

**THE SILVER JUBILEE  
AND WAITING FOR A CHANGE IN STATUS  
The 610<sup>th</sup> an 611<sup>th</sup> Academic Years  
at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow**

The following description of activities covers two years, i.e. the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> year of the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow and the 610<sup>th</sup> and 611<sup>th</sup> of its Faculty of Theology. These two years were exceptional as the Institution founded by John Paul II on December 8, 1981 celebrated its silver jubilee in the 2006/2007 academic year. This period also witnessed a considerable effort to upgrade the Academy status to the John Paul II Pontifical University. The events relating to the jubilee will be presented together with other academic events, while upgrading of the Academy status is a subject still discussed in correspondence by the Grand Chancellor of the Academy, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, and the Holy See and at this stage cannot be presented in a detailed way. It is worth mentioning here that already in 1981, when the Academy was founded, there was a project to create a university, but the shortage of academic staff made John Paul II give up on the idea.

To commemorate the jubilee, a special medal was made and presented to the Grand Chancellor of the Academy in Wawel Cathedral by the Academy Rector Rev. Professor Jan Maciej Dyduch. The ceremony took place on September 28, 2006, the feast of St. Venceslaus, the patron saint of the Cathedral. A photograph of the medal was published in the last (double) issue of *Analecta Cracoviensia* (38–39:2006–2007).

According to a tradition established at the Pontifical Academy of Theology, the jubilee academic year 2006/2007 began with a pilgrimage to a Marian Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska on Saturday, September 30, 2006. The program of the pilgrimage included a lecture “The truth of the mind and the truth of faith”, which was delivered by Rev. Dr Hab. Jarosław Kupczak OP. Rev. Professor Jan M. Dyduch, Rector of the Academy, presided over a concelebrated High Mass, during which Rev. Dr Damian Muskus OKM, curate of the Sanctuary delivered a homily. He presented the Academy with a copy of the painting with an image of St. Mary of Calvary. In the afternoon the Way of the Cross, which was prepared by theology students, was held on

the Calvary Paths. The participants in the pilgrimage were professors, administrative employees, the Academy students: seminarians of diocesan and monastic seminaries, nuns and lay students. During the pilgrimage special prayers were said in the intention of prompt beatification of the Servant of God John Paul II, founder of the Academy.

A similar pilgrimage was organized at the beginning of the next academic year (2007/2008). It took place on Saturday, September 29, 2007. A lecture "To love Christ in one's neighbors and in the Eucharist. A reflection on John Chryzostom's Homily 50 on Gospel according to St. Matthew" was delivered by Rev. Dr Hab. Arkadiusz Baron, while Rev. Dr Włodzimierz Kowalik, Rector of the Higher Seminary in Częstochowa, delivered a homily.

A solemn inauguration of the 2006/2007 academic year was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2006. The inaugural ceremony consisted of two parts: liturgical, held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church, and academic, in the Philharmonic Hall. Bishop Andrzej Dzięga of Sandomierz officiated at a solemn inaugural Mass and delivered a homily. After the Mass the participants of the ceremony proceeded to the Philharmonic Hall, where – having sung *Gaude Mater Polonia* – they listened to the Rector's Address. Referring to the heritage of John Paul II the Rector, Rev. Professor Jan M. Dyduch, informed the audience that efforts continue in the Holy See to upgrade the Academy to the John Paul II Pontifical University, which will make the Institution his live monument. Then, the Rector mentioned the most important events which had taken place in the previous academic year. Academic symposium "Man as the way of the Church. Anthropological thought of John Paul II," organized on the first anniversary of the Holy Father's death by the Theological Anthropology Department, the "Tischner's Days", the Sixth International European Conference "Europe's civilization strife" and preparation for the first "John Paul II's Days" were among the ones he singled out. Then, the Rector thanked Rev. Professor Edward Staniek, who is retiring, for his long and fruitful work for the Academy, and especially for his work in training academic staff and his great homiletic output. He also mentioned symposia and conferences organized at the Academy and after that matriculated first-year students of all three faculties (of Theology, Philosophy and Church History) to membership of the Academy and handed out Rector's Awards.

The inaugural address *Man's Dignity in the Perspective of Evolutionary Anthropology* was delivered by Rev. Professor Józef Życiński, Metropolitan of Lublin. The Academy choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Włodzimierz Siedlik sang during the inauguration. The Grand Chancellor of the Academy, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Metropolitan of Krakow, bishops from several dioceses, rectors of Catholic institutions of higher education from all of Poland, deans of theology faculties, representatives of senates of higher educational

institutions in Krakow as well as representatives of the city and provincial authorities, and diplomatic service in Krakow participated in the inaugural ceremony.

During the inauguration of the 2007/2008 academic year, the High Mass was presided over by Krakow Metropolitan, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz, Metropolitan of Warsaw, delivered a homily. In his inauguration address the Rector of the Academy recalled the most important events of the past year including research on the heritage of John Paul II and receiving a grant from the EU for the building of the Library. He also thanked the recently retired academics: Rev. Professor Jan Wal, Rev. Professor Tadeusz Brzegowy and Father Professor Józef Wanat. One of the participants was Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki of Lvov, who represented Cardinal Marian Jaworski, who was a lecturer and Academy Rector for many years. The *honoris causa* doctorate was bestowed upon the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Professor Carl A. Anderson, during the inaugural ceremony. Rev. Dr Hab. Władysław Zuziak, Professor of the Academy, delivered the laudatory speech. A lecture “Adam, where are you?”, delivered by Professor Anderson, was the inaugural lecture. With reference to the acceptance of research on hybrid embryos on the part of The Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority (Great Britain), Professor Anderson noted that we really crossed a terrifying threshold,” beyond which an urgent question arises: “Adam, where are you?” This is a question about the proper new anthropology because the “Enlightenment philosophy of man [...] has, after all, certain limitations.”

A very important event in the life of the Academy and the city of Krakow were undoubtedly the “Days of John Paul II” organized for the first time on October 8–10, 2006. The leading subject was the truth about the life and teaching of the pope from Poland. This is a joint initiative of the institutions represented in the College of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions in Krakow. Its character is both academic and cultural and its aim is to popularize the thought of John Paul II. The Days are supposed to inspire academic research and popularize the pontiff’s heritage. They are to be organized annually at the beginning of November (to coincide with the commemoration of St. Charles Borromeo, John Paul II’s patron saint and with Karol Wojtyła’s ordination to priesthood.) Each year a different institution in Krakow will organize the Days. The Pontifical Academy of Theology organized the first “Days of John Paul II” In the academic year 2007/2008 they were held on November 5–9, 2007 with “Goodness” as the focal subject.

Each anniversary of the foundation of the Pontifical Academy of Theology is an important event of the academic life. This year we celebrated it even more solemnly as it was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event (December 8, 2006). A High Mass in St. Mark the Evangelist’s Church in Krakow, which

was presided over by Rev. Professor Jan M. Dyduch, was held to celebrate the occasion. Rev. Professor Tadeusz Brzegowy delivered a homily. Apart from reminiscing about the 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 15 persons.

In the academic year 2007/2008 celebrations of the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Academy were held in a similar way. A High Mass was presided over by Rev. Prof. Jan M. Dyduch, Rector of the Academy, while Rev. Prof. Jan Wal delivered a homily. At the close of the ceremony 15 people received medals "Meritorious for the Pontifical Academy of Theology."

Each anniversary of the foundation of the Faculty of Theology in Krakow (January 11, 1397) is celebrated in a very solemn way. Its central event has always been the conferment of academic degrees. Anniversary ceremonies took place on Thursday, January 11, 2007. In a High Mass officiated in Wawel Cathedral by the Grand Chancellor, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, the Academy expressed its gratitude to God for the 610 years of His care over the Faculty. Rev. Dr Hab. Jan Żelazny delivered a homily. The Mass was followed by academic promotions. Doctor diplomas were handed to 18 persons (14 from the Faculty of Theology, 2 from the Faculty of Philosophy and 2 from the Faculty of Church History), while diplomas of *doktor habilitowany* (assistant professor) were presented to 8 persons: Rev. Dr Hab. Arkadiusz Baron, Rev. Dr Hab. Mrian Duda, Rev. Dr Hab. Jerzy Kułaczkowski, Father Dr Hab. Jarosław Kupczak OP, Rev. Dr Hab. Stanisław Sojka, Rev. Dr Hab. Wojciech Zyzak, Rev. Dr Hab. Jan Witold Żelazny from the Faculty of Theology and Rev. Dr Hab. Zbigniew Wolak from the Faculty of Philosophy. Father Dr Hab. Andrzej Napiórkowski OSPPE received a diploma of Professor of Theological Sciences while Rev. Dr Hab. Stanisław Wszolek received a diploma of Professor of Humanistic Sciences. Diplomas nominating the candidates to the position of full professor were handed to Father Professor Tomasz Dąbek OSB, Rev. Professor Łukasz Kamykowski, Rev. Professor Kazimierz Panuś from the Faculty of Theology, Father Professor Jan Kłoczowski OP and Professor Karol Tarnowski from the Faculty of Philosophy.

In the next academic year (2007/2008) the January promotions were held on Friday, January 11, 2008. Rev. Dr Hab. Andrzej Witko, Professor of the Pontifical Academy, delivered a homily. After the Mass a promotion ceremony took place. Doctor diplomas were handed to 14 persons (11 from the Faculty of Theology, 2 from the Faculty of Philosophy and 1 from the Faculty of Church History), while a diploma of *doktor habilitowany* were given to 2 persons: Rev. Dr Hab. Roman Bogacz and Dr Hab. Dariusz Adamczyk. Diplomas nominating the candidates to the position of Full Professor of Theological Sciences were handed to Rev. Professor Tadeusz Borutka and Rev. Professor Andrzej Zwoliński from the Faculty of Theology.

Promotions are held twice in each academic year; for the second time they are scheduled on May 8, which in Poland is the feast of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr. The ceremony is held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church. Solemn promotions on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 were 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 10 persons (i.e. 7 from the Faculty of Theology and 3 from the Faculty of Philosophy). Rev. Professor Jan Orzeszyna received a diploma of Professor of Theological Studies. He delivered a speech on behalf of the promoted persons. Then, Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz addressed the participants. The ceremony ended with a prayer to St. John Cantius, professors' patron saint.

In the 2007/2008 academic year the May promotions were held on Thursday, May 8, 2008. Doctor diplomas were handed to 7 persons (5 from the Faculty of Theology and 2 from the Faculty of Philosophy.) The diploma of *doktor habilitowany* of the humanistic sciences was given to Rev. Dr Hab. Jerzy Dadaczyński (Faculty of Philosophy). The title of Nominal Professor of Humanistic sciences was bestowed on Rev. Professor Z. Kliś from the Faculty of Church History. He also addressed the audience on behalf of the promoted persons.

Systematic development of the Academy is a matter of utmost importance for its authorities, employees and students. It is expressed in continuing the efforts that aim at changing the status of the Academy to a Church University, an initiative which has been mentioned earlier. The Grand Chancellor and Krakow Metropolitan Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz actively supports this idea wanting to realize John Paul II's wish to establish such a University in Krakow. The first request in this matter was made by Cardinal Dziwisz in his letter of October 15, 2005 to Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. Thanks to Cardinal Dziwisz's efforts, the Conference of the Polish Episcopate gathered at the 345<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting in Białystok on September 26–27, 2008 supported the motion unanimously.

Expanding educational offer through adding new courses of studies is a measurable and important indication which shows the development of the Academy. The Academy's statutory aim is included in its motto *Euntes docete*, which refers to Christ's order: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28,19). The Academy wishes to serve the society and the Church in Poland more and more effectively while working towards achieving this goal. To respond to changing conditions and new social needs, a new course of studies – "Journalism and Social Communication" was opened at the Faculty of Theology. The course follows the standards defined by the Ministry of Education and Sport. On June 5, 2007 the Ministry of Higher Education decided that the course complies with the required standards.

Therefore, the Faculty of Theology has now three specializations: Theology, Family Studies, and Journalism and Social Communication. The new course is stationary, but it is also run as non-stationary studies. Graduates will work in various Church and secular media and will aim at introducing Christian values in the activity of the media, primarily care for the truth. The remaining faculties run the following courses: History and the History of Art at the Faculty of Church History and Philosophy in the Faculty of Philosophy. All specializations except theology are two-degree studies (i.e. licentiate and master's degree.) Only the course "Theology" is uniform (i.e. master's degree).

Another indication of growth is the founding of a "Center for Research on the Thought of John Paul II" by the Senate's decision of January 22, 2007. The Center is an interdepartmental academic unit. Its primary task is research and publishing activity aimed at introducing and developing philosophy and theology of John Paul II by means of carrying and publicizing the outcome of research and through organizing symposia and interdisciplinary seminars. The Center has to integrate the existing initiatives in the Academy and various research projects connected with the thought of John Paul II. The Center cooperates closely with the John Paul II Center "Do not be afraid" as well as with other academic centers and institutions and social initiatives which extend care over the heritage of John Paul II.

The Center organizes academic symposia and lectures run under a common title of "John Paul II- the Service of Thought" To commemorate the second anniversary of John Paul II's death the Center organized a symposium "Anthropological School of Krakow" which was held on April 18, 2007 at the John Paul II's Center "Do not be afraid" The Department of Bioethics, the Department of Ecclesiology and the Department of Theological Anthropology were co-organizers of the symposium. An open lecture worth a special mention was Professor Michael Waldstein's lecture *John Paul II's theology of the body* delivered on March 13, 2008. The lecturer is Senior Professor and Professor of New Testament at the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria. To commemorate the third anniversary of the Servant of God John Paul II's death (April 2, 2008) the Center organized a symposium "What is the new feminism of John Paul II?" The continuation of the discussion begun at the symposium are a seminar and a blog "Kobieta 21" (Woman 21)<sup>1</sup> The Center publishes a series entitled "Studies of the Thought of John Paul II" Three volumes of the "Studies" have been published so far: „Człowiek żyjący drogą Kościoła. Myśl antropologiczna Jana Pawła II" (Man who lives the way of the Church. Anthropological Thought of John Paul II) (Krakow 2008), C. Smuniewski "Niewyczerpane źródło świętości. Eschatologiczne ukierunkowanie adoracji w nauczaniu Jana Pawła II" (Inexhaustible Source of Holiness. Eschatological Direction of Adoration in the Teaching

<sup>1</sup> <http://kobieta21.salon24.pl/385135.html>

of John Paul II) (Krakow 2008) and “Św. Jan od Krzyża w recepcji Karola Wojtyły – Jana Pawła II” “(Karol Wojtyła’s Perception of St. John of the Cross) (Krakow 2008).

The Tarnów Branch of the Faculty of Theology was granted the rights to confer doctor diplomas of Theological Sciences, which was an important accomplishment of the jubilee year. It should also be noted that the Faculty of Church History regained the right to run the habilitation program and process applications for the Professor’s title. It is also worth mentioning that besides the Faculty of Church History, the Faculties of Theology and Philosophy have had the same (full) right to confer academic titles and degrees.

All four faculties of the Academy have the 1<sup>st</sup> academic category granted by the Ministry of Higher Education, which testifies to the high position the Academy enjoys among other institutions of higher education. In this context, occupying one of the top positions in the 2006/2007 rating of Polish academic institutions conducted by magazines “Wprost” and “Perspektywy” gives us great pleasure. The Academy was placed 21<sup>st</sup> in the general rating of the best higher education institutions in Poland, while a few years before in 2001 it was 58<sup>th</sup>. Among universities the Academy was put in the 8<sup>th</sup> place, while in the academic year 2007/2008 it was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> and among universities it received the 7<sup>th</sup> place. It should be explained here that the Academy is included in the group of universities by Polish universities (though according to current “Act on Higher Education” of July 27, 2005, the Academy does not fulfill the requirements of a university), and its Rector participates in the College of Polish Universities Rectors. Moreover, among the 113 humanistic institutions that were assessed, the Faculty of Church History was given the 1st place. The Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow was awarded for the first time the laurel “Kuznia Kadr 2007” (institution that is successful in training academic staff). This is an award for the greatest progress in educating academic staff in Poland awarded by the abovementioned “Perspektywy”

Cooperating with foreign academic centers has a great impact on the development of the Academy. It has maintained close academic contacts with centers in Bochum, Budapest, Rome, Bratislava, Ružomberok, Prešov, Kiev, Lvov, and Odessa. The Academy applied for the EU Lifelong Learning Program ERASMUS and on May 20, 2008 was granted the Erasmus University Charter.

Cooperation with the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the University of Ruhr in Bochum (Germany) deserves special attention. The cooperation consists in an exchange, which is organized in such a way that professors (usually two) go to Bochum in the autumn, and in the spring professors from Bochum come to Krakow. Since 1997 students of both institutions have been participating in the exchange. Lectures, discussions and meetings with students are organized then. Within this exchange program Rev Dr Hab. St. Hałas, Professor of the Pontifical Academy and Rev Dr Jan Dziejczak visited

Bochum on November 14–17, 2006. Rev. J. Dziedzic delivered a lecture *Die Trauer nach dem Tode von Papst Johannes Paul II. in Polen*.

In 2007 to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing the cooperation Agreement on November 2, 1982, an international academic symposium “Religion in contemporary Europe” was organized. The first part of the symposium took place in Krakow on November 10–11, 2007. Three professors from Bochum attended: Rev. Professor Wendelin Koch, who delivered a lecture *Christliche Werte – Wertordnung des Abendlands? Der gesellschaftliche Auftrag des Christentums für Europa nach Joseph Ratzinger*, Rev. Professor Joachim Wiemeyer, who delivered a presentation *Religion und Politik im heutigen Europa* and Rev. Professor Reinhard Göllner, who presented a paper *Religiöse Erziehung als Aufgabe des Staates*.

Polish Professors also delivered speeches during the symposium: Rev. Prof Łukasz Kamykowski spoke on “Christian Europe with the ruins of Auschwitz crematoria. Three points of view: Jews – Germans – Poles,” Rev. Professor Krzysztof Kościelniak – “Dialogue between Christians and Muslims in the context of the UN *Declaration on Human Rights*,” Rev. Professor Stanisław Pamuła – “Jon Paul II’s contribution to the uniting of Europe,” Dr Hab. Aleksander Bobko “Religion in public life,” and Rev. Professor Józef Makselon – „Psychological functions of religiousness.” Rev. Dr Józef Morawa presented the history of cooperation. The second part of the symposium was held in Bochum on November 16, 2007. A delegation of two professors from the Pontifical Academy participated in it. Rev. Dr Hab. Jan Szczurek, Professor of the Academy, delivered a paper “Cult of God the Father and its theological and anthropological importance” and Rev. Dr Hab. Stanisław Hałas, Professor of the Academy, delivered a paper “Bible expressed in Semitic culture – Interpreted in European culture” Papers delivered during the symposium in Krakow and in Bochum were published in the “Religion in contemporary Europe” (ed. Jan Dziedzic, Krakow: The Pontifical Academy Press 2008, pp. 397.).

In the next, 2008, year the spring meeting was organized on April 23–27. Rev. Professor Wendelin Knoch and Rev. Professor Christof Breitsameter accompanied by a group of 15 students came to Krakow. On April 25, 2008 Rev. Professor Christof Breitsameter delivered a lecture *Von der Vernunft des Glaubens und vom Glauben der Vernunft. Jürgen Habermas und Joseph Ratzinger im Gespräch*.

An event of exceptional character and international significance was awarding Rev. Michał Heller from the Faculty of Philosophy the Templeton Prize. The decision about the Prize was announced on March 3, 2008 in New York. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, handed the Prize to the laureate in Buckingham Palace in London on May 7, 2008. The Templeton Prize for Progress Toward Research or Discoveries about Spiritual Realities



is awarded by the John Templeton Foundation based in West Conshohocken near Philadelphia, USA. The mission of the John Templeton Foundation is to serve as a philanthropic catalyst for discovery in areas engaging life's biggest questions. These questions range from explorations into the laws of nature and the universe to questions on the nature of love, gratitude, forgiveness, and creativity<sup>2</sup> The Prize amounts to £1,000,000 (more than the Nobel Prize!) Its first laureate was Mother Theresa from Calcutta (1973). Rev. Professor Heller is the first winner of this prestigious award from Poland. The laureate decided that all the money will go to the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, which was founded together with the Jagiellonian University. The decision about founding the Center was taken by the Senate of the Pontifical Academy of Theology on May 15, 2008. An inaugural ceremony of opening the Copernicus Center and signing an Agreement between the Jagiellonian University and the Pontifical Academy of Theology on joint support of the Center is planned for October 2, 2008.

Another event of great international significance was an annual international conference of a series "The role of the Church in the uniting Europe," which was held in Krakow-Przegorzały under the patronage of Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. From 14 to 15 September 2007 the 7<sup>th</sup> conference in this series was devoted to searching for an answer to the question: "From Roman treaties to the Constitutional (Reforming) Treaty." The conference was a joint initiative of the Pontifical Academy of Theology, the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxemburg, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the "Wokół nas" Publishing House. President Lech Kaczyński, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of State of the Holy See and EPL Chairman in the European Parliament Hans-Gert Pöttering spoke during the conference.

The next – 8<sup>th</sup> – conference in this series took place on 12–13 September, 2008 and tried to answer the question "What Christianity for Europe? What Europe for Christianity?" Among the speakers at this conference were Waldemar Pawlak, Vice Prime Minister, Professor Hans-Gert Pöttering, Chairman of the European Parliament, Bronisław Komorowski, Speaker of the Polish Parliament, and Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Chairman of the Cardinal College and former Secretary of the Holy See. The participants of the conference also included the most distinguished specialists in European studies, politicians, scientists and journalists, representatives of the Holy See, European Commission, European Parliament Polish Episcopate and Polish government.

In 2007 the aim of the conference – according to Bishop Professor Tadeusz Pieronek, Chairman of the organizational committee – was preparing "a new *modus vivendi* for the European Union, i.e. constructing a legal act

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.templeton.org/about\\_us/](http://www.templeton.org/about_us/) (09/31/08).

that would stand up to today's and future needs of an institution comprising no longer six and fifteen countries, not even twenty-five, but twenty-seven partners. We will initiate a project "Foresight" in the context of further enlargement<sup>3</sup>" On the other hand, according to Bishop Pieronek, the aim of the conference in 2008 was primarily "to be able to relate to what consciousness of itself the Europe of today has [...]. From the Christian point of view, a worrying signal was a resolution of the European Council urging these countries whose legislation in protecting human life is less liberal to change it. Such a standpoint is based on an assumption that abortion is one of the human rights and has to be accessible for everyone<sup>4</sup>"

A symposium "Man is the Way of the Church. Anthropological Thought of John Paul II," is worth mentioning. It was held on the first anniversary of the Servant of God John Paul II's death on April 5–6, 2006 in the Aula of the Jagiellonian University *Collegium Novum* in Krakow. The Department of Theological Anthropology was the organizer of the symposium alongside the whole Academy. Professors from theological faculties from all over Poland delivered lectures. The subjects included philosophical, ethical, social, and theological and moral issues. The aim of the symposium was an attempt to define the directions for research on the work of John Paul II and promotion of his pontifical teaching. The materials from the symposium were published in the first volume of the series "Studies of the Thought of John Paul II," which has already been mentioned.

Krakow is proud not only of John Paul II but also of Józef Tischner, philosopher well-known in Poland and in Europe. The task of the Tischner's Days is to popularize his philosophical, political and social output. The Pontifical Academy of Theology, the Jagiellonian University, the National Higher School of Theater and the Social Publishing Institute "Znak" organize the Tischner's Days and Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz extends honorary patronage. The Seventh Tischner's Days were held on May 9–12, 2007 and focused on the issues of authority and solidarity. Professor Rocco Buttiglione made a reference to them in his lecture from the series *Colloquia Tischneriana*, which was devoted to the thought and the person of Rev. Józef Tischner and his concept of solidarity. The next, Eighth Tischner's Days were held on May 7–10, 2008 and concentrated on the topic of dialogue as openness to the opinions of others, which requires also courage in the confrontation with those of opposite views. The main event of the academic part of the Days was a lecture in the series *Colloquia Tischneriana* on the "Secularization and Catholicism," which was delivered by a famous sociologist of relig-

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.kosciol-europa.org.pl/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.kosciol-europa.org.pl/> (09/31/08). This website has materials from the conferences (in Polish)

ion José Casanova, Professor at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Georgetown University in Washington, author of a well-known book *Public Religions in the Modern World* (University of Chicago Press, 1994). During the Tischner's Days the Rev. Józef Tischner's Prizes funded by the „Znak” Press and Ergo Hestia, are handed to winners. During the Eighth Days the Prize in the category of Religious or Philosophical Writing was awarded to an Academy employee, Rev. Dr Robert Woźniak for his book *Future, Theology, Society* (Krakow: WAM 2007).

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.

The Faculty of Philosophy organized an academic conference “Does religion need metaphysics?” The conference was held on November 7, 2006. This was a conference in the series Metaphysics and Edges. In this way the role of metaphysics in an academic reflection on religion was pointed out.

The Interdepartmental Institute for Dialogue and Ecumenism takes interest in uniting Christians. The Institute together with the Krakow Branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council organized a session “Condition of man,” which was held on November 21, 2006. During discussions the following questions were formulated: Who is man to God, other people and himself? What is God's creation as a sinner, redeemed by Christ, called to sainthood? The speakers who represented various Christian churches, members of the Polish Ecumenical Council, and a representative of the Roman-Catholic Church tried to give answers.

The problem of suffering of the innocent continues to evoke interest. That was the reason why the Department of Philosophy of Religion at the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical Academy of Theology and the Center for Dialogue and Prayer in Auschwitz organized jointly an all-Polish seminar about “The presence of God in the darkness of history.” It was held on November 23, 2006 at the Center for Dialogue and Prayer in Auschwitz. The seminar was inspired by a visit of pope Benedict XVI to Auschwitz-Birkenau camp.

Musical education is important in the Church everyday life. To meet the needs in this sphere the Department of Church Music at the Faculty of Church History organized on November 27, 2006 an international symposium “Musical education – the challenge of the present,” which was an integral part of the “Second Days of Church Music in the Krakow Archdiocese.”

Proper formation of relations between the Church and the State depends to a great extent on the regulations of the state and the Church legislature. Therefore, the Institute of Canon Law organized on November 23, 2006

a symposium: “Church legislature and state legislature. Harmony or conflict?”

The Inter-congregational Higher Institute of Catechesis joint the cause of popularizing the reading of the Holy Scriptures and together with Dzieło Biblijne organized on January 12–13, 2007 a biblical and catechetical workshop “To believe as Abraham did,” which was addressed to students, catechists and biblical animators. The purpose of the workshop was to offer training in the narration method and acquire skills in using it for understanding of and teaching the Bible. The venue of the workshop was the Institute building in Krakow. A similar workshop was organized on January 11–12, 2008. The topic this time was “To discover the richness of Psalms.”

The Days of Judaism and the Days of Islam are important events of inter-religious and inter-denominational character of the Church in Poland as is the Week of Prayers for the Unity Among Christians. The Inter-departmental Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue is interested in developing ecumenical contacts and in strengthening cooperation between various denominations and religions. Among such initiatives one can list the Day of Judaism in the Church in Poland, which is organized on January 17. In 2007 the Institute organized the jubilee Tenth Day of Judaism in the Church in Poland, which was given the title “Only God redeems.” After the liturgy of the Word of God, which was presided over by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz in the Franciscan Basilica, a meeting was held with Dr Zofia Radzikowska, member of the Board of the Jewish Gmina in Krakow, retired lecturer of law at the Jagiellonian University, former city councilor, who professes Judaism.

As usual, the Institute took an active part in the preparation of the Week of Prayer, which in the Krakow Archdiocese was held from 25 to 28 January, 2007 under the title: “He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.” (Mk 7, 37). The prayers for the unity began in an Orthodox church of Dormition of St. Mary and finished in the Dominican Basilica of the Holy Trinity in Krakow. In addition to the above mentioned Orthodox church and various Roman Catholic centers, other religious communities such as Polish Catholic Church, Evangelical-Augsburg Church, Evangelical Methodist Church, Christian Baptist Church and Old Catholic Church of the Mariavites joined the Week of Prayers. The Week of Prayers organized in the following year was similar. It was held from 20 to 27 January, 2009 and its motto were the words: “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thes 5, 17).

The celebrations of the Seventh Day of Islam in the Church in Poland were also organized under the patronage of the Institute. It was held on January 29, 2007 and its motto was *adagium* “Abraham – father of faith.” The main event was the service of the Word of God in St. Francis Basilica in Krakow, which was presided over by Rev. Professor Łukasz Kamykowski. After the service, Zdzisław Bielecki, cochairman of the Joint Council of

Catholics and Muslims delivered a lecture devoted to the "Roads and pathless tracts" of the Catholic-Muslim dialogue. He pointed to an example of such a dialogue given by Blessed Charles de Foucauld and St. Francis of Assisi, whom he called the patrons of the Catholic-Muslim dialogue. The following, Eighth Day of Islam, held on January 29, 2008, was devoted to peace. Imam Ali Abi Issa delivered a lecture "Peace in the tradition of Islam."

Research on the influence of the Bible on culture and popularizing biblical knowledge is one of the valuable initiatives of the Department of Theology and Biblical Information Science at the Faculty of Theology. The Department organized the Fourth International and Interdisciplinary Symposium "Bible in the world's culture", which was held on March 1, 2007 at the Higher Seminary of the Capuchin Brothers in Krakow under the patronage of the Association of Polish Biblicists. A similar symposium took place on June 5, 2007 at the Kamieniec Podolski Diocese Higher Seminary (Ukraine) in Grodek, Podolia. The Seminary is a branch of the Lateran University in Rome. The lectures were not the same as in Krakow. Later, the participants of the symposium took part in a workshop on the Bible in Moldavian culture, as seen on murals inside and outside Orthodox churches in Orthodox monasteries in Bukovina, Romania. The consecutive, Fifth International and Interdisciplinary Symposium was organized on February 21, 2008. "Bible in the world's culture" was the leading subject, and some specific topics included: relation of the Fathers of the Church to the Bible, plants and animals in the Bible, and the like. The other part of the symposium was organized abroad, at the Higher Seminar in Grodek, Podolia, on June 2, 2008. One of the papers (Rev. Professor T. Jelonek's) was devoted to biblical inspirations in the writing of Grigorij Kwitka-Osnovianenko. The papers from the symposia were published in two series "From Research on Bible" and "Bible in the World's Culture."

Since 1996, on July 6–20 the Department of Theology and Biblical Information Science has been organizing a biblical and archaeological camp in the Holy Land. In 2008 a group of forty-five people accompanied the organizers on this trip, experiencing the land which in an extraordinary way became a meeting ground of God and man.

The Inter-congregational Higher Catechetical Institute at the Faculty of Theology organized the 27<sup>th</sup> Catechetical Symposium on March 24, 2007. The consecutive, 28<sup>th</sup> Catechetical Symposium was held on March 1, 2008 and focused on an issue: "To hear the word of God – living and sharper than a sword." Papers delivered at the Symposium are printed in a series "Duc in altum," which has published 8 volumes so far.

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research at the Faculty of Philosophy is involved in a dialogue with natural sciences. The Center, in cooperation with the Jagiellonian University and the Polish Academy of Science, organized the

11<sup>th</sup> Krakow Methodological Conference on the topic “The rights of nature,” which took place on May 17–18, 2007.

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonization of Queen Jadwiga and the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the location charter of the city of Krakow befell in 2007 and was an occasion for an academic session organized in the Aula of *Collegium Novum* on June 6, 2007, which focused on St. Queen Jadwiga: “Not in brightness of precious stones, but in obedience and gentleness. The spirituality of St. Queen Jadwiga.” It was the Faculty of Church History that organized the session. Professors of the Academy and the Jagiellonian University delivered papers: Professor Tadeusz Ulewicz (UJ), Rev. Professor Kazimierz Panuś (PAT), Rev. Dr Hab. Grzegorz Ryś (PAT), Dr Hab. Stanisław A. Sroka (UJ), Dr Hab. Albert Gorzkowski (UJ) and Dr Stanisława Postawa (PAT). Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Grand Chancellor of the Academy, participated in the session. On St. Queen Jadwiga’s feast, the eighth of June, the Pontifical Academy of Theology participated in solemn vespers in Wawel Cathedral. Rev. Dr Hab. Jacek Urban delivered a lecture: „A revival of the cult of Queen Jadwiga at the turn of the 20th century.”

The history of Poland at the times of communism even today evoke emotions, especially the activity of the Security Service. To respond to this interest the Faculty of Church History and the Public Education Office at the Institute of National Remembrance organized a conference: “Methods of work of the Security Service in Polish People’s Republic.”

As part of the cooperation with foreign institutions program, the Department of Theology and Biblical Information Science organized an international conference devoted to the phenomenon of religion at Constantine the Philosopher University In Nitra, Slovakia on October 19, 2007. Academics representing the Department at the conference included Rev. Professor Tomasz Jelonek, Rev Dr Roman Bogacz and Rev. Dr Bogdan Zbroja.

The inseparable ties of matrimony are a great care of the Church. Legal regulations in this sphere play a vital role. Therefore, the Institute of Canon Law organized a symposium “Marriage and the challenges of the present in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of promulgation of the code of canon law.” It was held in the Aula of the Higher Seminary of Krakow Archdiocese on November 15, 2007.

The Departments which run dogmatic theology specialization organized a guest lecture for Professor José Ramón, Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, on November 26, 2007.

Our Academy is faithful to a beautiful tradition of celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays of its professors. In the academic year presented In this publication, Rev. Professor Tomasz Jelonek and Father Professor Andrzej Kłoczowski OP had their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Department of Biblical Hermeneutics and Judaism at the Faculty of Theology organized a session in honor of Rev. Professor

Tomasz Jelonek "The Bible and culture – dialogue or conflict?" which was held on December 12, 2007. The Faculty of Philosophy organized on December 15, 2007 a jubilee meeting with Father Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski OP during which he was presented a book "If there is God" (Krakow 2007).

The new specialization of "Family Studies" cares not only for high level of education of its students, but for their social involvement, too. This care found its expression in a conference "Caring for your child – FAS, i.e. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome." This conference was organized jointly with a representative of the Board of Małopolskie Province for Preventing and Opposing Addictions and was held on January 15, 2008. Thanks to this conference the participants realized that the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is an illness that can affect a child.

The Department of History of Modern Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy organized a guest lecture which was delivered by Professor Jon Stewart from the Søren Kierkegaard Center in Copenhagen on May 13, 2008. The title of the lecture was: "What would Hegel have said to Kierkegaard's objections in the matters of faith?"

An issue as interesting as it is little known is the Church heraldry. A conference "Church heraldry" held in the Provincial Public Library in Krakow on March 13, 2008 was devoted to this issue. It was organized by the Department of the Auxiliary Sciences of History and Archivization at the Faculty of Church History. Papers dealt with such topics as monastic coats of arms, Polish bishops' coats of arms and coats of arms on seals of a chosen Orthodox Church.

The Faculty of Theology organized a guest lecture on May 21, 2008 for Rev. Professor Marcello Neri of the Faculty of Theology in Bologna. The lecture was entitled "Theology and Europe."

The problem of medical intrusion in the beginning of human life becomes more and more prominent. To make this known to a large audience was an aim of a conference "Maternity and paternity – natural vocation and challenges of the present." The conference took place on June 2, 2008 and its organizers were the Department of Theology of Spirituality at the Faculty of Theology, the Association of Catholic Families of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the Ministry for Families of the Krakow Archdiocese. The papers presented theological basis as well as problems connected with "in vitro" insemination, methods of treating infertility, bringing up children, loneliness, the legal status of an embryo and parental rights. A publication with materials from this conference is being prepared.

The Faculty of Church History (which since the beginning of the 2008/2009 academic year has gone under the name of the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage) together with the Institute of the History of Art at the Jagiellonian University organized an international symposium entitled "To-

wards rewriting? New approaches to Byzantine art and archaeology.” Scientists from the leading university center in the USA, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Greece, and Russia participated in this meeting that was held on September 8–10, 2008. Poland was represented by specialists in Byzantine art from Krakow (PAT and UJ) and from Warsaw.

*Renovabis* is a German charitable institution, which helped many members of the Academy staff during the times of communism. Therefore, the Academy tries to maintain active contacts with this organization. On September 4–6, 2008 in Freising, Bavaria, an annual international congress was organized by *Renovabis*. Our Academy was represented by Rev. Professor Maciej Ostrowski.

The Academy maintains contacts with all universities in Poland through participation in the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland (CRUP), and the Rector of the Academy regularly participates in the Conference meetings.

The Academy maintains good contacts with the secular authorities. This can be seen from the participation of the Academy Rector, Rev. Professor Jan Maciej Dyduch in a meeting with Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Jarosław Kaczyński, which took place in the Jagiellonian University *Collegium Novum* on November 19, 2006. Another expression of these good relations are state medals (“Golden Cross of Merit” and the “National Education Medal,” which were awarded to a few dozens of academics from our Academy.

The statutory aim of the Academy activity, included in its motto *Euntes docete*, the Academy puts it into effect through conducting regular didactic classes (lectures, practical classes) for students of the three faculties (Theology, Philosophy and Church History), who learn to acquire the *magister* (Master of Arts) degree. Their total number in the 2006/2007 academic year was about 3,000. The overall number of the Academy employees amounted to 189 academic staff and 96 other employees. 605 new students were admitted to the first year course, 96 to postgraduate courses and 108 began their doctoral studies. The title of Master of Arts was conferred on 435 students (Faculty of Theology – 328, Faculty of Philosophy – 35 and Faculty of Church History – 34.) The doctor diploma was conferred on 30 students, *doktor habilitowany* on 8, and Professor’s title on 2, the position of Full Professor, on 3 and Nominal Professor – 6. Academic licentiate is an academic degree, different from the licentiate awarded by secular institutions. It can be bestowed upon the candidate after he has received the title of Master of Arts.

In the academic year 2007/2008 there were 3, 200 students, 208 academic staff and 97 other employees. The number of the first year students was 899. The title of Master of Arts was conferred on 462 students (Faculty of Theol-



ogy – 348, Faculty of Philosophy – 35 and Faculty of Church History – 37, Faculty of Theology, Tarnów Branch – 42,) and 41 academic licentiate titles (ecclesiastical licentiate titles at the Faculty of Theology – 32) were handed in. The doctor diploma was conferred on 20 students, *doktor habilitowany* on 4, and Professor's title on 1. The position of Professor was given to 4 persons.

The high number of the Master of Arts titles results from the fact that the Faculty of Theology 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* dissertations are assessed by the Faculty professors and the dissertation defense takes place before an Examination Board assigned by the Faculty.

To avoid confusion, it is worth noting here that the numbers given in this place are not always the same as the number of promotional ceremonies. Sometimes, there is a few months time lapse between the closing of a program and the promotion ceremony and it is often the case that the closing takes place in one academic year and the promotion in the following.

It is important for the Academy to promote its own activity as well. This is in the capacity of the Information and Promotion Office, which has been in operation since the 2004/2005 academic year. The Office sees to it that the Academy takes part in promotional events in which higher education institutions from the Krakow area or from all over Poland present their offer. The Festival of Science and an educational event called "Salon Edukacyjny" are the two most important. From May 17 to 19, 2007 a presentation „Energy of resurrection" was shown in the Krakow main market square. The event, which was part of the Festival of Science focused on such topic as: "Philosophical conceptions of immortality" (prepared by the Faculty of Philosophy); "The Shroud of Turin – proof of resurrection?" (the Faculty of Church History), "Symbols of resurrection" (Faculty of Church History and Faculty of Theology), "We have seen the Master – witnesses of resurrection (theological message of images of the Resurrected)" (Faculty of Theology). The Academy also participated in the next Festival of Science in Krakow, which was held on May 15–17, 2008. Workshops presenting the work of icon-painter, the making of paper, a short history of herbalism, and "computer Bible programs" were presented. A panel academic discussion was held on the topic: "Biblical panacea. Healing power of the Word of God." The Academy participated in an educational event organized by the *Perspektywy* magazine "Salon Edukacyjny *Perspektywy* 2007," which was held on March 1–3, 2007 in Warsaw and the 8<sup>th</sup> such event on March 7–8, 2008. This is an extremely popular event both with the youth and with higher education institutions including foreign ones.

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 editions are in the first place *Analecta Cracoviensia*. They include research in philosophy, theology, Church history and canon law. So far 36 volumes (39 year's issues) of this periodical have been published. Additionally, each faculty publishes 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. The Institute of Canon Law issues *Annales Canonici*, which is a yearly publication on law addressed to academics, law practitioners and readers interested in ecclesiastical law. 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 analyzes philosophical problems related to natural science. The publication has a "supplement" *Semina Scientiarum. Supplement to Philosophical Issues in Science*. It is edited by members of the Scientific Seminar on Natural Science and is devoted to the issues from the borderland of philosophy and natural science. In the 2006/2007 academic year the Academic press published 48 books (14,390 copies) and in the 2007/2008, 48 titles (13,650 copies).

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 Council at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow. The newsletter, which has been published for many years, was formerly a quarterly. While *Patos* is lay students' periodical, *Novum Tempus Liberum*, edited by clerics of the Archbishop Seminary in Krakow, 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 titles 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* (coursebook in liturgics), *Studia* (Studies) (edited by theological faculty) and *Textus et studia* and *Studia nad myślą Jana Pawła II* (Studies of the Thought of John Paul II) published by the Center of Research on the Thought of Jon Paul II.).

Alongside its academic and didactic activity the Academy tries to promote, among other things, sacred music, which is in fact an extension of re-

search on Church liturgy. The Academy has its choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Dr Włodzimierz Siedlik. *Psalmodia* is invited to sing during various academic ceremonies such as the inauguration ceremony at the beginning of each academic year and celebrations of the Academy anniversaries.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology does not forget about religious 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 them. 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. Rev. Dr Andrzej Muszała coordinates all pastoral activities. Students who prepare for priesthood receive spiritual and pastoral formation in their seminaries.

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 (115,380 records in 2007 and 129,480 in 2008.). The catalogue in the form of a data base is available on the Internet. In 2007 the Library had 6,100 and in 2008, 6,925 regular readers. In the 2006/2007 academic year the collection of the Library was enriched by about 31,400 publications (about 23,400 books and 6,700 periodicals) and in the 2007/2008 academic year by about 24,000 publications (including about 16,800 books and 5,200 periodicals.) In 2007 the library had about 482,270 books and periodicals in stock and in 2008, 506,270. The Library subscribed to 405 periodicals (including about 130 foreign) in 2007 and to 362 (including 134 foreign) in 2008 and had 1,015 current periodicals in 2007 and 1,030 in 2008. The majority of foreign periodicals the Library 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. Consecration of newly completed rooms in the new building of the Library in Bobrzyńskiego Street performed by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski on December 21, 2006 was an important event. The building of the Library at the Campus is an extremely important enterprise of the Academy, which is, however, very costly.

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 Krakow.

During a solemn Mass in St. Anne's Collegiate Church the Academy prays for all its employees who passed away as well as for all academics from Krakow who no longer are with us. Fortunately, in the period of the last two academic years, no employee of the Academy died.

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