

**PREPERATIONS FOR THE JUBILEE  
609<sup>th</sup> Academic Year  
at the Pontifical Academy of Theology**

The 24<sup>th</sup> academic year at the Pontifical Academy of Theology (PAT) and the 609<sup>th</sup> at its Faculty of Theology is over. It was a special year as it marked the beginning of the Silver Jubilee of an Academy established by the Servant of God John Paul II on December 8, 1981 on the foundations of the Faculty of Theology, which had been in operation since 1397.

Academic year 2005/2006 began traditionally with a pilgrimage made by professors, administrative employees, students, seminarians of diocesan and monastic seminaries, nuns and lay students to a Marian Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska on September 30, 2005. At the beginning the pilgrims listened to a lecture: *Language Competence of Clerics* delivered by Rev. Dr Hab. Wiesław Przyczyna and participated in a concelebrated Mass presided over by the Academy Rector Rev. Prof. Jan M. Dyduch with a sermon of Rev. Dr Józef Morawa, Rector of the Cracow Archdiocese Higher Seminary. In the afternoon the Way of the Cross, a devotion prepared by theology students, was held on the Calvary Paths.

The academic year was officially inaugurated on Wednesday, October 20, 2005. A solemn ceremony consisted of two parts: liturgical, held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church, and academic, in the Cracow Philharmonic Hall. Cracow Metropolitan Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz, Grand Chancellor of the Academy, celebrated a solemn inaugural Mass and delivered a homily. After the Mass, the participants of the ceremony proceeded to the Cracow Philharmonic Hall, where *Gaude Mater Polonia* was sung. Then, the Academy Rector Rev. Prof. Jan M. Dyduch delivered his address. He recalled the most important events, which had taken place during the previous academic year. One of them was the death of the Servant of God John Paul II. With reference to this fact the Rector informed the participants about a resolution made by the Academy Senate: "In order to celebrate the memory of His Holiness John Paul II, the Senate of the Pontifical Academy of Theology appeals to the academic community to spare no effort to transform the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow into the John Paul II Pontifical University. In this way a wish of the late Pope

would be fulfilled” Other important events recalled by the Rector included an initiative to organize the “Days of John Paul II” in Cracow, opening new courses of studies: “Family Studies” at the Faculty of Theology, “History of Art” at the Faculty of Church History and “Postgraduate Studies in Philosophy and Ethics” at the Faculty of Philosophy. The Rector also mentioned symposia and conferences organized at the Academy. A ceremony of matriculation of the first year students of all three faculties of the Academy (Theological, Philosophical and Church History) followed. Then, Rector’s Awards were handed to the winners. An inaugural lecture, entitled *Eschatological Dimension of the Eucharist. The Voice of the Fathers of the Church* was delivered by Rev. Dr Hab. Edward Staniek, PAT Professor. The Academy choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Włodzimierz Siedlik sang during the inauguration. The Grand Chancellor of the Academy, Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz, Metropolitan of Cracow, bishops from a few dioceses, rectors of Polish Catholic universities, deans of theology faculties, representatives of senates of higher educational institutions in Cracow as well as representatives of the town and voivodship lay authorities and diplomatic service in Cracow participated in the inaugural ceremony.

An important, annual event in the life of the academic community is an anniversary of the foundation of the Pontifical Academy of Theology. This year we very solemnly celebrated the 24th anniversary of this event (December 8, 2005). A High Mass in St. Mark the Evangelist’s Church in Cracow, which was presided over by Rev. Prof. Jan M. Dyduch, was held to celebrate the occasion. Rev. Prof. Stefan Koperek CR, dean of the Faculty of Theology, delivered a homily. Apart from reminiscing about the late Pope’s momentous decision of December 8, 1981 to found our Academy, scholarly achievements and merits of its academics were recalled. Medals “Meritorious for the Pontifical Academy of Theology” were bestowed upon 12 persons.

The conferment of an honorary title of *doctor honoris causa* has been a long established practice of various institutions of higher education all over the world as a way of distinguishing persons whose contribution for these institutions or their causes has been outstanding. In academic year 2005/2006 the Pontifical Academy of Theology conferred the title upon Rev. Prof. Cardinal Marian Jaworski, Lviv Metropolitan of the Latin rite and the first rector of our Academy. The solemn conferment ceremony of the title was held in the Aula of *Collegium Maius*, the oldest building of the Jagiellonian University, on June 8, 2006. The venue enhances the dignity of thus distinguished person and is an expression of close cooperation between the University and our Academy. Laudatory speech in honor of

Cardinal Jaworski was delivered by Fr. Prof. Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski OP, who stressed Cardinal Jaworski's contribution to academic research in the field of philosophy of religion.

Each anniversary of the foundation of the Faculty of Theology in Cracow (January 11, 1397) is celebrated in an equally solemn way. The central event has always been conferment of academic degrees. The anniversary ceremony took place on Wednesday, January 11, 2006. In a High Mass officiated in the Wawel Cathedral by the Grand Chancellor, Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz, the Academy expressed its gratitude to God for the 609 years of His care over the Faculty. Rev. Dr Hab. Władysław Zuziak, PAT Professor delivered a homily. The Mass was followed by academic promotions. Doctor diplomas were handed to 24 persons (14 from the Faculty of Theology, 4 from the Faculty of Philosophy and 6 from the Faculty of Church History), while a diploma of *doktor habilitowany* (assistant professor) - to one person, Rev. Dr Hab. Józef Antoni Stala. Rev. Asst. Prof. Jan Janicki got a diploma of Associate Professor of Theology while and Rev. Asst. Prof. Andrzej Zająć, of Music. The title of Professor of Theology was conferred on Rev. Prof. Roman Pindel of the Faculty of Theology.

Promotion ceremony is held twice a year; the second, on the feast day of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, which is observed in Poland on May 8. The ceremony that took place on Monday, May 8, 2006 in St. Anna's Collegiate Church was presided over by the Grand Chancellor of the Academy, who expressed his joy at the promotions and wished the Academy further prosperous development. Doctor diplomas were conferred on 17 persons (12 from the Faculty of Theology, 3 from the Faculty of Philosophy and 2 from the Faculty of Church History. Rev. Prof. Krzysztof Kościelniak of the Faculty of Church History received a diploma of Associate Professor of Humanistic Sciences while the position of full professor of theology was offered to Rev. Prof. Stefan Koperek CR of the Faculty of Theology and the title of professor of theological sciences, to Rev. Prof. Maciej Ostrowski. Rev. Prof. Stefan Koperek CR spoke on behalf of the promoted academics. Then Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz ended the ceremony with a prayer to St. John Cantius, professors' patron saint.

Steady growth of the Academy is a matter of great interest for its authorities, employees and students. Efforts to transform the Academy into a Church University, as it has been mentioned above, are a special manifestation of this interest. The Grand Chancellor of the Academy Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Metropolitan of Cracow, who was enrolled in the College of Cardinals on February 22, 2006, has greatly supported the initiative. He wants to fulfill the wish of the Servant of God John Paul II who

wanted such an institution to be founded in Cracow. The Grand Chancellor expressed his hope for making this wish come true in his homily delivered during the Mass inaugurating the academic year, when he called us to research and popularize the output of John Paul II's teaching in cooperation with the Foundation „Nie lękajcie się” (Do Not Fear): “ I turn to you with a great request for the Pontifical Academy of Theology to be its intellectual grounds. Let this be a matter of constant care of our Academy, and in the future – I hope – the John Paul II Pontifical University.”

Extending educational offer through creating new courses of studies is a measurable and important indication of the Academy growth. Realizing its basic task expressed in the Academy motto *Euntes docete* (referring to Christ's command: “Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” [Mt 28:19]), the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow wishes to serve the community and the Church in Poland better and better. In an answer to the changing conditionings and new social needs, a new course of studies “Family Studies” was opened at the Faculty of Theology. The course follows the standards stipulated by the Ministry of National Education and Sport. A decision ascertaining the fulfillment of these standards was issued by the Ministry on October 26, 2005. Thanks to this, the Faculty of Theology now has two courses of studies: theology and family studies. Family studies are stationary. The course is also taught in a non-stationary form. Graduates will be prepared to work in various Church and secular institutions that deal with family matters. Contemporary family is in a great danger and needs considerable support, which consists in promoting a family based on natural values.

A new specialization, this time promoting sacred music was opened within course of “history” at the Faculty of Church History. This is a specialization–entitled “Church Music” Students learn to perform liturgical (organ) music, lead choirs and *schola cantorum*, mostly in parishes.

The Academy shows keen interest in cooperating with foreign scholarly institutions. It has maintained close academic contacts with centers in Bochum, Budapest, Rome, Bratislava, Ružomberok, Kiev, Lviv and Odessa. Cooperation agreements have recently been signed with the Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovakia) and with the Institute of Theology in Kiev (Ukraine) and with the Greek Catholic Faculty of Theology in Prešov (Slovakia).

Special attention should be drawn to regular academic cooperation with the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the University of Ruhr in Bochum (Germany), which has been maintained for more than 20 years. The

cooperation consists in an exchange, which is organized in such a way that professors (usually two) and for some time now also students of the Pontifical Academy of Theology go to Bochum in the autumn, and in the spring professors and students from Bochum come to Cracow. Lectures, discussions and meetings with students are organized then. Within this exchange program two professors from our Academy: Rev. Prof. Jan Szczurek and Rev. Prof. Roman Pindel visited Bochum on November 15, 2005. Rev. Prof. Roman Pindel presented a paper: «*Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him*». *Analysis of Lk 24, 13–35 as illustrated in the paintings of Rembrandt van Rijn*, which was published in the last issue of our periodical („*Analecta Cracoviensia*“ 37:2005, p. 309–339). The spring meeting took place on May 5, 2006, and its central point was a lecture delivered by Prof. Christian Frevel: *One for all? Good and bad sides of Biblical monotheism*.

Another event of great international importance was the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference in a series: *The Role of the Church in Uniting Europe*, which was held in Cracow–Przegorzały on September 15–16, 2006 under the patronage of Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. The conference was organized in cooperation with the Robert Schuman Foundation from Luxemburg, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and „Wokół nas” Publishing House. The subject of the conference was: *Europe’s Civilization Struggle*. Many renowned experts in European studies, politicians, academics and journalists, representatives of the Holy See, the European Commission and the European Parliament, Polish Episcopate and Polish authorities participated in the conference. Among the subjects of discussions were: European solidarity, tolerance, absurdities of political correctness and tensions within European civilization. The Chairman of the Block of United Democratic Forces in Belarus A. Milinkiewicz sent a letter to the conference participants, in which he thanked for solidarity with the Opposition in Belarus. Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Metropolitan of Cracow and Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Theology, Rev. Prof. Jan Dyduch, Rector of the Pontifical Academy in Cracow, Stephan Raabe, Director of the Polish branch of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Jaime Mayor Oreja, Vice President of EPL-ED and member of the European Parliament greeted the guests and spoke at the opening of the conference. Members of the European Parliament M. Martens and Ch. Boehr, Cardinal J. da Cruz Policarpo, Patriarch of Lisbon, J. Santer, President of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxemburg, J. Saryusz-Wolski, Vice President of the European Parliament spoke during the conference. At the end of the discussion, St. Raabe said among other things that “the primary motif of Christian responsibility, politics which draws its aspirations from

Christian and democratic values, cannot be what all people do, or at least the majority does, but what is right or wrong, what is better or worse. This belongs to the alphabet of upbringing in the Christian spirit and Christian self-awareness<sup>1</sup>

On April 5–6, 2006 in the Aula of the Jagiellonian University *Collegium Novum* a Polish Symposium *Man as the Way of the Church. Anthropological Thought of John Paul II* was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the death of the Servant of God John Paul II. It was organized by the Department of Theological Anthropology and the Academy. Professors from faculties of theology from Poland delivered papers on philosophical, ethical, social, theological and moral issues. The aim of the symposium was to try to define the directions of research on the output of John Paul II and promotion of his teaching.

Cracow is proud not only of John Paul II but also of Rev. Józef Tischner, a philosopher of European recognition. To popularize his philosophical, political and social thought the so called “Tischner’s Days” are organized annually. This year the “Sixth Tischner’s Days” focused on an issue of happiness. A lecture *Ambiguity of Happiness* was delivered by an outstanding German philosopher Prof. Robert Spaemann. Other issues discussed during the Days included relativism, fundamentalism and conscience in a world of freedom. The Pontifical Academy of Theology, the Jagiellonian University, the National Higher School of Theatre and the Social Publishing Institute ‘Znak’ organize Tischner’s Days. Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz held extended honorary patronage.

Speaking of Polish thinkers who have gained recognition abroad one mustn’t forget about Rev. Prof. Michał Heller, who turned 70 on March 13, 2006. He is a priest in the Tarnow diocese and an academic at the Faculty of Philosophy at our Academy, a cosmologist of worldwide fame, member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (since 1990) and the Vatican Astronomical Observatory. His birthday was celebrated in a sitting of the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy on March 23, 2006.

Symposia, conferences and guest lectures help deepen the knowledge acquired in regular classes. They are at the same time a way of popularizing the results of research conducted by individual researchers and teachers of the Academy. Some of them were organized with the help of some other institutions. Here are some examples.

Firstly, symposia devoted to Christian perfection and man’s attitude to sacrum must be mentioned. Holiness is a great gift for the Church. Studies

<sup>1</sup> Materials from all conferences are available on the Internet (in Polish) at: <http://www.kosciol-europa.org.pl/>.

of canonized saints are a source of inspiration for all who now search for a solution to difficult problems connected with religious and social life. An academic conference to popularize such studies was organized on November 10, 2005 at the John Paul II's Institute in Cracow. The topic of the symposium was *Heritage of the Polish Saints of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Models of Holiness of Poles Canonized and Beatified by John Paul II*. The Department of Auxiliary Studies and Archivization of the Faculty of Church History helped organize the event.

Secularization is one of the most serious problems encountered nowadays by the Church in carrying out its mission. A quest to find an answer to the question about the ways of opposing it was the topic of an international ecumenical session *Secularization and Evangelization*, which was held on November 25, 2005 in Cracow. It was prepared by the Interdepartmental Institute for Dialogue and Ecumenism and the Cracow Branch of Polish Ecumenical Council.

Secularization produces a problem of an attitude towards *sacrum*. The study of an approach to this aspect of human existence was the subject of interest to participants of an academic session entitled: *A European and Sacrum. Past and Present*. The session was held on November 25, 2005 and it was organized together with the Faculty of Church History.

A special place where man meets with *sacrum* is the Eucharist. An interdisciplinary symposium *The Eucharist on the World's Altar* dealt with the modern understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist. It took place on November 24–25, 2005 and was a joint project of all faculties of the Academy so as to draw attention to all aspects of the Sacrament: theological, historical and philosophical. The symposium was organized with regard to the last encyclical of John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (of March 13, 2003). Professors from other academic centers in Poland (Warsaw and Lublin) were invited to present their papers.

Personal experience of *sacrum* leads to deepening one's ties with God and to holiness. An academic conference *Intermediaries of God's Grace* was devoted to the study of various ways leading to sainthood. It was organized by the Department of Auxiliary Studies of History and Archivization at the Faculty of Church History and the Department of Theology and Biblical Informatics on January 28, 2006. Speakers' common area of interest was an issue of the cult of saints and their experience from working in historical commissions in the beatification and canonization proceedings.

Holiness in people is a gift showing God's love for man. This basic truth was recalled by pope Benedict XVI in an encyclical *Deus caritas est*. In order to popularize the content of this encyclical the Faculty of

Theology together with the Catholic Family Association organized an academic symposium *The Mystery of Love. Reflections on His Holiness Benedict XVI's encyclical «Deus caritas est»*. The symposium was held on May 16, 2006 in Cracow.

An ethical aspect of biological research belongs to a group of issues which are hotly disputed nowadays. Cloning was the subject of a lecture in a series named after Rev. Konstanty Michalski, entitled *Does Reproduction Cloning Abuse the Dignity of a Person?* (*Versetzt das reproduktive Klonen die Menschenwürde?*). The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dieter Birnbacher from the Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf on October 5, 2005. The lecture was organized by the Department of Modern and Contemporary History of Philosophy of the Philosophy Faculty. An academic conference *Three times «yes» for biology, ethics and life* served to popularize knowledge about dangers to life on the part of some biological tests. During the conference on November 17, 2005 an encyclopedia of bioethics: *Encyklopedia bioetyki. Personalizm chrześcijański, głos Kościoła* (Encyclopedia of Bioethics. Christian Personalism. Voice of the Church) (Radom 2005) was promoted.

Treatment of genetic illnesses is a great challenge not only for medicine, but also for ethics. Results of studies of ethical aspects of treatment of such diseases were presented at the international symposium devoted to *Diagnosing and treatment of genetic illnesses of children and youth*. The symposium was held on June 13–14, 2006 in Cracow and was organized by the Interdepartmental Institute of Bioethics at our Academy together with the Jérôme Lejeune Institute from Paris.

The activity of St. Cyril and St. Methodius was of great importance for the development of Europe. For the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Paul II's encyclical *Slavorum Apostoli* on December 6, 2005 an academic session *Saints Cyril and Methodius in History, Literature and Culture of Slavonic Countries* was arranged by the Interdepartmental Institute for Ecumenism and Dialogue, the Academic Circle of Slavonic Philology of the Jagiellonian University and the Institute of Slavonic Philology. The results of research on the influence of monastic orders on culture in Poland were presented on October 27, 2005 during a conference *Intellectual Culture in Polish Monastic Orders in the 17<sup>th</sup> ad 18<sup>th</sup> Century*. The organizer was the Department of the History of Monastic Orders of the Faculty of Church History.

A series of symposiums *Bible in World's Culture* has considerable contribution to the studies of the influence of Christianity on culture. In



the previous academic year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> such symposium was held. The organizers included the Department of Theology and Biblical Informatics and the Higher Seminary of the Capuchin Order in Cracow. It took place on February 23, 2006 in Cracow. This was an international and interdisciplinary symposium. Academics from Ružomberok, Bratislava, České Budějovice and from our Academy and Seminary read their reports. A sign of international involvement of the Department of Theology and Biblical Informatics is also an academic trip to Ukraine organized jointly with the Department of History Auxiliary Sciences and Archivization at the Faculty of Church History of our Academy. Academics from both Departments gave a series of lectures at the Seminary in Gródek in Podolia, in Kamieniec Podolski diocese. From Gródek professors went to Kiev, where in the Capuchin monastery they participated in a symposium. The lectures in Gródek were given on May 30, 2006, and in Kiev, on June 2, 2006.

Serving man and the Church is one of the main tasks of our Academy. To improve this service the Department of History Auxiliary Sciences and Archivization at the Faculty of Church History organized an academic conference entitled *Sentire cum homine et Ecclesia* on January 12, 2006. The purpose of the conference was to help in the formation of archivists.

A series of open lectures organized by the same Department on January 12–13, 2006 had the same aim. Lectures were delivered by guest professors from Slovakia and Ukraine. Asst. Prof. Ivan Chalupecký, lecturer at the University in Prešov (Slovakia) and Asst. Prof. Natalia Cariova, curator of the National Archives in Levoča, showed the activity and structure of the Church and National Archives in Slovakia and Ukraine. Asst. Prof. Ivan Chalupecký showed the specifics of the functioning of the security service in Slovakia and the forms of persecution and invigilation of the Catholic Church of the Latin and the Greek Catholic rites.

Obviously, for a pontifical institution of higher education, such as our Academy, all academic initiatives connected with studies of religion are important. Therefore, the Faculty of Philosophy actively joined in organization of a conference *Contemporary Philosophy of Religion – French Thought*. The conference was held in Cracow on March 24–25, 2006. The organizers included: the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Department of Philosophy of Religion of the Faculty of Philosophy at our Academy and the Philosophical and Theological College of the Polish Province of Dominican Order.

These are not only philosophical studies of religion that help better understand man as a person, but the studies of such a dimension of per-

sonal existence as presence for others. In order to meet these interests, the Department of History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy organized on June 6, 2006 in Cracow a symposium *Metaphysics of Presence*.

Numerous local groups encounter a problem of the shortage of food, which is a difficult and burning problem on a global scale. The Church, through its teaching, wishes to help solve these problems. That is why the Department of the Catholic Social Science of the Faculty of Theology organized an academic conference *Problem of Eating in the Context of Social and Economic Development*. This conference was held on April 27, 2006 in Cracow.

An important event of an inter-religious and inter-denominational character are the days of Judaism and Islam in the Polish Church and a week of prayer for the unity among Christians. The Interdepartmental Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue takes care of developing ecumenical contacts and firming up cooperation with various denominational and religious communities. An expression of this care is, among others, organization of a *Day of Judaism in the Church in Poland*, which is held on January 17. This year the Institute organized *The Ninth Day of Judaism in the Church in Poland*, whose main event was a service of the word and a prayer for Jews in the Franciscan Basilica in Cracow. Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz presided over the service. There was a meeting after the service. One of the speakers was Awram Flaks, rabbi of the Cracow Jewish community. The Institute joined actively in organizing the *Week of Prayer for the Unity Among Christians*, which was held in the Cracow Archbishopric on January 15–22, 2006. Also the celebrations of *The 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Islam in the Catholic Church*, held on January 31, 2006 had the patronage of the Institute. It is worth remembering that during vespers in the Franciscan Basilica in Cracow a statement of the Joint Council of Catholics and Muslims prepared for the *first Day of Islam without John Paul II*, stressing his contribution to the Catholic and Muslim dialogue, was recalled.

An academic session entitled *Heritage of Judaism in Contemporary Christian Liturgy* must have been of use for the bettering of understanding the connections between Christianity and Judaism. It took place on February 21, 2006 and was organized by the Liturgical Institute at our Academy and the Institute of Studies of Religions at the Jagiellonian University.

The Inter-Congregational Higher Catechetical Institute run by the Ursuline Nuns of the Roman Curia in Cracow has been closely cooperating with the Academy. On March 11, 2006 the Institute organized the

Symposium entitled *Mother of the Lord in Catechesis*, which was held in the convent of the Ursuline Nuns in Cracow. The Academy Rector Rev. Prof. Jan Dyduch opened the Symposium. The topic of the Symposium was connected with the deep Marian devotion in Poland, which is not always based on strong theological foundations. The aim of the Symposium was to recall these foundations and popularize authentic Marian devotion, attractive also for contemporary youth. There was a panel discussion devoted to the ways of translating theological content into the language of catechesis.

The statutory aim of the Academy (expressed in its motto *Euntes docete*) is put into effect in regular didactic activity (lectures, practical classes and practical placement) at the three faculties (Theological, Philosophical and Church History). Students learn to acquire the *magister* (Master of Arts) degree. The overall number of students in 2005/2006 academic year totals 3000. The number of employees amounts to 260, of which 170 are academics who do research and didactic work. Twenty-nine of these persons have the professor title, 45, the title of *doktor habilitowany*, which means that the research and didactic staff amount to 74 persons in all.

The following statistical data shows the results of didactic activity. In 2005/2006 academic year the Faculty of Theology conferred 509 titles of *magister* of Theology. This exceeds the number of the graduation year students because the Faculty confers the title on students of the Higher Seminaries that signed a contract for academic and didactic cooperation with the Faculty. Alumni of these Seminaries are not formally students, but the process of their education is supervised by the Faculty according to the above mentioned contract, their *magister* theses are assessed by the Faculty professors and the defense of theses takes place before an Examination Board assigned by the Faculty. The same Faculty also conferred the degree of licentiate of theology on 17 persons. This is an ecclesiastical degree, different from the one conferred by secular higher education institutions. It can be conferred by ecclesiastical higher educational institutions on those who already have the *magister* title. This year the degree of doctor of theology was conferred on 26 persons.

Accomplishments of the two remaining Faculties: of Philosophy and of Church History, which are considerably smaller than that of theology, are the following: the Faculty of Philosophy conferred 17 titles of *magister* of philosophy and 5 doctor titles, and the Faculty of Church History awarded 28 titles of *magister* of History, 14 licentiate and 8 doctor titles.

As far as staff promotion is concerned it is exceptionally important to promote auxiliary scholars to the degree of *doktor habilitowany* and *dok-*

*tor habilitowany* to the professor title. This year 6 programs for the conferment of *doktor habilitowany* and 4 for the professor title were underway. At the Faculty of Theology 4 programs for the title of *doktor habilitowany* were completed: Rev. W. Zyzak, Rev. St. Sojka, Rev. J. Żelazny and J. Kupczak OP, and 1 program for the title of professor – Rev. J. Orzeszyna. At the Faculty of Philosophy 1 program was completed – Rev. St. Wszolek. At the Faculty of Church History 1 person received the professor title – Rev. K. Kościelniak. To avoid any confusion, it is worth noting here that the numbers provided in this place are not always the same as the number of promotional ceremonies. The reason is that there is a few months time lapse between the closing of a program (for *doktor habilitowany* and professor) and the promotion ceremony, and the closing often takes place in one academic year while the promotion, in the following.

In addition to the basic *magister* studies a range of postgraduate studies are run for those students who want to prepare better for professional work in a chosen field. For those interested in journalism, the Postgraduate Studies in Journalism, which aim at promoting Christian values in mass media, and consequently, in Polish culture, offer assistance. The course lasts 4 semesters, the classes are taught by professors of the Jagiellonian University, the Pontifical Academy of Theology and experienced journalists. This year 30 first- and second-year students participated in the course. Twenty-three persons completed the course. Rev. Dr Hab. Andrzej Baczyński is head of the Postgraduate Studies in Journalism. The primary goal of the course is to professionally prepare students for honest journalistic work in today's world.

Apart from the promotion of staff, the Academy promotes its own activities. This is a task for the Information and Promotion Office, which was opened in 2004/2005 academic year. The Academy is present at promotional events organized for institutions of higher education in Cracow and in Poland. Such events include: Educational Fairs (EDU.PL), the Science Festival and an Open Day at PAT. During Educational Fairs, held in Cracow on March 9–11, 2006, the newly founded courses: “Family Studies” and “History of Art” were specially promoted. About 14,000 people visited the Fairs. For the Science Festival, held in the Market Square in Cracow on May 13–21, 2006, the Academy prepared interesting topical offers, such as *Code of Veit Stoss*, “*Credo*” (the origins of Nicene-Constantinopolitan *Credo*, *Credo* in pictures). The presentation of our Academy was estimated as one of the most interesting (besides presentations of the Jagiellonian University, the AGH University of Science and Technology and the Agricultural Academy). The Open Day of PAT was

held on April 8, 2006. About 100 persons interested in studying at our Academy visited the Academy precincts. Program included a meeting with the Rector, a tour of the Main Library, presentations of various courses of studies at the Academy faculties and a questions and answers session.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology carries out publishing activity, which is the responsibility of the Academic Press. It publishes dissertations and academic periodicals. Regular academic publications are in the first place „*Analecta Cracoviensia*” They include research in philosophy, theology, Church history and canon law. Thirty-seven issues of this periodical have been printed so far. Apart from „*Analecta Cracoviensia*”, each faculty has its own periodical: „*Polonia Sacra*” is the periodical of the Faculty of Theology, „*Logos i Ethos*” – of the Faculty of Philosophy, „*Folia Historica Cracoviensia*” – of the Faculty of Church History. Twice a year the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research at the Faculty of Philosophy publishes „*Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce*” (Philosophical Issues in Science), a publication which discovers and analyses philosophical problems related to natural science. The publication has a “supplement” „*Semina Scientiarum. Supplement do Zagadnień Filozoficznych w Nauce*” (Semina Scientiarum. Supplement to Philosophical Issues in Science). It is prepared by the members of the Scientific Seminar on Natural Science and is devoted to the issues from the borderland of philosophy and natural science.

The Academy official newsletter “*Vita Acedemica. Newsletter of the Pontifical Academy of Theology*” in Cracow is a bi-monthly and features the most important events that take place at the Academy. Students have their publication, too. It is entitled „*Patos. Czasopismo Społeczno-kulturalne młodych*” (Patos. Students’ Social and Cultural Magazine) and is edited and issued by the Student Government at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow. This bi-monthly publication, which has been issued for many years, was formerly a quarterly. While “Patos” is lay students’ periodical, “*Novum Tempus Liberum*”, edited by clerics of the Archbishop Seminary in Cracow, is the magazine of students preparing for priesthood. It is now printed as a yearbook and includes information about the Seminary and student life of clerics.

The majority of the above mentioned editions are published by the Academic Press. There are also other series published by the Academic Press. „*Studia do dziejów Wydziału Teologicznego*” (Studies for the History of the Faculty of Theology) deserve special mention. The following are titles of other series: „*Rozprawy habilitacyjne*” (Postdoctoral Theses),

„Rozprawy doktorskie” (Doctor Theses), „Podręczniki Wydziału Teologicznego” (Coursebooks of the Faculty of Theology), a series “Mysterium Christi” (a course book in liturgics), “Studia” (Studies) (edited by the Faculty of Theology) and “Textus et studia”

Alongside its academic and didactic activity, the Academy tries to promote, among other things, sacred music, which is in fact an extension of research on Church liturgy. The Academy has its choir *Psalmodia* conduced by Dr Włodzimierz Siedlik. *Psalmodia* is invited to sing during various academic ceremonies. The choir performed during the Tischner’s Days, doctor promotions on December 8, 2005 and during a symposium on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the death of John Paul II (April 5–6, 2006). It participated in the Little Poland Choir Contest – Niepołomice 2006 and performed during meetings with pope Benedict XVI in Cracow’s Błonia on May 27–28, 2006 as part of the joint choir. The choir also promoted its album *Te Deum laudamus* dedicated to John Paul II.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology does not forget about spiritual formation of its students and employees. Lay students of each year have their own priest, who officiates at a Mass, preaches homilies and has individual pastoral talks with students. A Mass is said at least once a month while formation meetings with homilies take place most often in Advent and in Lent. They constitute an integral part of retreat held in these liturgical periods. Students who prepare for priesthood receive spiritual and pastoral formation in their seminaries. Scholars, teachers and administrative staff have each year at least one day of retreat, which consists of a homily, Mass and common prayer (the Ways of the Cross, adoration of the Holy Sacrament). This is also an occasion to get together and deepen interpersonal ties. Rev. Dr Andrzej Muszala coordinates all pastoral activities.

The Library of the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow is involved in creating a national system of information exchange. This system is developed within the Federation of Church Libraries *Fides*. The Library of the Academy continues to build up its catalogue on the basis of an integrated computer system VTLS. The catalogue in the form of a data base is available on the Internet. The Library has 5,355 regular readers. In 2005/2006 academic year the collection of the Library was enriched by about 26,750 volumes (21,010 books and 4,840 periodicals). In 2006 the library had about 430,000 books and periodicals in stock. The Library subscribes to 360 periodicals and has 4,400 Polish and foreign titles including about 140 foreign periodicals, which it receives in exchange for “*Analecta Cracoviensia*” The Academy Library is a specialized one. The lack of appropriate space is a serious restriction on the Library activities.

The construction of a new library building is approximating its final stage; the fact which fills the whole academic community with great hope.

Financial means for the activities of the Academy are provided by the St. Queen Jadwiga Foundation for the Pontifical Academy of Theology. Although since January 1, 1998 the Academy has been receiving state subsidies, these do not cover all expenses mainly because they are intended as salaries for teachers and students' grants. All other expenses, including the building of the new library, need to be covered from other sources. Therefore, the Foundation popularizes the activities of the Academy through various means it has at its disposal.

Taking this opportunity, the Board of the Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to all benefactors for their support, kindness and readiness to help. Holy Mass is offered for all benefactors at St. Mark the Evangelist's Church in Cracow.

The Academy Yearbook must not stop short of mentioning sad events that befell in a given academic year. Academic year 2005/2006 was also marked by the death of Prof. Augustyn Jankowski OSB (November 6, 2005), a renowned theologian, Biblicist, lecturer at the Faculty of Theology, doctor *honoris causa* of PAT, former abbot of the Benedictine Abbey in Cracow–Tyniec, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, author of many publications on Bible studies, editor of the Millennium Bible (the basic translation of the Holy Scriptures from the original languages into Polish done on the occasion of one thousand years anniversary of the baptism of Poland) and highly esteemed educator of many generations of students.

The Faculty of Church History lost its highly-valued lecturer at the Department of History of Monastic Orders Dr Hab. Marcin Łobozek OH, who died on October 9, 2006 at the age of 53. His academic career was developing in a very promising way. Marcin Łobozek wrote a book about the history of monastic orders in Poland.

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