

1920

Born on 18 May as Karol Józef Wojtyła in Wadowice, Poland

Moved to Krakow to study at the Jagiellonian University

1938



1942

Asked to be admitted to the 'underground' seminary in Krakow

Ordained by Cardinal Sapieha on 1 Nov and sent to Rome to study

1946

Ordained bishop (titular of Ombi) on 28 Sept, youngest in Poland

1958



1962

Took part in the Second Vatican Council

Made Archbishop of Krakow on 13 Jan

1964



1967

Created Cardinal on 26 June by Pope Paul VI

1978

Elected pope, taking the name John Paul II

Pastoral visit to the United Kingdom

1982

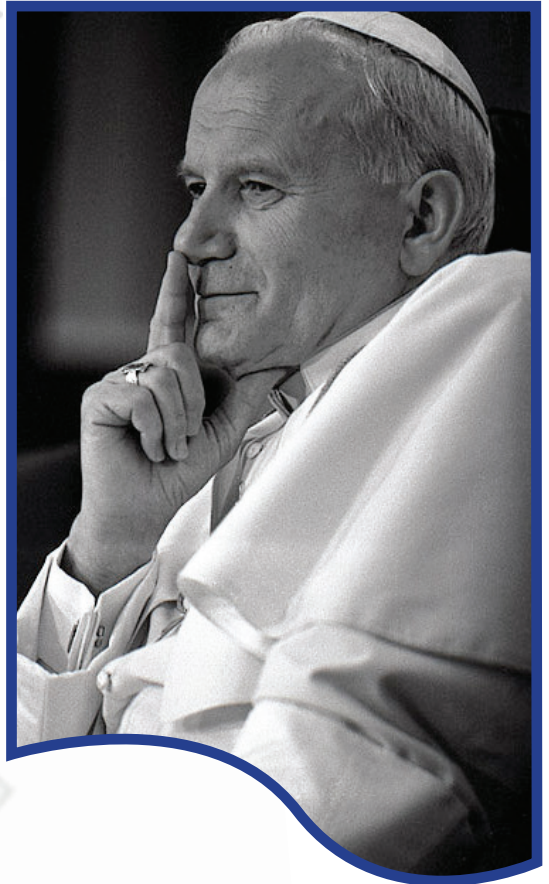


2005

Died on Saturday 2 June, 46 days short of his 85th birthday

2011

Declared 'Blessed' on 1 May - Feast of the Divine Mercy



Pope Saint John Paul II

2014

Declared 'Saint' on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April 2014

Saint John Paul II's feast day is 22 October

*Totus Tuus
Totally Yours*

his life at a glance

in numbers

9 CONSISTORIES: held by Pope John Paul II in which he created 231 cardinals including the now Pope Francis.

9 TRIPS: taken to his homeland of Poland as Pope, his first trip was to Mexico and Dominican Republic.

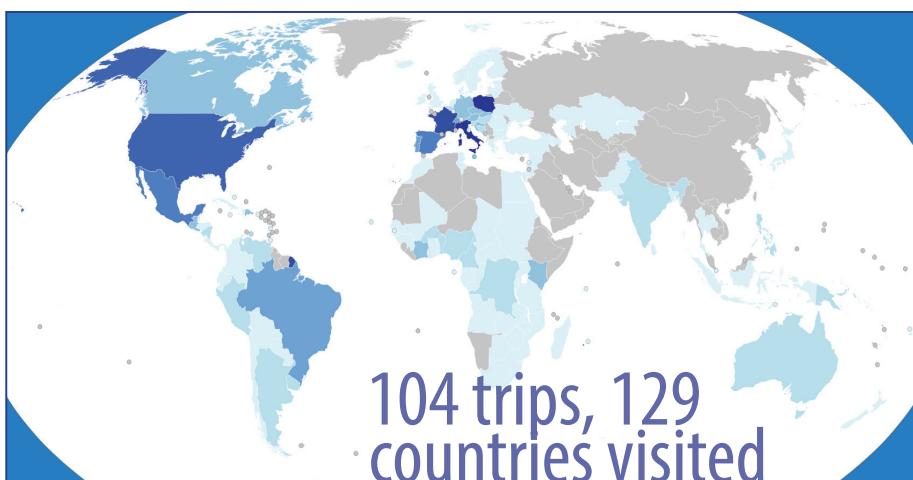
14 ENCYCLICALS: written by JP II as well as 15 apostolic exhortations and various other letters, homilies and messages (www.vatican.va)

26 YEARS AS POPE: Elected in October 1978 and died in April 2005, John Paul II was the third longest serving Pope in history.

129 COUNTRIES: the number that Pope John Paul II visited in the course of his ministry.

455 YEARS: since the previous non-Italian pope, Adrian VI (d.1523). The two popes since JP II have also been non-Italian.

483 SAINTS: JP II canonised more saints than popes in the previous 5 centuries, he also made 1340 people 'Blessed'.



"quotes" (from the thousands!)

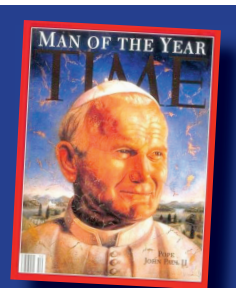
It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes.

visit www.vatican.va for JP II's official teachings



Saint Pope John Paul II has been called the 'Great' by Pope Benedict XVI and various others in the years since his death. He was Time Man of the Year in 1994.

interfaith



Pope John Paul II travelled extensively and met with believers from many different faiths. At the World Day of Prayer for Peace, held in Assisi on 27 October 1986, more than 120 representatives of different religions and Christian denominations spent a day fasting and praying with JP II.

In March 2000, while visiting Jerusalem, John Paul became the first pope in history to visit and pray at the Western Wall.

He was the first Catholic pope to visit and pray in an Islamic mosque, in Damascus, Syria, in 2001.

In April 2005, shortly after John Paul II's death, the Israeli government created a commission to honour his legacy.



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