

**MOVING TO THE CAMPUS  
613<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR  
AT THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF JOHN PAUL II  
IN KRAKOW**

The library is unquestionably one of the most important buildings of a university. Therefore, moving the Main Library to a new, modern building on our Campus, near the new Jagiellonian University Campus, can be included in the list of last year's special events, the more so as it follows directly the upgrading of our Institution's status from the Pontifical Academy to the Pontifical University by Pope Benedict XVI (the decree of the Congregation for Catholic Education of June 19, 2009) which was mentioned in the previous Chronicle.

The academic year 2009/2010 began with a traditional pilgrimage to a Marian Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. The pilgrimage began with a lecture "Priesthood in the Christian Antiquity", which was delivered by Fr. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Kasprzak, O.F.M. Cap. A solemn concelebrated High Mass presided over by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan M. Dyduch, Rector of the Academy, followed. Rev. Dr. Włodzimierz Skoczny, Rector of the Higher Theological Seminary of the Sosnowiec Diocese delivered a homily. In the afternoon, the Way of the Cross service, prepared by theology students, was held on the Calvary Paths. The participants in the pilgrimage were professors, administrative employees, University students: seminarians of diocesan and monastic seminaries, nuns and lay students. During the pilgrimage special prayers were said in the intention of a prompt beatification of the Servant of God John Paul II, founder of our University (which was then the Pontifical Academy of Theology).

The solemn inauguration of the 2009/2010 academic year – for the first time at the University – was held on Saturday, October 16, 2009, the anniversary of the election of Karol Wojtyła to the papacy instead of on October 20<sup>th</sup> – the feast day of St. John Cantius, Professor of the Faculty of Theology, who died in 1473. The inaugural ceremony consisted of two parts: the liturgical part held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church and the academic part held at the Philharmonic Hall in Krakow. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Marek Jędraszewski,

Auxiliary Bishop of Poznań, 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. After greeting the distinguished guests, the Rector, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan M. Dyduch, referred to the most important event of the previous academic year, which was naturally the upgrading of the status of our Institution to a Pontifical University. The rector also recalled repressions by communist authorities which started on July 11, 1957 when the atheist Polish government closed down the Faculty of Theology at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. It was only for the unbending attitude of the Metropolitan of Krakow, Cardinal Karol Wojtyła that the Faculty of Theology not only survived the repressions but was made into the Pontifical Academy of Theology by Pope John Paul II (1981) and now developed into the Pontifical University. The Rector made a reference to the Psalmist's words: "I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me" (Psalm 118:13).

The Rector thanked all who contributed to the development of the University throughout the years and now backed our efforts in the Holy See, in the first place Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, Cardinal Marian Jaworski, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of State, and Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, who passed us the decision of the Holy Father Benedict XVI. The Rector also thanked the state and local authorities of various levels for implementing the pontiff's decision to the Polish legislative system. He also thanked President Lech Kaczyński and Prime Minister Donald Tusk who reacted positively to the decision of the pope.

At the end of his address, the Rector compared our University to a boat sailing in the rough seas of the modern world. The safety of her voyage depends on mutual kindness and cooperation of all her passengers – academics, didactic and administrative employees. In the boat there must be a place for Christ, our light and guide.

It is worth mentioning here that the Holy Father Benedict XVI, Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk, Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, Archbishop Józef Michalik, Chairman of the Conference of the Polish Episcopate, Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland, Prof. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Banyś, Chairman of the Conference of Rectors of Polish Universities and many well-known public and Church personages sent their congratulation letters and telegrams for the inauguration ceremony. All these letters express recognition for our Institution and wishes for further successful development.

Another important event of the inauguration was matriculation of the first year students of the four faculties (theological, philosophical, historical and cultural heritage and social sciences,) which was performed by His Magnificence Rector. He also handed in awards and medals to the awardees. In accordance with the decision of the President of the Republic of Poland, Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan A. Kłoczowski, O.P., received the "Long Service Gold Medal" Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Janicki, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Panuś, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Piech, Rev. Dr. Kazimierz Kaczmarczyk and Ms. Aleksandra Parafińska, MA, received the "Long Service Silver Medals" and Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Zdzisław Kijas, O.F.M., Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Zwoliński, Ms. Barbara Chmielek, MA, Ms. Magdalena Klasa and Ms. Violetta Szydłowska-Cygan received the "Long Service Bronze Medals". Rector's Awards were given to 23 persons.

The inaugural lecture, delivered by His Eminence Cardinal Prof. Dr. Hab. Marian Jaworski, the first rector of the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow, concluded the ceremony. Cardinal Jaworski recalled the principle which Cardinal Karol Wojtyła applied with reference to education: "The Church is to decide about its teaching on its own" This principle he used in his fight to preserve the Faculty of Theology in Krakow and later, the Pontifical Academy of Theology. The same principle lies at the basis of Pope Benedict XVI's decision in which he grants our Institution the title "Pontifical University". "The Pontifical University", the Cardinal said, "that is a university which is to fully implement *magisterium Ecclesiae, magisterium Petrinum*. This is not a limitation of the freedom of research, but constructing on the foundations of Peter's faith!"

The Academy choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Włodzimierz Siedlik sang during the inauguration. Among the participants of the inaugural ceremony there were: the Grand Chancellor of the Academy, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Metropolitan of Krakow, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, bishops from several dioceses, rectors of Catholic institutions of higher education from all regions in Poland, deans of theological faculties, representatives of senates of higher education institutions in Krakow as well as representatives of the city and regional authorities, and the diplomatic service in Krakow.

Recognition of the new status of our Institution by the Polish state bears special importance. Legal act that recognizes this status is the act passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Poland: "The Act of December 2, 2009 on changing the act on financing the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow from the state budget and the act on relationship between the State and the Catholic Church in the Republic of Poland", which was signed by the President of the Republic of Poland Lech Kaczyński on December 16, 2009 and which became valid on January 6, 2010. The Act was passed in the Par-

liament by an overwhelming majority: 391 out of 426. From the parties that were present in the Parliament, only Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) did not support the act. The act includes two short articles which change the acts previously binding which define the legal status of our Institution. The first article changes the Act of June 26, 1997 on financing the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow from the state budget introducing the following passage: "The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow receives subsidies and other financial means from the state budget according to the principles defined for public institutions". The second article changes the "Act of May 17, 1989 on the relationship between the State and the Catholic Church in the Republic of Poland", introducing the name "The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow" in place of "The Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow" Using this opportunity our University expresses its gratitude to Bronisław Komorowski who was then Speaker of the Parliament and to the late President of the Republic of Poland, Lech Kaczyński, who died on April 10, 2010 and many other persons who engaged themselves in preparing the draft and conducting the whole legislative process.

Launching a master's course of studies of journalism at the Faculty of Social Sciences constitutes yet another important event in the development of the University. This was made possible thanks to the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education Prof. Barbara Kurdycka, who on June 16, 2010 signed the decision stating that the Faculty meets the requirements to conduct master's studies of the specialization "Journalism and Social Communication"

"Days of John Paul II" (November 4–6, 2009), organized for the fourth time, were a very important event in the life of the University and the city of Krakow. The main topic of this year's event was "Faith and science" with reference to the encyclical *Fides at ratio*. The Days are a joint initiative of the institutions of higher education which are represented in the Council of Rectors of Krakow Universities. Scientific and cultural in their character, the Days are aimed to inspire academic research and popularize the heritage of the Pope. They are held annually in early November (due to the memory of St. Charles Borromeo, John Paul II's patron saint, and the anniversary of Karol Wojtyła's ordination). Each year a different institution of higher education in Krakow takes responsibility for organizing the Days. In 2009 the "Days of John Paul II" were organized by the Jagiellonian University. The following people extended their honorary patronage of the event: His Eminence Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, His Eminence Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the Mayor of Krakow Prof. Jacek Majchrowski, the Marshal of Małopolska Region Marek Nawara and the Governor of Małopolska Region Jerzy Miller. The program of the Days included academic sessions and a con-

test for students from all regions in Poland for essays inspired by the thought and writings of Karol Wojtyła – John Paul II. The prizes were handed in after the Mass in Wawel Cathedral, which concluded the Days.

Each anniversary of the foundation of the Pontifical Academy of Theology by Pope John Paul II (December 8, 1981) is an important annual event in the life of the academic community. The main event of the celebrations was a solemn concelebrated Mass which was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2009 in the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist. The Mass was presided over by the University Rector, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan M. Dyduch. Rev. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński delivered a homily. This was an occasion not only to remember the important decision of the Pope to establish our Institution, but also to mention the achievements and merits of its employees. At the closing of the ceremony the rector handed out “Meritorious for the Pontifical Academy of Theology” awards to 13 persons.

Each anniversary of the foundation of the Faculty of Theology in Krakow (January 1, 1397) is celebrated with great solemnity. Conferment of academic degrees constitutes the focal point of the ceremony. The event was held on Monday, January 11, 2010. In a solemn Mass officiated in Wawel Cathedral by the Grand Chancellor, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, the University expressed its gratitude to God for the 613 years of His care over the Faculty. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Roman Pindel delivered a homily. The Mass was followed by academic promotions. Doctor’s diplomas were handed in to 18 persons (13 from the Faculty of Theology, 1 from the Faculty of Philosophy and 4 from the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage). Habilitated doctor’s diplomas were awarded to 4 academics: Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala, Sr. Dr. Hab. Adelajda Sielepin, C.H.R., Fr. Dr. Hab. Jerzy Skawroń, O.Carm., and Fr. Dr. Hab. Lucjan Szczepaniak, S.C.J. – all from the Faculty of Theology. Prof. Dr. Hab. Adam Małkiewicz from the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage received the title of Full Professor. During the promotions ceremony His Eminence Rector, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Dyduch, received a commemorative book “Lex Tua veritas” on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The subject matter of the book was presented by its editor Rev. Dr. Piotr Majer.

Promotions are held for the second time each academic year on the Day of St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr, which is held in Poland on May 8. They take place in St. Anne’s Collegiate Church. This year’s promotions, held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, were presided over by the Grand Chancellor of the Academy, who expressed his joy and wished the University further prosperous development. Doctor’s diplomas were conferred on 8 persons (7 from the Faculty of Theology and 1 from the Faculty of Philosophy). Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Dziedzic, Rev. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Łużyński and Rev. Dr. Hab. Szymon

Drzyżdzyk (habilitation in Ružomberok, Slovakia) received diplomas of Habilitated Doctor. Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Krzywda, C.M., received a diploma of Professor of Theological Sciences, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Urban and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Bogdan Stanaszek received diplomas of Professor of History. Fr. Prof. Krzywda, C.M., delivered a speech on behalf of the promoted persons. Then, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz delivered a speech and concluded the ceremony with a prayer to St. John Cantius, patron saint of professors.

Cooperation with foreign academic centers has a great influence on the development of our Institution. Academic contacts with the centers in Bochum, Ružomberok, Prešov, Kiev and Lviv are very lively. Cooperation within the program run by the European Union “Lifelong Learning Programme Erasmus”, which we joined on May 20, 2008, has been continued. During the past academic year the University began cooperation in this field with two institutions of higher education in Slovakia: with the University in Prešov and with the Komensky University in Bratislava. This cooperation is between theological faculties. Theological faculties of these universities signed an agreement which extends their cooperation beyond the Erasmus program and is intended to continue after the program has finished. We now cooperate with the following institutions: Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg (Germany); Danmark Medie- og Journalisthøjskole Arhus (Denmark); Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovakia); Ostravská univerzita in Ostrava (the Czech Republic); Prešov University in Prešov (Slovakia); Theologische Fakultät Trier (Germany); Universidad de Navarra (Spain); Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy); Università degli Studi di Verona (Italy); Université Catholique de Lille (France); Université de Fribourg (Switzerland); Univerza v Ljubljani (Slovenia); Univerzita Karlova v Praze (the Czech Republic); Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave (Slovakia); Vilniaus Universitetas (Lithuania).

The above mentioned cooperation with the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the Ruhr University in Bochum (Germany) deserves a special mention. The cooperation consists in an exchange, which is organized in such a way that professors (usually two) go to Bochum in the fall, and in the spring professors from Bochum come to Krakow. Since 1997 students of both Institutions have participated in the exchange. The visit in fall was put off to May 2010. In Bochum an academic conference was organized for the whole University (not only for the Faculty of Catholic Theology), which was held on May 5, 2010. Its subject was “Theology and natural sciences – a Dialogue” (*Theologie und Naturwissenschaft – ein Dialog*). The main lecture entitled Big Bang and the Creation of the Universe was delivered by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Michał Heller, laureate of the Templeton Award in 2008. The lecture was received with great interest. Fifteen students from our Institution partici-

pated in the conference. They stayed in Bochum May 3–7, 2010 doing a joint program with the students of the Ruhr University.

Our University maintains regular contacts with all universities in Poland through participation in the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland. Our Rector has been a member of the Conference in accordance with par. 2 of its amended Statute since March 4, 2006.

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference in the series “The Role of the Catholic Church in the Process of European Integration” was an important international event. The venue of the Conference, which is organized by the Pontifical University of John Paul II on annual basis, was the Conference Center in Tomaszowice, near Krakow. The conference took place on September 10–11, 2010. The focal issue was: “The Contribution of Christians to the Unification of Europe”.

The conference was opened by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, who said that “Christian contribution to the European integration is to promote the civilization of love, which focuses among others on interpersonal solidarity with the weak”. Then the floor was taken by the following speakers: the President of the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski, the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Jean-Claude Juncker, Poland’s former Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Patriarch of Venice, Cardinal Angelo Scola, and Hans-Gert Pöttering, former Chairman of the European Parliament. A debate and then a panel discussion followed. The participants looked for an answer to the question: “Who is responsible for the presence of Christianity in a public debate?” The first day of the conference ended with a Holy Mass officiated by the Primate of Poland, Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk (Primate since May 8, 2010), at St. Anne’s Collegiate Church. Two panel discussions were held on the second day: the first was devoted to an issue: “Cooperation between the European Union and Churches – mutual benefits of the structural dialogue”, and the second focused on the tasks which Christian politicians have to perform in the process of building a New Europe” At the end to the conference the Rector of the University, Rev. Prof. Władysław Zuziak delivered a speech in which he thanked the participants for their engagement and said that our Institution educates students in the spirit of respecting the values essential for the uniting Europe.

The conference was a joint venture of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxemburg, the Conrad Adenauer Foundation in cooperation with the Group of European People’s Party (Christian Democrats), the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Union (COMECE) in Brussels and “Wokół nas” publishing house in Gliwice<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Conference see: <http://www.kosciol-europa.org.pl> (12/29/ 2010.) This site provides materials from all conferences held so far (in Polish.)

Each month conferences devoted to John Paul II's teaching are organized in order to preserve and pass his heritage to young generations. They are organized by the Research Center for Studies of John Paul II's Thought. The Center also publishes an academic series entitled: "Studies of John Paul II's Thought". Two volumes in this series were published in 2009: Jarosław Kupczak, O.P., Jolanta Majka (ed.), *Krakowska szkoła antropologiczna* (Krakow's Anthropological School), Krakow, vol. 4; Jan Galarowicz, *Paradoks egzystencji etycznej. Inspiracje: Ingarden – Wojtyła – Tischner* (Paradox of Ethical Existence. Inspirations: Ingarden – Wojtyła – Tischner), Krakow, 2009, vol. 5. In 2010 two other volumes were published: Dariusz Radziechowski, *Teologia kultury integralnej. Antropologiczne stadium myśli Karola Wojtyły – Jana Pawła II* (Theology of Integral Culture. Anthropological Study of Karol Wojtyła – John Paul II's Thought), Krakow, 2010, vol. 6 and Wojciech Zyzak, *Kapłaństwo presbiterów. Studium nauczania Jana Pawła II* (Priesthood of the Presbyters. The Study of John Paul II's Teaching), Krakow, 2010, vol. 7.

Krakow is proud not only of John Paul II, but also of Rev. Prof. Józef Tischner, a well-known philosopher in Poland and Europe. The "Tischner's Days" help popularize his philosophical, political, and social thought. The Pontifical University of John Paul II, the Jagiellonian University, the State Higher Theatrical School, and the Publishing House "Znak" are the organizers of the Days. Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz gives his honorary patronage to the event. The 10<sup>th</sup> "Tischner's Days" were held on April 21–24, 2010 and focused on subjects discussed in Tischner's essay "Faith in the Hour of Turn". At the academic session "World and faith in the hour of turn" the following speakers delivered their papers: Fr. P. Kozacki, O.P., (monthly "W Drodze"), Rev. Dr. Hab. G. Ryś (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow), Prof. A. Sobolewska (Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. T. Gadacz (Polish Academy of Sciences), Rev. Prof. J. Mariański (Catholic University of Lublin), Prof. A. Bobko (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow), Rev. Prof. H. Witczyk (Pontifical Biblical Commission), Prof. Ch. Taylor (McGill University in Canada, laureate of the Templeton Award in 2007) and Sr. Prof. B. Chyrowicz (Catholic University of Lublin).

The so called *Colloquia Tischneriana* are connected with the "Tischner's Days". They are a series of lectures that honor Rev. Prof. Józef Tischner. Within the framework of this year's *Colloquia*, Prof. T. Halík (Charles University in Prague) delivered a lecture "Solidarity of Pilgrims – Christianity in the Courtyard of the Pagans", which was held on April 23, 2009 in the aula *Auditorium Maximum* of the Jagiellonian University.

One of the main tasks of the Interfaculty Institute for Ecumenism and Dialogue is concern for unity among Christians. Each year the Institute ac-



tively participates in the organization of the Week of Prayers for the Unity of Christians and the related events: the Day of Judaism and the Day of Islam in the Catholic Church. Similarly, last year the Institute was a co-organizer of the above mentioned Week of Prayers, which was held in Krakow on January 17–24, 2010 under the motto: “You are the witnesses of these things” (Lk 24:48), the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Judaism on January 14, 2010 and the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Islam on January 26, 2010. Within the framework of the Day of Judaism, a prayer meeting of Christians and Jews, presided over by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, was held in the Franciscan Basilica in Krakow. The rabbi of Krakow Boaz Pash participated in the meeting. The motto of the Day of Judaism was: “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you” (Gen 12:1). The motto of the Day of Islam was: “Christians and Muslims United in Overcoming Poverty” A lecture on the subject “Poverty and the Poor” was delivered by an Imam Ali Abi Issa. The lecture followed a service of God’s Word presided over by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz in the Franciscan Basilica.

In addition to the above mentioned cyclical initiatives that help deepen knowledge imparted in regular classes, academic symposia, conferences, and guest lectures are organized. They are also a way of popularizing the results of research conducted by individual academic and didactic employees of our University. Some of them were organized jointly with external institutions. Below are some of them.

The Chair of History of Culture and Education at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage organized an international academic symposium “True to Tradition – Open to the Signs of the Times”. The symposium was held on October 9–10, 2009. It was organized on the occasion of 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw Province of the Redemptorists and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of canonization of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer. The following speakers delivered their papers: Rev. Dr. Hab. Wołczański, Prof. of the Pontifical University of John Paul II (UPJPII – our University), Rev. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Fitych, Prof. of the Wałbrzych School of Management and Entrepreneurship), Fr. Dr. Hab. Gerard Siwek, C.SS.R., (Tuchów), Fr. Dr. Marian Sojka, C.SS.R., (Rome), Fr. Dr. Maciej Sadowski C.SS.R., (our University), Fr. Dr. Martin Leitgöb C.SS.R., (Vienna), Fr. Dr. Marian Brudzisz C.SS.R., (Krakow), Fr. Dr. Bolesław Słota, C.SS.R., (Bielsko-Biała).

The teaching of John Paul II is popularized not only through the “Days of John Paul II”. It is also the concern of the Chair of Catholic Social Science, which organized an international scientific conference devoted to the late pontiff’s teaching on the family entitled “Youth and the Post-modernism”. The conference was held on October 21, 2009. The papers were delivered by: Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż (our University), Rev. Dr. Fer-

dynand Kubik, S.D.B., (Vysoká škola zdravotníctva a sociálnej práce sv. Alžbety v Bratislave (St. Elizabeth Higher School of Health and Social Work in Bratislava, Slovakia), Dr. Anna Błasiak (Philosophical and Pedagogical Higher School "Ignatianum" in Krakow) and Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Grzybek ("Ignatianum").

Ethics plays a very important role in public life, though it is not infrequently neglected. To find answers to contemporary ethical issues the Chair of Ethics at the Faculty of Philosophy organized the second conference in a series "Ethics and Public Life". Its subject was "A Lie and the public life". The conference was held on October 21–22, 2009. Over twenty papers that included 6 themes: the nature of a lie, the power of a lie, a lie and business, a lie and mass media, a lie in politics and a lie in public life were presented. Academics from various centers in Poland and their students delivered papers. The academics included: Dr. Robert Piechowicz (our University), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Ryszard Moń (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw), Dr. Irena Trzcieniecka-Schneider (Hugo Kołłątaj University of Agriculture in Krakow), Prof. Ewa Podrez (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw), Dr. Anna Marek-Bieniasz (Jan Długosz Academy in Częstochowa), Fr. Dr. Jan Konior, S.J., ("Ignatianum"), Dr. Milan Jozek (Nitra, Slovakia), Prof. Janina Filek (Economic University in Krakow), Rev. Dr. Zbigniew Waleszczuk (Universität Bochum, Germany), Mária Klobušická (Catholic University, Nitra, Slovakia), Dr. Mariusz Makowski (Economic University in Krakow), Dr. Sławomir Drelich (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Dr. Antonina Sebesto (Pedagogical University in Krakow), Dr. Joanna Mysona Byrska (our University), Fr. Dr. Tomasz Homa, S.I., (Ignatianum), Dr. Krzysztof Przybyszewski (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań) and Dr. Piotr Bartula (Jagiellonian University). The materials from the conference will be published soon.

Developing awareness of the communal identity after a period of totalitarianism is an important factor integrating the local community. In order to deal with this problem the Chair of History of Christianity in Central Europe organized an international scientific conference on "Collective Identities in Eastern Europe: Patterns, Symbols, Images and Myths of Belonging in the Past and Today" The conference was held on October 22–23, 2009. Papers were presented by the following speakers: Mr. Aleksandr Music (Russian Academy of Sciences), Małgorzata Smorağ-Rózycka (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Jakub Sadowski (our University, the Warsaw University), Dr Ihor Lylo (Lviv State University of Physical Culture [Lwiw's'kyj Derżawnyj Uniwersytet]), Ms. Karolina J. Dudek (Polish Academy of Sciences), Mr. Fiodor Uspienskij and Ms. Anna Litwina (Russian Academy of Sciences), Dr Jacek Bonarek (Jan Kochanowski University of Humanities and Sciences, Branch

in Piotrków), Corina-Petronela Untea, MA, (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris), Ionut Untea, MA, (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris), Sebastian Dubiel-Dmytryszyn, MA, (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań), Ewa Kalus-Korgol, MA (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin), Jakub Osiecki, MA, (our University), Dr. Marcin Rzepka (our University), Volodymyr Bak, MA, (Geisteswissenschaftliches Zentrum Geschichte und Kultur Ostmitteleuropas an der Universität Leipzig), Michał Michalski, MA, (our University), Angel Nikolov (Sofijskija Universitet Sv. Kliment Ochridski), Rev. Prof. Maciej Salamon (our University), Michał Miedwiediew (Saint Petersburg State University [Sankt-Pieterburgskij Gosudarstwiennyj Uniwersitet]), Dr. Elżbieta Przybył-Sadowska (Jagiellonian University) and Szczepan Świątek, MA (Provincial State Archives in Krakow). The speakers mentioned such subjects as: shaping identity by the state, the ability to choose identity, the identity of the Roma, the role of state and religion in shaping identity, the development of collective identity in Russia, the Slavic identity, national identity, and others. The papers were delivered in Polish, English and Russian.

Art and its history is also a way to express the collective consciousness and its history allows us to track the development of this awareness. The development of medieval art was the subject of an international conference "Between Allegory and Symbol in Medieval Art". The conference was held on October 23–24, 2009. It was organized by the Institute of History of Art and Culture at the Department of History and Cultural Heritage. Representatives of various academic circles in Europe delivered papers: Prof. Paul Crossley (The Courtauld Institute of Art, London), Dr. Andrea Worm (University of Augsburg), Dr. Piotr Łukasz Grotowski (our University), Prof. Jan Royt (Charles University in Prague [Univerzita Karlova v Praze,] Czech Academy of Sciences), Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Jurkowlaniec (Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. Klará Benešová (Czech Academy of Sciences), Dr. Joanna Ziętkiewicz-Kotz (our University), Dr. Anna Olszewska (Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences), Fr. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Tabor, C.R., (our University), Dr. Agnieszka Sadrei (English Heritage, London), Dr. Beata Kwiatkowska-Kopka (Wawel Royal Castle) and Dr. Hab. Marek Walczak (Jagiellonian University). The papers were delivered in English and German and referred to the following subjects: symbolism of the tree, the role of allegory in Byzantine art, medieval symbolism in Central Europe, the *Bible pauperum* and others.

In an era of modern technology religion is pushed to the margin of public life. The importance of religion was reminded by the conference entitled: "Contemporary Philosophy of Religion – the Anglo-Saxon Thought", which was organized by the Chair of Philosophy of God, together with the Chair of

Philosophy of Religion at the Faculty of Philosophy. The conference was held on November 12–14, 2009. Presentations were given by the following academics from various institutions of higher education: Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Bronk (Catholic University of Lublin, Polish Academy of Sciences), Dr. Jakub Gomułka (our University), Dr. Marek Pepliński (University of Gdańsk), Marcin Szafrński, MA, (PhD student at the Jagiellonian University), Dr. Justyna Herda (Catholic University of Lublin), Dr. Jowita Guja (Stanisław Staszic University of Science and Technology in Krakow), Dr. Hab. Jacek Wojtysiak (Catholic University of Lublin), Dr. Marek Wójtowicz (University of Silesia in Katowice), Dr. Łukasz Nysler (University of Wrocław), Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski, O.P., (our University), Tomasz Stasiak, MA, (PhD student at our University), Rev. Dr. Dariusz Oko (our University), Dr. Sebastian Kołodziejczyk (Jagiellonian University), Fr. Dr. Zbigniew Bomert, O.P., (Dominican School of Faith), Fr. Dr. Janusz Sallamon, S.J., (School of Philosophy and Education “Ignatianum” in Krakow), Dr. Mario von der Ruhr (Swansea University), Prof. Roger Pouivet (University of Nancy, National Center for Scientific Research [Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique] France), Dr. Hab. Ireneusz Ziemiński, Prof. of University of Szczecin, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Wszolek (our University), Dr. Agnieszka Doda-Wyszyńska (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań), Dr. Mariusz Wojewoda (University of Silesia in Katowice), Dr. Piotr Sikora (School of Philosophy and Education “Ignatianum” in Krakow), Katarzyna Tempczyk, MA, (PhD student at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw), Marek Kokoszyński (PhD student at the Catholic University of Lublin), Franciszek Szpinda, MA, (PhD student at the University of Warsaw,) Dr Marián Ambrozy (Poprad, Slovakia), Fr. Dr. Grzegorz Chrzanoski, O.P., (our University), Dr. Krzysztof Hubaczek (University of Szczecin), Dr. Hab. Dariusz Łukasiewicz, Prof. at Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, Fr. Dr. Mateusz Przanowski, O.P., (College of Philosophy and Theology of the Dominican Order), Dr. Hab. Ryszard Mordarski (Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz), Łukasz Krawiranda (PhD student at the University of Warsaw), Dr. Jaromir Brejdak (University of Szczecin) and Witold Jankowiak, MA, (PhD student at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń). The papers dealt with such issues as: the concept of philosophy of religion, rationality of religious belief, forms of the atheist argumentation, suicide as seen by Wittgenstein, arguments for the existence of God, the eternity of God in contemporary analytical philosophy.

Pluralism in public life also affects the way of understanding religion and its place in society. But in the case of religious pluralism, the question of truth arises. Facing this problem the Interfaculty Institute for Dialogue and Ecumeny organized an interreligious session devoted to the issue: “The Mul-

tiplicity of Religions – the Unity of Truth”, which took place on November 17, 2009. The session consisted of two parts: the ecumenical and interreligious. In the ecumenical part Rev. Dr. Hab. Rajmund Porada (University of Opole, Roman-Catholic Church), Rev. Dr. Andrzej Kuźma (Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, Orthodox Church) and Rev. Roman Procki (Evangelical and Augsburg Church) gave their presentations. The papers were devoted to the following issues: truth in ecumenical dialogue, truth in the Church and outside the Church and Catholicity of the Augsburg denomination. As part of the interreligious session the following speaker delivered their lectures: Dr. Piotr Sikora (“Ignatianum”), Dr. Hab. Stanisław Krajewski, Prof. of UW (University of Warsaw, the Jewish Community), Imam Ali Abi Issa (Chairman of the Council of Imams at the League of Muslim Imams of the Republic of Poland) and Mr. Lama Rinchen (Chairman of the Polish Buddhist Union). Interreligious issues included the following: the philosophical aspect of religious truth, the relationship of truth to pluralism, multiplicity of ways to the truth in monotheism and the outcome of the meeting of non-theistic Buddhism with theism.

Correct state-church relations in a democratic society are not without significance for the development of democracy. The Institute of Canon Law proposed a reflection on the attitude of the Church to the state legislation by organizing a symposium entitled “The Magisterium of the Church in the Face of State Law”. The symposium was held on November 18, 2009. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. R. Sobański (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), Dr. Hab. W. Wróbel (Jagiellonian University), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. H. Misztal (Catholic University of Lublin), Rev. Prof. Dr. J. Kowal (Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. K. Warchałowski (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University) and Rev. Dr. Hab. P. Majer (Pontifical University of John Paul II) delivered papers.

Concern for family is one of the main goals of education at the Faculty of Social Sciences. It is implemented by the Institute of Family Studies, which offers courses of studies of the teaching about the family. In addition to studies, the Institute also organizes symposia. The theme of the international symposium, which took place on November 19, 2009 was “Family Faces Today’s Threats”. The papers were presented by: Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. T. Jelonek (our University), Rev. Dr. A. Świerczek (our University), Rev. Prof. S. Vojtko (Family Institute in Bratislava, Slovakia), Rev. Prof. A. Tyrol (Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia), Fr. Dr. G. Mazur, O.P., (Dominicans) and Dr. M. Duda (our University). The speakers raised such issues as: diversity and complexity of today’s threats to the family, post-modern sources of threats, threats to the family in Slovakia, the issue of euthanasia and the role of third-age universities.

One of the serious risks not only for the family, but for the whole society is questioning the fundamental moral principles. A document of the Pontifical Biblical Commission on “The Bible and Morality” reminds us of this risk. The Specialization of Moral Theology at the Faculty of Theology, together with the Polish Theological Society co-organized a symposium entitled “The Bible and Morality in the Light of the Document of the Pontifical Biblical Commission”, which was held on November 19, 2009. During the symposium Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Dąbek, O.S.B., (our University), Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Marian Machinek, M.S.F., (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn) and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Piotr Morciniec (University of Opole) delivered papers. The papers focused on such issues as: biblical basis of Christian morality, biblical elements in the methodology of moral theology and biblical basis for bioethics.

A scientific session organized by the Chair of Biblical Hermeneutics, entitled “Is Biblical Morality Only for Believers?” was devoted to the same document. It was held on December 2, 2009. The papers were delivered by professors and PhD students of our University: Fr. Dr. A. Sanecki, S.C.J., Fr. Dr. S. Jędrzejewski, S.D.B, Michał Żmuda, MA Lic., (PhD student of our University), Ewa Wieczorek, MA (PhD student of the Pedagogical University in Krakow), Peter Pikuła, MA (PhD student of our University) and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. R. Pindel (our University). The papers referred to issues such as moral authority of the Bible, invariability of morality, morality as a matter of revelation, happiness in moral aspect and handing over biblical teachings on morality.

Polish Marian devotion is sometimes subject to criticism, as it is accused, amongst others, of weakening of the importance of the mediation of Christ. It is therefore understandable that it is necessary to disseminate theological knowledge about the mediation of Mary and its relation to the unique mediation of Christ. It was to this issue that the international scientific session entitled “Mediation Subjected to Only One Intermediary”, which was organized by the Chair of Mariology at the Faculty of Theology, was devoted. The session was held on November 20, 2009. The session was co-organized by the Pontifical Theological Faculty of St. Bonaventure “Seraphicum” in Rome and the Pontifical Academy of the Immaculate Conception in the Vatican. Papers were presented by Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. C. Napiórkowski, O.F.M.Conv., (Professor Emeritus, Catholic University of Lublin), Rev. Dr. M. Gilski (our University), Rev. Dr. W. Ostafiński (our University), Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Z. Kijas, O.F.M.Conv., (“Seraphicum”, Rome), Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. T. D. Łukaszuk, O.S.P.P.E., (Professor Emeritus of our University), Rev. Dr. A. Nadbrzeżny (Catholic University of Lublin) and Dr M. Waluś (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw).

The study of the history of the Church is one of the tasks of the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage of our University. Monasteries have played an important role in the history of the Church. Therefore, two scientific sessions were devoted to learning about their past. The Chair of Auxiliary Sciences of History and Archives organized a session: "What Is Behind Monastic Book Collections?", which took place on November 24, 2009. The papers containing the results of research were presented by: Dr. Jolanta Gwioździk (University of Silesia in Katowice), Dr. Iwona Pietrzekiewicz (Pedagogical University in Krakow), Fr. Dr. Tomasz Gałuszka, O.P., (Dominican Historical Institute in Krakow), Dr. Przemysław Stańko (our University), Fr. Dr. Waław Umński, C.M., (our University), Fr. Marek Miławicki, MA Lic, O.P., (Dominican Historical Institute in Krakow) and Dr. Barbara Góra (Pedagogical University in Krakow). The papers were devoted mainly to book collections of the Canons Regular (in Krzemieniec), Dominicans of Krakow and Oświęcim and Missionary Fathers in Stradom (Krakow) and the issue of searches in the libraries of seminaries in 1960 by the communist authorities.

The Chair of Monastic History, together with the Carmelite Institute of Spirituality organized a session on "The Monastery of Discalced Carmelites in Nowy Wiśnicz as a Votive Offering for the Chocim Victory", which took place on November 25, 2009. The papers were delivered by faculty and graduate students of our University: Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Bruździński, Rev. Dr. Hab. Jacek Urban, Prof. of Pontifical University of John Paul II, Fr. Dr. Hab. Józef Wanat, O.C.D., (Professor Emeritus of our University), Fr. Dr. Szczepan Prańkiewicz, O.C.D., (Carmelite Institute of Spirituality), Fr. Dr. Zdzisław Gogola, O.F.M.Conv., Joanna Małocha, MA Lic. and Ms. Marzena Stochel. The topics the papers focused on included the history of the Monastery of the Discalced Carmelites in Nowy Wiśnicz, its architecture, its apostolic activities, as well as the unique period when it served as a prison (Austrian times) and a concentration camp during World War II.

Metaphysics, though still topical, does not belong to the most popular fields of philosophy. The purpose of a series of conferences entitled: "Metaphysics and Peripheries" was to increase its popularity. The last such conference was held on December 4–5, 2009 under the auspices of the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, and was dedicated to the "Ontological Evidence". In this way, the participants were reminded that the interest in the so called ontological proof is still alive. Presentations were given by: Dr. T. Grzesik (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin), Prof. K. Świrydowicz (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Prof. M. Duží (VSB – Technical University, Ostrava, Czech Republic), Dr. M. Malmon (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University), Dr. Hab. T. Kupś (Nicolaus Copernicus University), Rev. Prof. P. Moskal (Catholic University of Lublin), Dr. M. Piwo-

warczyk (Catholic University of Lublin), Mr. M. Pospiszyl (our University), P. Rojek, MA, (Jagiellonian University), Sr. Dr. T. Obolevich (our University) and Dr. B. Ogrodnik (A.N. Whitehead Metaphysical Association).

Spirituality of the media is a new area of research and it serves the development of the course of studies of "Journalism and Social Communication" at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Chair of Spirituality of Media and Social Relations, which launched a series of symposia under the title: "Spirituality in Polish Monasteries: Transmission and Communication", deals with this issue. The first symposium was devoted to the Cistercian spirituality: "Pray and Work: Cistercians Shape Themselves and the World" It was held on December 4, 2009 in the Cistercian Abbey in Mogiła, and its aim was to present the thought of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and Abbot Erazm Ciołek along with the sixteen centuries of history of the monastery in Mogiła. The symposium was organized with the participation of the Spirituality Section of the Polish Theological Society in Krakow. The papers were presented by: Fr. B. Rodziewicz, O.Cist., (Monastery in Mogiła), Rev. Dr. Hab. W. Zyzak, Prof. of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, Rev. Dr. M. Godawa and Dr. Hab. W. Misztal, Prof. of UPJPII.

In preparation for the week of prayers for Christian unity (as already mentioned) the Interfaculty Institute for Ecumeny and Dialogue organized a debate on "Ecumenism at home. Marriage and the family of Christians of different denominations", which took place on January 13, 2010. The debate was co-organized by the Krakow Catholic Intelligentsia Club. The subject of the debate was the issue of mixed marriages. It was attended by the spouses of different faiths.

Studies on the influence of the Bible on culture and the popularization of biblical knowledge is one of the valuable activities of the Chair of Biblical Theology and Science at the Faculty of Theology. The Chair organized the 7th International and Inter-disciplinary symposium on "The Bible in the Culture of the World", which was held on February 18, 2010 in the Seminary of the Capuchin Order in Krakow, under the auspices of the Association of Polish Biblicists. The Chair organized a similar symposium in Gródek in Podolia (Ukraine), which was held on June 5, 2010 in the Seminary of the Diocese of Kamieniec Podolski. The following speakers presented their papers in Krakow: Rev. Dr. Bogdan Zbroja (our University), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Anton Tyrol (Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia), Rev. Dr. Stanisław Koziół (Seminary in Gródek Podolski, Ukraine), Dr. Marcin Majewski (our University), Rev. Dr. Hab. František Trstenský (Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia), Rev. Dr. Marek Tatar (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), Rev. Oleg Salamon, BA, (Theological Institute in Lviv, Ukraine), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanislav Vojtko (Catholic University in Ružomberok,



Family Institute in Bratislava, Slovakia), Rev. Dr. Hab. Roman Bogacz (our University), Dr. Daniel Slivka (University in Prešov, Slovakia), Dr. Paweł Plichta (Jagiellonian University), Rev. Dr. Jacek Uliasz (Theological Institute in Lviv), Dr. Maria Kardis (University in Prešov, Slovakia), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Jelonek (our University), Dr. Zofia Włodarczyk (Agricultural University of Krakow), Dr. Anna Wajda (graduate of our University), Adam Wąsowski, MA Lic., (graduate of our University), Sylwia Wajner, MA, (graduate of our University) and Dr. Wojciech Kosek (graduate of our University).

The year 2009/2010 was the Year of the Priest. On this occasion, the Chair of Ecclesiology at the Faculty of Theology organized a conference on "The priesthood of Monks. Theological Reflection in the Year of the Priest", The conference was held on February 25, 2010. The papers were delivered by professors of the Faculty of Theology at our University: Fr. Dr. Piotr Chojnacki, O.Cist., Rev. Dr. Józef Morawa, Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Napiórkowski, O.S.P.P.E., and Monika Winiarska, MA Lic. A panel discussion "Diocesan Priesthood and Religious Life. Towards Mutual Enrichment" concluded the conference. Participants in the discussion were journalists: Anna Baranowa and Marek Gancarz ("Gość Niedzielny"), Mitred Prelate Władysław Gasidło (rector of St. Anne's parish), Dr. Agnieszka Hennel-Brzozowska (Pedagogical University of Krakow), Fr. Dr. Szczepan Praškiewicz, O.C.D., (Carmelite), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Ryś (our University) and Fr. Wincenty Zakrzewski, O.Cist., (Monastery in Mogiła).

To celebrate the Year of the Priest also the Intercongregational Higher Catechetical Institute at the Faculty of Theology organized the 40<sup>th</sup> Catechesis Symposium, which took place on March 6, 2010. Its theme was "Serve and Reign". The subject of the lectures was related not only to the matters of catechesis, but also to biblical, theological and formation issues. Professors of our University and other academic circles delivered lectures: Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Mielcarek (Catholic University of Lublin), Rev. Dr. Grzegorz Godawa (our University), Dr. Cezary Sękalski (editor-in-chief of "Serafin" Publishing House), Ms. Elżbieta Konderak (film director), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Ryś (our University), Sr. Dr. Ignis Flis, C.S.S.J., (Sisters of St. Joseph), Jacek Jędrzejewski, MD, and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Kudasiewicz (Catholic University of Lublin). Materials from symposia are printed in a series "Duc in altum", which has published 10 volumes so far.

The University cares not only about providing students with theoretical knowledge, but also tries to put the knowledge into practice, at least in some areas. One such area is good journalism. In order to help students develop their journalistic skills internet "Radio Bonus" was initiated in accordance with the decision signed by the University Rector on April 2, 2010. The radio

is run by the students of Journalism and Social Communication at our University. Students who are involved in its activities have at their disposal a professionally equipped transmitting and recording studio, several assembly stations and modern reporter's equipment. Reporters of "Bonus Radio" actively participate in the life of their university, documenting important events taking place both inside and outside its walls. The radio staff wants to promote the University through the production of programs featuring its departments and individual courses. In the studio, which is located in the building at 1 Franciszkańska Street, audio materials are created for the institutions with which "Radio Bonus" works, among others Vatican Radio, the audio service of the Catholic News Agency and local radio stations throughout the country. Currently preparations for broadcasting "Bonus Radio" program on the Internet are under way.

An interdepartmental symposium with workshops on "Koinonia – communion – community" was organized to disseminate theological knowledge about the Church as a community. The symposium and workshops were organized by the Chair of History of Dogma at the Faculty of Theology and were held on April 29, 2010. The papers were delivered by academics from our University: Sr. Dr. Sylwia Kaczmarek (Faculty of Theology), Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski, O.P., (Faculty of Philosophy), Rev. Dr. Wojciech Węgrzyniak (Faculty of Theology), Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Szczurek, Prof. of UPJPII (Faculty of Theology), Rev. Prof. Jan Wal (Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Theology), Sr. Dr. Hab. Adelajda Sielepin, C.H.R., (Faculty of Theology) and Rev. Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Ryś (Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage). After the lectures, workshops were held in working groups: philosophical, dogmatic, biblical, liturgical, pastoral and historical. Presentations covered issues such as loneliness and community, the concept of community in Scripture, communion of God's Persons, the Holy Spirit as the foundation of unity, Christianity as a community in its historical aspect.

The extremely important issue of unity was also the subject of a conference organized by the Interdepartmental Institute of Ecumeny and Dialogue. The Institute organized an ecumenical conference "The Anglican Community and the ecumenical movement. Around the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum coetibus* by Benedict XVI". The conference was held on May 11, 2010. Papers were delivered by: Rev. Dr. Hab. Przemysław Kantyka, Prof. of KUL (Catholic University of Lublin, Roman Catholic Church), Rev. Dr. Włodzimierz Wieczorek (Catholic University of Lublin, Roman Catholic Church), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Zygfryd Glaeser (University of Opole, Roman Catholic Church), Bishop Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Pikus (UKSW, Roman Catholic Church), pastor Dr. Callan Slipper (London, Anglican Church), Dr. Hab. Tadeusz J. Zieliński, Prof. of ChAT (Christian Theological Academy,

Baptist Christian Church) and Fr. Archimandrite Dr. Warsonofiusz Doroszkiewicz (University of Białystok, Orthodox Church). The papers focused on the issue "Anglicans in the Catholic Church" (history of their presence and the attitude of the Constitution to the previous documents of the Church) as well as on the question "The end or beginning of a new Catholic-Anglican dialogue?", the answer to which the participants tried to seek from the Catholic, Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox perspective.

We realize the importance of mass media in the modern world. It is especially important to respect the fundamental values of which good is certainly one. Analyzing this aspect of the media, the Faculty of Social Sciences organized the 4<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference of Media Ethics entitled "Good in the Media – Good of the Media". The conference was held on May 13–14, 2010 in Krakow. The papers were delivered by: Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Baczyński, Prof. of UPJPII (our University), Dr. Hab. Ignacy St. Fiut, Prof. of AGH (Academy of Science and Technology in Krakow), Reader Eva Polakova, PhD, and Dr. Milan Botik, JUDr, (University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), Prof. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Goban-Klas (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Krzysztof Gurba (our University), Dr. Małgorzata Majewska (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Irena Trzcieniecka-Schneider (Agricultural University of Krakow), Katarzyna Kutek-Sładek, MA, (our University), Rafał Kuś, MA, (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Dorota Bis (Catholic University of Lublin), Dr. Monika Slodičková, ThD, PaedD, PhD, (University of Presov in Presov, Slovakia), Ladislav Volko, PhD, (University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), Jan Hacek, MA, (Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia), Jacek Znyk, MA, (State Higher Vocational School in Płock), Terézia Rončáková, PhD, (Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia), Rev. Dr. Mariusz Kuciński (Kuyavian-Pomeranian School in Bydgoszcz), Dr. Jan Pleszczyński (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin), Dr. Marek Rembierz (University of Silesia), Dr. Joanna Mysona Byrska (our University), Agnieszka Catek, BA, (Jagiellonian University), Milan Botik, JUDr and Reader Eva Poláková, PhD, (University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), Dr. Rafał Polak and Dr. Maciej Ulita (School of Computer Science and Management in Rzeszow), Dr. Agata Dziekan-Łanucha (our University), Dr. Bogusław Dziadzia (University of Silesia), Joanna Zaręba, MA, (University of Białystok, University of Bristol), Dr. Hab. Izabela Dobosz, Prof. of UPJPII (our University), Rev. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Misztal, Prof. of UPJPII (our University), Reader Andrej Slodička, ThDr, PaedDr, PhD, (University of Presov in Presov, Slovakia), Dr. Hab. Józef Szocki, Professor of WSZ (School of Management „Edukacja” in Wrocław), Rev. Dr. Hab. Zbigniew Waleszczuk (Universität Bayreuth, Germany), Rev. Dr. Jerzy Smoleń (Catholic University of Lublin), Andrea Ču-

sová, MA, (Prešovská Univerzita v Prešove, TV Lux), Rev. Dr. Aleksy Kowalski (Theological University in Częstochowa), Reader Slavomír Magál, PhD, CSc, (University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), Dana Petranová, PhD, (University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), Dr Jakub Žurawski (our University), Dr Mariusz Makowski (Krakow University of Economics) and Agnieszka Bywalec, MA, (Agricultural University). The papers presented such problems as: good as the fundamental ethical value in the forms and content of media; good and evil in the media; various forms and scenes of good – the good and the values, challenges and threats from evil in the media – communication of “anti-values”; communication of good as a measure of “missionary character” of the media; between the common good and the good of the individual; media as a social and civilizational good, the good and the truth and the freedom of communication, concern for the common good in political communication; commercialization of values and marketing of good; good and evil in cyberspace; a good image; the good of “public relations”; a good journalist and a good man; “good” journalism, concern for the welfare of children and adolescents in the civilization of the media.

In 2010, 90 years have passed since the birth of the Servant of God John Paul II. The anniversary was an opportunity to organize a symposium “Priesthood in the life and teachings of John Paul II” by the Faculty of Theology. The symposium was held on May 20, 2010. Papers were presented by: (from the Faculty of Theology) Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Szczurek, Prof. of UPJPII, Fr. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Kupczak, O.P., Prof. of UPJPII, Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Machniak, Prof. of UPJPII, Rev. Dr. Hab. Marek Chmielewski, Prof. of KUL – Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Catholic University of Lublin, Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jerzy W. Gogola, O.C.D., and Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Baczyński, Prof. of UPJPII (Faculty of Social Sciences), journalist Ewa Czackowska (newspaper “Rzeczpospolita”) and journalist Tomasz Terlikowski (portal “Frona”). Issues addressed by the speakers included the roots of papal teaching in the teaching of Vatican II, spiritual fatherhood, evangelical counsels, priesthood of women, priesthood in monastic life, forms of evangelization through the media, priesthood in the eyes of the laity and leaving priesthood.

Our University stands out among the universities of Krakow in that it has a high percentage of students with disabilities. In the interest of such students at Polish universities, the Chair of General Pedagogics at the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Office for People with Disabilities organized a conference on “Student with disability in academia – the modern challenges and dilemmas”. The conference, which took place on June 1, 2010, was organized jointly with the Office of the City of Krakow (Section for People with Disabilities) and the Polish Society of Theology. The aim of the conference

was to review the positions and to exchange experience on working with students with disabilities. Papers were delivered by academics from our University as well as from other institutions of higher education: Krakow University of Economics, Academy of Special Pedagogics in Warsaw, the Jagiellonian University, the Academy of Science and Technology in Krakow, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, the Medical University of Lublin and the Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz. Speakers at the conference were also students from the following universities: the Pedagogical University in Krakow, our University, AGH University of Science and Technology, Krakow University of Technology and Krakow University of Economics.

Philosophical approach to the relationship between man and God is the subject of research conducted for years by the Chair of Philosophy of God at the Faculty of Philosophy. The fruit of this study was an academic conference on "Subject – Faith – Absolute", which took place on June 16, 2010. The following speakers delivered their papers: Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski, O.P., (our University), Dr. Piotr Sikora ("Ignatianum"), Dr. Jakub Gomułka (our University), Prof. Dr. Hab. Karol Tarnowski (our University), Dr Jowita Guja (AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow), Mr. Michał Pospiszyl (our University), Marcin Polak, MA, (our University), Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Mech (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Adam Hernas (Institute for Józef Tischner's Thought) and Magdalena Derezińska-Osiecka, MA, (Jagiellonian University). The issues focused on three themes: subjectivity, God as an absolute and faith as a relationship between the subject and God.

Lectures are organized in addition to the symposia and conferences. In the past year such lectures were organized by the Institute of Canon Law, which invited Fr. Dr. Zbigniew Suchecki, O.F.M.Conv., who teaches canon law at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology of St. Bonaventure in Rome and is a consultor to the Congregation for Canonization matters. The lectures took place on April 21–22, 2010. The lecturer focused on the issue of crimes against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue committed by priests and related procedures, both under the general and particular law. He showed then the need for efficient and effective legal procedures in case of serious crimes committed by priests, as well as the need for legal mechanisms to protect the good name of priests, which is their fundamental right. The lecturer also stressed the relationship between canon and state law in this field. The second part of the lectures was devoted to the problem of relations between *forum internum* and *forum externum* in relation to ecclesiastical penalties in terms of procedures releasing from them.

A notable event is the celebration of the anniversary and the transformation of our Institution into the University. The ceremony was held in the auditorium of the new Main Library on the campus on June 15, 2010 and was at-

tended by representatives of the Church in Krakow with the Grand Chancellor of the University His Eminence Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, representatives of the Wawel Cathedral Chapter, the Chapter of St. Anne's Collegiate Church, the Court and the Metropolitan Curia. Krakow academic environment was represented by the Rector of Krakow University of Technology, His Magnificence Prof. Kazimierz Furtak. Representatives of the scientific community of our University gathered in the auditorium. After the singing of "Gaude Mater Polonia" by the choir *Psalmodia* spoke His Magnificence Rector Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Dyduch, who, after greeting the guests, stressed the importance of the events of last year. Then spoke Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, who expressed his gratitude to all who contributed to the University achieving its present position. The Cardinal recalled John Paul II's efforts to preserve the Faculty of Theology in Krakow, which was removed from the Jagiellonian University in 1954 by the Stalinist authorities. According to the Metropolitan, thanks to Divine Providence the historical events unfolded in such a way that today we have a Church university in Krakow. Metropolitan expressed his hope that the University will develop its activities for the good of the Church, Poland and the scientific community of Krakow. Another point of festivities was a common prayer, followed by the screening of a film about the Pontifical University. At the end *Psalmodia* sang a thanksgiving hymn "Te Deum Laudamus".

In conclusion of the description of events, the results of the elections that took place at the end of this academic year should be mentioned. The former Vice-Rector Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, Prof. of UPJPII was elected the new Rector. For the position of the Vice-Rector, Rev. Dr. Hab. Arkadiusz Baron, former Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Theology, was elected. Because of the need to intensify work on developing the new university – at the request of the Rector – the Senate chose the third Vice-Rector (for the development of the University). This position was given to Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Misztal. Rev. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak, Prof. of UPJPII, was elected Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Theology.

To get a fuller picture of our University some statistical data will be useful. There were 3,318 students, 219 faculty (35 professors, 56 associate professors and 111 doctors and 17 other persons) and 110 other employees (administration – 75, Library – 35) at our University in the academic year 2009/2010. The number of students admitted for the first year of study was 839 (for cycles I, II and III). The number of degrees conferred in this academic year at our University included: 171 professional BA titles awarded upon concluding the I cycle of studies (Faculty of Philosophy – 26, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 37, Faculty of Social Sciences – 134), and 449 MA degrees awarded upon concluding the second cycle of study (Fa-

culty of Theology – 295, Faculty of Philosophy – 15, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 20, Faculty of Social Sciences – 41, Faculty of Theology, Branch in Tarnow – 78), and 36 canon BA degrees (church, at the Faculty of Theology – 17, in Tarnow – 6 ). PhD degree was conferred on 26 people (at the Faculty of Theology – 19, the Faculty of Philosophy – 3, the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 4), postdoctoral degree was awarded to 6 people and the Professor's title was bestowed on 2 persons.

The high number of MA titles results from the fact that the Faculty of Theology confers this degree on the students of Seminaries, which have a contract with the Faculty about scientific and didactic cooperation. Alumni of these seminaries are not formally students of the Faculty of Theology, but the process of their education is subject to control by the Faculty under the a/m agreement, while their master theses are evaluated by professors of the Faculty and the defense of their thesis is held before the Board of the MA exam appointed by the Faculty.

To avoid confusion, it should be noted that the figures cited above do not always correspond with the numbers quoted in connection with the solemn promotions because between the end of all proceedings (for PhD [publication of thesis], habilitated doctor and professor) and the solemn promotion ceremony a few months usually pass, so it often happens that the procedure is completed in one academic year and promotions take place in the next.

In addition to the promotion of its academics, it is important for the University to promote its own activity. This is the task of the Office of Information and Promotion, which has been running since the academic year 2004/2005. Through the Office the University participates in promotional projects organized for all universities in Krakow and Poland. These include in the first place the Science Festival, which last year took place for the tenth time on May 12–15, 2010 in Krakow. Its motto was: “Technology – Art – Life”. Our University organized a scientific panel and a philosophical debate. The theme of the panel was “Armageddon, Antichrist, Apokatastasis. That is all you need to know about the end of the world, but were afraid to ask”, while the debate focused on the question: “Life, art or technology?” Fifty volunteers from four departments got engaged in preparing our participation in the Festival.

The University carries out publishing activity, which is the responsibility of the Academic Press. It publishes dissertations and academic periodicals. The regularly edited academic periodicals are in the first place “*Analecta Cracoviensia*” They include research in philosophy, theology, Church history and canon law. The number of volumes of this periodical is now 38 (41 annual publications). Besides “*Analecta Cracoviensia*” each faculty publishes its own periodical: the Faculty of Theology publishes “*Polonia Sacra*”, the

Faculty of Philosophy publishes “Logos and Ethos” and the Faculty of Church History issues “Folia Historica Cracoviensia” and since 2009 it has been publishing “Orientalia Christiana Cracoviensia” The Institute of Canon Law edits “Annales Canonici”. This is an annual legal publication addressed to academics, legal practitioners and to all interested in Church law. The Interdisciplinary Research Centre established at the Faculty of Philosophy publishes “Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce” (Philosophical Issues in Science). This publication is published twice a year and its aim is to discover and analyze philosophical problems implicit in natural sciences. “Zagadnienia” (Issues) have their own supplement entitled “Semina Scientiarum. Supplement do Zagadnień Filozoficznych w Nauce” (Supplement to Philosophical Issues in Science). It is edited by participants of the Scientific Seminar in Natural Philosophy and is devoted to issues from the border of philosophy and natural sciences. In the academic year 2009/2010 the Academic Press published 27 books (5,215 copies) and 8 periodicals (1,900 copies) and 3 issues of “Vita Academica” (1,500 copies).

The official bulletin of the University is “Vita Academica”, a bi-monthly which includes information about the most important events at the University. The students have their own periodical “Patos. Czasopismo społeczno-kulturalne młodych” (Pathos. Students’ Social and Cultural Periodical), which is issued by the students’ government. The periodical has been published for many years. It was a quarterly in the past, and now it is a bi-monthly. “Patos” is the lay students’ periodical, while the students who prepare for priesthood publish “Novum Tempus Liberum” (NTL), which is edited by seminarians of the Archbishop Seminary in Krakow. It is now an annual publication and contains information about the seminary and the life of seminarians.

The majority of the above mentioned periodicals are published by the Pontifical University of John Paul II Academic Press. It also publishes series such as “Studia do dziejów Wydziału Teologicznego” (Studies for History of the Faculty of Theology). Other series include: “Rozprawy habilitacyjne” (Habilitation Theses), “Rozprawy doktorskie” (Doctor Theses), “Podręczniki Wydziału Teologicznego” (Course books of the Faculty of Theology) and a series “Mysterium Christi”, which is a liturgics course book), “Studia” (Studies) (edited by the Faculty of Theology), “Textus et studia” and “Studia nad myślą Jana Pawła II” (Studies of the Thought of John Paul II), edited by the Center for Research on Thought of John Paul II.

Alongside its academic and didactic activity, the University tries to promote, among other things, sacred music, as it is an extension of research on the Church liturgy and musical tradition. The University has its choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Dr. Włodzimierz Siedlik. *Psalmodia* is invited to sing



during various academic celebrations such as solemn inaugurations of the academic year or celebrations of the University's anniversaries. The choir also seeks to promote Polish culture abroad. Thanks to their cooperation with the Foundation of Holy Queen Jadwiga, it managed to obtain grants from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Choir *Psalmodia* was the winner of the ministerial program "Promotion of Polish culture abroad" and the money (35 thousand zlotys) received from it covered to a large extent the cost of traveling abroad. In October 2009 choir *Psalmodia* along with the Krakow female choir toured overseas under the banner "Music of Polish masters in the churches of Germany and the Benelux". The eight-day tour was scheduled in such a way that each day a concert was given in a different city. The first stop was Dresden, then – Magdalia (near Jena), Erfurt, Essen, Brussels, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Nuremberg and Leipzig.

*Psalmodia* Choir also participates in competitions at home and abroad. In the past academic year the Choir participated in the 41<sup>st</sup> Choir Tournament "Legnica Cantat" (May 13–16, 2010) and took third place. Choirs National Tournament "Legnica Cantat" is the oldest and one of the most esteemed choral music competitions in Poland. It enjoys large interest among the top Polish choirs, so that virtually qualifying for the tournament is already a distinction. Winning third place by our choir naturally proves its high artistic level.

The Pontifical University of John Paul II does not forget about spiritual formation of its students and employees. Lay students of each year have their own priest, who officiates at a Holy Mass, delivers homilies and has individual pastoral talks with them. The Holy Mass is held at least once a month, while formation meetings with homilies are held most often in Advent and Lent. They constitute an integral part of retreat held in these liturgical periods. All pastoral activities are coordinated by Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala. Students who prepare for priesthood receive spiritual and pastoral formation in their seminaries.

The library of our University is a specialist one. It is involved in creating a national system of library information exchange. It also actively participates in the activities of the Krakow Library Group, the National Library Catalogue NUKAT and the Federation of Church Libraries FIDES of the Małopolska Digital Library. The library continues to build up its catalogue on the basis of an integrated computer system VTLS (142,864 book entries and 3,937 entries of periodicals). The catalogue in the form of a data base is available on the Internet. In 2010 the Library had 7,982 regular users. In 2010 the collection of the Library was enriched by about 20,248 copies (including about 15,953 books, 4,056 periodicals and about 137 multimedia resources). In 2010 the Library had a total of 581,738 publications in stock including

386,453 books. The Library subscribed to 366 periodicals (including 184 foreign ones) and had 4,350 titles of current periodicals in 2010. The majority of foreign periodicals are received in exchange for "Analecta Cracoviensia".

The lack of appropriate space is a serious restriction on the Library activities. The construction of a new library building (its part) on the campus has just been finished and the building is now in use. It is a part of the building, since construction was designed in such a way that the second part will be built when the existing storage space is full. The library will eventually be able to store two million books. Moving the Main Library collection from the current place of storage, which is the building of the Archdiocesan Seminary in Krakow at 8 Podzamcze Street is under way. The project will have been completed by the fall of 2010. Most books in the new library will be directly available, which involves the need for assuring adequate security of each book. Preparations for making the library fully accessible will last a few months. The construction of the Library at 10 Bobrzyńskiego Street on the university campus is a very important investment of the University which requires large financial means. Construction of didactic, scientific and research buildings in the immediate vicinity of the Library is planned in the near future.

Financial means for the activities of the University are provided by the Holy Queen Jadwiga Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. Although since January 1, 1998 (Act of June 26, 1997) the University has been receiving state subsidies from the state budget, these have not covered all expenses mainly because they are intended for salaries of didactic employees and students' grants. The situation has improved after the amendment of the Act (the Act of December 2, 2009), as a result of which the "Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow receives grants and other funds from the state budget under the terms established for public institutions" These means, however, currently cover 72% of expenses of the University and do not yet cover the costs of investments, since they are allocated in separate proceedings (specially prepared applications are necessary) and depend on the capabilities of the state budget. The rest of financial resources must therefore be covered from other sources. Therefore, the Foundation popularizes University's activities through various means available to it.

An important event in the Foundation's activities was the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its erection. The Foundation was established on February 2, 1990 by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the then Metropolitan of Krakow and the Grand Chancellor of the University (then Academy) and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Waclaw Świerzawski, who was then the rector of our Institution. On Monday, February 1, 2010, the celebration of this anniversary began with the Holy Mass in St. Mark's Church in Krakow. His Excellency

Bishop Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Pieronek, former rector of the University, presided over it. The musical side was prepared by the choir *Psalmodia*. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Delimat played the organ.

In two decades of the Foundation's activities its two most important works should be highlighted. The first is the transfer in 1999 the amount of almost 2 million zlotys for the construction of the Main Library on the campus, which has just been opened. Another important and valuable achievement is funding the purchase of pipe organs for the Interuniversity Institute for Church Music, on which students will learn the skills necessary both to work as an organist in churches and to acquire master skills of a virtuoso organist. The instrument, manufactured by a renowned German company Klais, will be one of the biggest concert instruments in Krakow. Their construction will last until 2011 and is funded by the Ministry of Culture and International Culture and from the Foundation's own resources. After the construction, the instrument will be given to the Pontifical University. In the past academic year, the Foundation funded 15 student projects and 8 projects by various university units. The grant also benefited the choir *Psalmodia*, which was able to go on a tour of Germany and Belgium.

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

The University prays for its all deceased employees and all deceased Krakow academics in a solemn Mass officiated in St. Anne's Collegiate Church in Krakow. Last year the Mass was said on November 16, 2009.

Finally, sad events which also happen in the life of the University must be mentioned. In the first place it was the tragic death of the President of the Republic of Poland Lech Kaczynski, his wife, members of the Polish delegation and the crew of the aircraft, which happened on April 10, 2010, as a result of the presidential plane crash at the airport in Smolensk (Russia) during the trip to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Katyń massacre. A Mass was held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church on April 14, 2010 in the intention of the disaster victims, their families, and the grieving Homeland.

Painfully and unexpectedly, our University has been affected by the death of Rev. Dr. Józef Rapacz, who died on February 6, 2010, at the age of 54 and in his 28<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood. He was the Deputy Director of the Institute of Canon Law and an Assistant Professor at the Chair of Church System and Personal Rights at the Faculty of Theology. He was a respected professor of canon law, the author of numerous publications in this field. He was a defender of the marital bond in the Metropolitan Court in Krakow. He was also a member of the International Association *Consociatio Internationalis Studio*

*Iuris Canonici pro Promovendo.* Rev. Józef Rapacz was buried in a cemetery in his home parish of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr in Raba Wyżna. The funeral took place on February 9, 2010.

With deep sorrow we said goodbye to Bartłomiej Zdunka (Zdunek), a third year student of Journalism and Social Communication at the Faculty of Social Sciences. He died on February 26, 2010, at the age of 22. The funeral Mass was said on March 2, 2010 in the church in Strzelce Wielkie.

Also with great sadness we said goodbye to Mrs. Dr. Hab. Hanna Szymańska, who passed away after a serious illness on September 25, 2010 at age of 66. She worked at the Institute of History of Art and Culture and was the Head of the Department of History of Ancient and Medieval Art at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage. After the Funeral Mass on October 1, 2010, she was interred at the Salwator Cemetery in Krakow.

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