

# Did you know? Saint John Paul II -

1. His name before becoming pope was KAROL JÓZEF WOJTYŁA
2. He was born in Wadowice, Poland, on 18 May 1920.
3. He was the third of three children born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska, who died in 1929.
4. He was nine years old when he received his First Communion and eighteen when he received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
5. Growing up, John Paul was athletic and enjoyed hiking, skiing and swimming.
6. He also enjoyed theater and poetry.
7. He wanted to become a priest and began his studies at a secret seminary during World War II.
8. He was dedicated to studies that focused on the fact that all people should be treated with dignity.
9. He was an important influence in ending WWII and creating a free Poland.
10. On May 1981, an attempt was made on Pope John Paul II's life. He visited the shooter in prison to forgive him.

## POPE JOHN PAUL II'S COAT OF ARMS

The Coat of Arms is a way for the Pope to show things that are important to him. It shows the keys of St. Peter, which show he is the new pope in a line reaching back to St. Peter.

The 'M' stands for Mary, Pope John Paul's personal devotion. It is beneath the cross just as Mary stood beneath the cross of Jesus. The keys are a symbol of the 'keys' that Jesus gave to Peter (the first pope and one of Jesus 1st apostles). The three levels of the crown stand for the Trinity; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



His motto was Totus Tuus "Totally Yours" because of his great dedication to Jesus and Mary.

# SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

(Karol Józef Wojtyła)

OUR 264TH POPE

Feast Day—October 22nd



**“Do not be afraid.  
Open wide the  
doors for Christ!”**

[Homily at Mass for his inauguration as pope](#), October 22nd, 1978, 5

At World Youth Day Celebrations  
the Youth would yell "John Paul II  
we love you!" and he would yell  
back "John Paul II loves you too!"

Special Song for Saint Pope John Paul II

(Lily Productions)

*Holy Father*                      *Chorus*  
*Here we gather*  
*John Paul II*  
*We love you (repeat)*

You're the Roman Pontiff  
You're the Vicar of Christ  
In the words that you speak to us  
And the letters you write  
You bring hope to our lives

*Chorus*

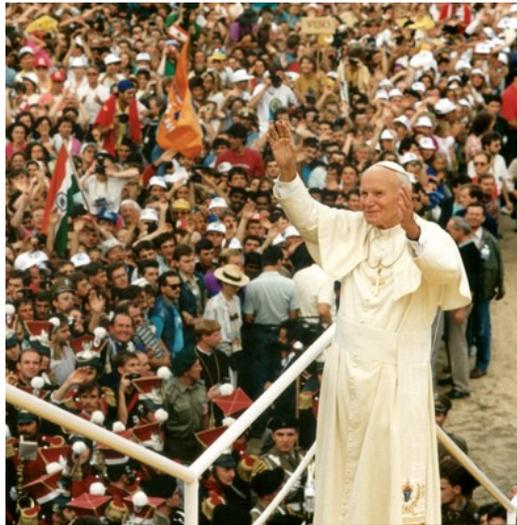
You're the Shepherd of Bishops  
You're the voice of the Church  
Your holiness nourishes  
All across this earth  
You bring hope to our lives

*Chorus*

You're the Valiant Defender  
Of our beautiful faith  
You're the Pilgrim Leader  
Of World Youth Day  
You bring hope to our lives

"Be demanding of  
the world around  
you; be demanding  
first of all with  
yourselves. Be  
children of God;  
take pride in it!"

Pope John Paul II  
Czestochowa, Poland, 1991



"It is Jesus you seek when you  
dream of happiness; he is waiting  
for you when nothing else you  
find satisfies you; he is the beau-  
ty to which you are so attracted; it  
is he who provokes you with that  
thirst for fullness that will not let  
you settle for compromise; it is he  
who urges you to shed the  
masks of a false life; it is he who  
reads in your hearts your most  
genuine choices, the choices that  
others try to stifle."

"It is Jesus who stirs in you the  
desire to do something great with  
your lives, the will to follow an  
ideal, the refusal to allow your-  
selves to be grounded down by  
mediocrity, the courage to  
commit yourselves humbly and  
patiently to improving yourselves  
and society, making the world  
more human and more fraternal."

[Address at World Youth Day, Rome](#), August 19th,  
2000, 5