyond what is visible and measurable, much good has also happened in the hearts and minds of the participants: new inspirations, new strength to implement in daily life not only the teachings of the Pope but also the values he served. Additionally, new acquaintances and integration of the world of science, the world of culture, and the integration of young people among themselves. John Paul II has given Rome a lot of new and needed strength in these days. I am convinced that thanks to God, through such events, a New Generation JP2 is being born in the Church - concludes Rev. Tomasz Podlewski from John Paul II Vatican Foundation.



Foundation administrator in Washington

The Friends of John Paul II, Washington, D.C. Chapter, hosted Monsignor Dariusz Giers, PhD, administrator of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation in Rome, Italy. It was his first trip to the city as administrator. The visit began on All Souls Day with a concelebrated Mass at St. John the Beloved in McLean, VA, dedicated to the living and deceased members of the Friends of John Paul II Chapter. The following day, Monsignor Giers had the opportunity to meet with the Friends of John Paul II Foundation and parishioners at Our Lady Queen of Poland in Silver Spring, MD. He concele-

brated Mass with our Chapter's Maryland Chaplain, Father Jerzy Frydrych, S.Chr., and delivered a moving sermon. A highlight of Monsignor Giers' visit was his participation in the „Wadowice of the Potomac,” our annual event commemorating the anniversary (the 46th) of the St. John Paul II pontificate. This year, the event was a unique collaboration with our friends from the Polish American Congress, Washington, D.C. Chapter, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Chapter's founding. Both organizations wanted to honor the memory of Mary Lubienska Flanagan, a steadfast

leader of Polonia who had served in numerous leadership roles in both organizations. Presidents Tom Kolodziej and Roza Pace welcomed the guests and expressed gratitude to all (gone and present) for their great contributions over the years to advancing the interests of Polonia and their volunteer efforts on behalf of both organizations and wished them a happy Thanksgiving. The event, skillfully MC'ed by Hugh Dempsey, D.Ed. GCMOb, was also graced by the presence of Consul Mikolaj Rychlik of the Embassy of Poland in Washington, D.C., who offered warm remarks to both chapters,



acknowledging their shared commitment to preserving the legacy of John Paul II and to working on behalf of Polonia. Those present in return expressed general gratitude to the Embassy for its participation and support for our local events throughout the year. Monsignor Giers offered insightful remarks about the John Paul II Foundation, emphasizing the need to safeguard the great legacy of John Paul II's pontificate and expressing his gratitude to John Paul II members for their long-standing, faithful support of the John Paul II Foundation in Rome. He highlighted the Pope's desire to support the education of young people from Eastern Europe, particularly through scholarships at the Catholic University of Lublin in Poland. To honor both the mission of the Foundation and the legacy of Mary Flanagan, the FJP2 Chapter President, Roza Pace, announced a contribution from the Chapter towards scholarships in Mary's name. Mary's family, Matthew and Jesse Witkowski, who also made substantial contributions to our Chapter by working with Mary on the Chapter's newsletter, received special certificates commemorating the occasion. A certificate along with a promise of the upcoming financial contribution was given to Monsignor Giers. The keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Paul Kengor, author of *A Pope and a President: Ronald Reagan, John Paul II, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century*, captivated the audience with his discussion of the remarkable similarities in the lives of the two great statesmen and their deep spiritual bond. Dr. Kengor emphasized how this unique bond led to a seismic shift in world history. He also shared that his research into the lives of John Paul II and Ro-

nald Reagan profoundly impacted him, inspiring him to convert to Catholicism. Roza Pace noted that the speaker's remarks particularly hit home as the Washington DC Chapter had the thrill this summer of engaging in a very successful collaboration with the Ronald Reagan National Library in Simi Valley, a collaboration that resulted in the permanent installation of a beautiful John Paul II bronze bust there, sculpted by Gordon Kray, one of our own talented members and the former recipient of the Foundation's fellowship in Rome. Read more about this unique Simi Valley event on our website at friendsjp2.org and view the podcast about the special exhibit

was filled with unexpected and heartwarming experiences. One particularly touching moment occurred when a Filipino-American woman, who had stumbled upon the Mass being said in Polish, expressed her gratitude for Pope John Paul II and for learning about the Foundation. She shared how Pope John Paul II's biography had deeply influenced her father, who had been suffering from Parkinson's disease. Another participant in the visit reflected on how Monsignor Giers' presence and his beautiful homily gave her the spiritual strength to overcome the shock of a recent health scare involving her husband - an event that ended with a statistically improbable



on John Paul II at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley. During his visit, Monsignor Giers also toured the St. John Paul II National Shrine's museum and celebrated Mass in the shrine's chapel, where he delivered a special sermon on the names day of Karol Wojtyła's (the Pope's birth name). The visit

but positive outcome. The visit also included stops at the U.S. Capitol with a Chaplain-led tour and at the White House - on the U.S. election day. Clearly, the spirit of John Paul II was powerfully felt during this memorable visit.

Roza Pace



Foundation Administrator's visit to Philadelphia

On October 29, 2024, Monsignor Dariusz Giers visited Philadelphia at the invitation of the leadership of the local John Paul II Friends' Circle. The meeting was organized by the Honorary President, Ryszard Krzyżanowski, who could not attend in person but participated virtually. Monsignor Giers, the administrator of the Foundation, was warmly welcomed at the home of President Felice R. Stack and Vice President Carol Stack Poggio. The gathering began with the screening of a new film highlighting the Foundation's mission and activities,

which served as a prelude to a heartfelt discussion. The conversation focused on current matters and the future direction of the Vatican Foundation, which has enjoyed steadfast support from the Philadelphia Circle for many years. In a gesture of their continued commitment, the Circle presented a significant donation to the Foundation's scholarship program, which benefits students from Central and Eastern Europe pursuing higher education in Lublin and Kraków. This initiative remains a cornerstone of the Foundation's efforts

to nurture talent and leadership in the region. Monsignor Giers was accompanied on this trip by Father Marian Kokorzycki, a dedicated priest serving at St. Dominic Parish in Brick, NJ. Father Kokorzycki, who also serves as the local chaplain for the Polish community, is an active promoter of the veneration of St. John Paul II and Blessed Carlo Acutis in the Diocese of Trenton. In addition to his spiritual leadership, Father Kokorzycki, alongside a group of Polish residents from Lakewood, NJ, presented a separate donation to support the Foundation's initiatives. Their contribution underscores the enduring dedication of the Polish-American community to the legacy of St. John Paul II and the mission of the Vatican Foundation. This inspiring visit not only reinforced the strong ties between the Foundation and its supporters in Philadelphia but also highlighted the shared vision of fostering faith, education, and cultural heritage.



Inauguration of the academic year at the Foundation House

On October 22, 2024, the liturgical feast of St. John Paul II, the solemn inauguration of the new academic year took place at the John Paul II Foundation House in Lublin. The celebration began at 11:00 AM with a Holy Mass presided over by Monsignor Dr. Dariusz Giers, administrator of the Vatican John Paul II Foundation. Concelebrating the Mass were Rev. Dr. habil. Piotr Wiśniewski, Professor of KUL and Vice-Rector for Mission, the House's leadership, and

scholarship priests from Indonesia and Ukraine. During the homily, the preacher highlighted the holiness of John Paul II, emphasizing his exceptional love for every human being. At the conclusion of the Eucharist, the Vice-Rector addressed the attendees on behalf of the Catholic University of Lublin, encouraging the scholarship recipients to make the most of the opportunities provided by the Foundation's scholarship program and the privilege of studying at

a Catholic university. The liturgy was enriched by the singing of the scholarship recipients' choir. After the Mass and a group photograph, all participants were invited to a commemorative reception. The second part of the inauguration celebrations took place at KUL, in the CTW Hall, where at 4:00pm, a screening of the film *Set Out into the Deep*, directed by Damian Bieniek from the Academy of Modern Media and Communication at KUL, commenced. The film intro-



duced the audience to the origins and mission of the Vatican John Paul II Foundation. Its production involved, among others, Rev. Jan

Strzałka, director of the Foundation House, and four scholarship recipients from Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Following

the screening, a panel discussion was held, focusing on the film's creation and its message. *Agnieszka Menshykava*



Totus Tuus Award for Rev. Prof. Andrzej Dobrzyński from the Foundation

On Saturday, October 12, the Totus Tuus awards ceremony was held at the Royal Castle in Warsaw on the eve of the 24th Papal Day, presented by the "Work of the New Millennium" Foundation. Awards were conferred in four categories, with an additional special prize granted. In the category of "Promoting the Teachings of John Paul II," the Totus Tuus Award went to Rev. Andrzej Dobrzyński, scholar and writer, and director of the Center for Documentation and Study of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome. The jury cited his "scholarly and written contributions dedicated to St. John Paul II, lectures across the globe promoting papal teachings, and profound kindness in sharing these messages." After receiving the award, Rev. Dobrzyński expressed gratitude to those present, emphasizing that he views the recognition as an appreciation of the hard work of the

Center's small team, especially the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and shared his hope that the Center will soon have a new location in central Rome, which will further its development. He addressed the audience with the following remarks: Your Eminences, Excellencies, Venerable Priests and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen I am deeply grateful to the Award Committee and the "Work of the New Millennium" Foundation for this recognition. I do not consider myself an expert on John Paul II's teachings. My achievements in this area -publications and organized symposia -are the result of my work at the Center for Documentation and Study of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome, which belongs to the Vatican Foundation established by the Holy Father in 1981. This Center has existed for over 40 years, operates with the support of the Polish community, and includes a library, archive, and collection of

museum pieces, managed by a small team of just two or three people. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the leadership of the Vatican Foundation, my predecessors, and friends of the Center, but especially express my gratitude to the Sisters of the Congregation of the Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose contribution to the Center's work is immense. I consider this award as a recognition of the humble achievements of our small team, with a significant contribution from the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. When I was assigned to work at the Center in 2007, it felt like a mission of the Cyrenean. Over time, however, I have become fully committed to this task, for better or for worse. I am convinced that the Center should grow as a research institution, not on the periphery as it has been, but in the heart of Rome. This would make it a vital point of reference, bearing witness to the



influence of Polish Christian culture - the culture that shaped Karol Wojtyła - and to the legacy of St. John Paul II's pontificate, which offers inspiration and guidance to our times and future generations. This vision and its realization are possible today. I believe they align with the ideological goals of the Vatican Foundation of John Paul II, as well as the essential mission of the Polish Church and Polish culture. The phrase "our pope" should not imply "your pope." Rather, it suggests that the testimony of his life, and even more so, his teachings, should serve as an enduring light for the paths of the universal Church, culture, and humanity, which have intersected for two millennia in the Eternal City. In this regard, the Center for Documentation and Study



of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome can play a significant role. I interpret today's award as an acknowledgment

of the Center's efforts to date, for which I once again express my deepest thanks.

Spiritual retreats in Rome for Polish priests

From November 11 to 15, 2024, a retreat for Polish priests took place at the John Paul II Polish House in Rome, owned by our Foundation. The retreat was led by Monsignor Paweł Ptasznik, Chairman of the Administrative Council of the John Paul II Foundation. Monsignor Ptasznik is a former head of the Polish Section of the Secretariat of State of the Holy See and a close collaborator of St. John Paul II. The retreat was attended by 60 priests from 18 Polish dioceses, as well as from Germany, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Italy, and Sweden. The days were filled with shared prayers, meaningful conversations, and the exchange of pastoral experiences. The retreat took place in the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the John Paul II Polish House in Rome, overseen by Rev. Mateusz Wójcik of the Kra-

ków Archdiocese, with the dedicated assistance of the Sisters of the

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