

**BEATIFICATION OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDER
614TH ACADEMIC YEAR
AT THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF JOHN PAUL II
IN KRAKOW**

The beatification of the founder of the University, Pope John Paul II, who in 1981 established the Pontifical Academy of Theology, was an exceptional event not only in this academic year but in the entire history of the University. Rector, Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, Vice rector Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. M. Ostrowski, Vice Rector Rev. Dr. Hab. A. Baron, Rev. Dr. Hab. J. D. Szczurek, Dean of the Theological Faculty, Rev. A. Kopicz, M.A., Chancellor and many employees and students were present at the beatification ceremony on May 1, 2011.

The 614th academic year 2010/2011 began with a traditional pilgrimage to a Marian Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska on Thursday, September 30, 2010. The pilgrimage began with a lecture “The Word of God transforms those who accept it with faith”, which was delivered by Rev. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński. It was followed by a solemn concelebrated High Mass presided over by the University Rector, Rev. Prof. Władysław Zuziak. Fr. Stefan Żołneczko, B.A., OFM Cap, Rector of the Higher Seminary of the capuchins, delivered the homily. In the afternoon, the Way of the Cross service, prepared by the students of theology, was held on the Calvary Paths. The participants of 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 prompt beatification of the Servant of God John Paul II, founder of our University (which was then the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow).

The solemn inauguration of the 2010/2011 academic year was held on Friday, October 22, 2010. The inauguration date, different from the originally planned, was dictated by the Cardinal’s schedule. The inaugural ceremony consisted of two parts: the liturgical part held in St. Anne’s

Collegiate Church and the academic part held at the Krakow Philharmonic Hall. Cardinal Stanisław Ryłko, President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, 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 Grand Chancellor of the University, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, who thanked the outgoing Rector, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Maciej Dyduch for six years of his work for the University and congratulated the new rector, Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, Professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II (UPJPII), on his nomination and wished him fruitful cooperation with the University academic circle.

Then the floor was taken by the rector of our *Almae Matris*, Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, Professor of UPJPII. Having greeted the distinguished guests, he presented the accomplishments of the University in the previous academic year and pointed out the new directions of its development. He mentioned important symposia (on priesthood, on the occasion of the 90th birthday of the Servant of God John Paul II and the Church-state relations, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Institute of Canon Law,) program “Podkowa” on drawing up and digitalizing the Church documents in the East, the consent of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education to open the second degree (M.A.) studies in journalism and social communication, and moving the Library to the new Main Library building at 10 Bobrzyńskiego Street, next to the new Campus of the Jagiellonian University, which has just begun. At the end of his address, the rector expressed his hope that the construction of the center of research and teaching on the Campus will start soon and his willingness to educate “people thoroughly prepared for the challenges of the world”

After the Rector’s address the floor was taken by Archbishop Celestino Migliore – Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, who gave greetings and wishes from Pope Benedict XVI and expressed his support for research work at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. He wished the University further successful development.

It is worth mentioning here that the Primate of Poland, Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk, Cardinal Józef Glemp, Senior Primate, Archbishop Józef Michalik, Chairman of the Conference of the Polish Episcopate, Cardinal Marian Jaworski, Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz, Metropolitan of Warsaw, Archbishop Józef Życiński, Metropolitan of Lublin, Archbishop Wojciech Ziemba, Metropolitan of Warmia and many other well-known public and Church personages sent their letters of congratulations and

telegrams for the inauguration ceremony. All letters express appreciation for our University and wishes for continuing its dynamic 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. Several persons received a *Medal of the Pontificate of John Paul II for services to the Archdiocese of Krakow*. Cardinal Dziwisz presented it first to the previous rector of our University, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Maciej Dyduch, thanking him for his work to transform the Pontifical Academy of Theology to the Pontifical University of John Paul II and to recognize and approve the change by the highest authorities of the Republic of Poland. Then, the Cardinal presented the medal to the Małopolska Marshall Marek Nawara. Thanks to his support and the support of the office whose head he was, the construction and furnishing of the Main Library is now in its final stage. The Library will serve not only the students and staff of our University but the whole academic community in Krakow. The *Medal of the Pontificate* was also awarded to Members of Parliament: Senator Prof. Kazimierz Wiatr, Senator Dr. Stanisław Bisztyga, Senator Zbigniew Cichoń, M.P. Ireneusz Raś and M.P. Prof. Zbigniew Wassermann, posthumously. During the inauguration, staff and students of our University were honored as well. Rector's Awards for outstanding research, educational and organizational achievements were awarded to 27 people, and to 6 persons for their generous work for the University. The prize for the best thesis was awarded to 14 people. For outstanding organizational achievements and a very active work for the Student Government two people were given awards.

The inaugural lecture "Man on a pilgrimage", delivered by the founder of the Department of Geography of Religion at the Jagiellonian University, Prof. Dr. Hab. Antoni Jackowski, concluded the ceremony. Professor Jackowski pointed out that man is wanderer, and his journeys have many dimensions: historical, geographical, cultural and religious.

The University 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, the Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, the Chairman of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, former Metropolitan of Krakow, bishops from neighboring dioceses (Archbishop Stanisław Nowak – Metropolitan of Częstochowa, Bishop of Tarnów, Wiktor Skworc, and Bishop of Sosnowiec, Grzegorz Kaszak,) consuls of Ukraine, Germany and Austria, rectors of Catholic institutions of higher education in Poland, deans of theological faculties, representatives of senates of higher education in-

stitutions in Krakow as well as representatives of the city and regional authorities.

The fifth “Days of John Paul II” (November 3–5, 2010) 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 “Freedom” 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 character, the Days are aimed to inspire academic research and popularize the heritage of the Pope John Paul II. They are held in early November (which is connected with the feast day 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 2010 the “Days of John Paul II” were organized by the University of Science and Technology AGH. The following people extended their honorary patronage for the event: His Eminence Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, His Eminence Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the Governor of Krakow, Stanisław Kracik, the Marshal of Małopolska Region, Marek Nawara and the Mayor of Krakow, Prof. Jacek Majchrowski. The program of the Days included academic sessions “Freedom and its consequences” and “Freedom in the Teaching of John Paul II” as well as many other cultural events including a contest 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 the Wawel Cathedral, which concluded the Days.

Each anniversary of the foundation by Pope John Paul II of the Pontifical Academy of Theology, presently the Pontifical University of John Paul II (December 8, 1981) is an important annual event in the life of the academic community. The main event of the celebrations is a solemn concelebrated Mass in the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist. This year, however, there was the 20th Anniversary of the Saint Queen Jadwiga Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. On this occasion, on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in the Krakow Philharmonic Hall a special concert was organized under the patronage of the Metropolitan of Krakow, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, Bishop Wacław Świerzawski, Mayor of Krakow, Prof. Jacek Majchrowski and the Governor of Małopolska, Stanisław Kracik. Choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Włodzimierz Siedlik, the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Prof. Stanisław Krawczyński, Rector of the Musical Academy in Krakow, and a well-known Krakow artist as a special guest Andrzej Sikorowski played and sang during the Mass. In

his speech, Cardinal Dziwisz thanked all the donors and benefactors of the Foundation, thanks to whom it can serve and promote the University.

Each anniversary of the foundation of the Faculty of Theology in Krakow (January 11, 1397) is celebrated with equal solemnity. Conferment of academic degrees constitutes the focal point of the ceremony. Anniversary celebrations took place on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. The University community thanked God for the 614 years of His care over the Faculty in a solemn Mass celebrated by the Grand Chancellor of the University, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz in the Wawel Cathedral. The homily was delivered by Rev. Dr. Hab. Arkadiusz Baron, Professor of UPJPII. After the mass, promotions ceremony was held, during which the doctoral degrees were awarded to 11 people (8 people from the Faculty of Theology, one person from the Faculty of Philosophy and 2 from the Department of History and Cultural Heritage,) and nine persons received post-doctoral degree (Dr. Hab.). From the theological sciences: Rev. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Gryz, Rev. Dr. Hab. Szymon Jackowski-Fedorowicz, Rev. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Kraj, Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala, from the humanities in history: Fr. Dr. Hab. Zdzisław Gogola, OFMConv, Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Tabor, CR, Rev. Dr. Hab. Robert Tyrała, from the humanities in philosophy: Rev. Dr. Hab. Adam Olszewski, from legal sciences: Rev. Dr. Hab. Piotr Majer. The diploma ascertaining employment at the position of full professor was awarded to the employee of the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Kościelniak from the Faculty of Theology and Fr. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Napiórkowski, OSPPE. Rev. Prof. Kościelniak thanked for the promotions on behalf of all promoted persons.

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 Monday, May 9, 2011, were presided over by the Grand Chancellor of the Academy, who expressed his joy and wished the University further prosperous development. Doctor diplomas were handed to 5 people (3 – from the Faculty of Theology, and 2 – from the Faculty of Philosophy). Diplomas of Habilitated Doctor were handed in to: Rev. Dr. Hab. Janusz Szulist from the Faculty of Theology, Fr. Dr. Hab. Matthew Hołub, SDB and Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Oko from the Department of Philosophy and Rev. Dr. Hab. Mieczysław Różański and Dr. Hab. Jakub Sadowski from the Department of History and Cultural Heritage. Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Oko spoke on behalf of the promoted. Then the floor was taken by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, who ended the meeting by extend-

ing his wishes for prosperous development and a prayer to St. John of Kęty, the 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. Within the Erasmus Program we cooperate with the following institutions: Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Germany); Danmark Medieog Journalisthojskole Aarhus (Denmark); Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku (Slovakia); Ostravská univerzita v Ostrave (the Czech Republic); Prešovská univerzita v Prešove (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 Komenskeho v Bratislave (Slovakia); Vilniaus Universitetas (Lithuania). In the past academic year the University began cooperation in this field with: Pontifical University, St. Patrick’s College Maynooth (Ireland), University of Malta (Malta), Katholieke Universitet Leuven (Belgium), Universisade Catolica Portuguesa (Portugal), Universisad Complutense de Madrid (Spain). Last year our University also started cooperation with two institutions in Slovakia: University in Prešov (Prešovská Univerzita v Prešove) and with the Komensky University in Bratislava (Univerzita Komenskeho v Bratislave). 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. In this academic year, nine students spent some time studying abroad, 13 students had their internship abroad, nine faculty members lectured in a foreign partner university while 15 employees have benefited from trainings. We notice an increasing interest among students in pursuing part of their studies (usually one semester) at a foreign university.

The above mentioned cooperation with the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the Ruhr University in Bochum (Germany) deserves a special mention. The cooperation consisted in an exchange, which was organized in such a way that professors (usually two) went to Bochum in the fall, and in the spring professors from Bochum came to Krakow. Since 1997 students of both Institutions have participated in the exchange. Presently, the visits take place once a year – in May. This year two professors from Germany visited our institution along with 12 students. They carried on

the visit program with our students. The meeting was held on May 4–8, 2011. The program included a guest lecture, held on May 6, 2011. It was delivered by Rev. Prof. Stefan Böntert. The topic of the lecture was: *Orientierung the Chaos und Aufbruch in die Hoffnung. Liturgiewissenschaftliche Aspekte zu Ritualen in der Notfallseelsorge* (Orientation in the chaos and a new hope. Pastoral rituals in an emergency from the perspective of liturgics.) The lecture was met with great interest. Another professor who accompanied the students from Bochum was Rev. Prof. Christof Breitsameter. He is responsible for the organization of cooperation on the German side. On the part of our University the responsible person is Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Dziedzic.

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 11th 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 9, 2011. The focal issue was: “The Ethical dimension of politics”

The Conference was opened by Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek. The next speaker was Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. He reminded the listeners that there are “traps of democracy which make it become a dictatorship of «narrow groups of leaders who for their own particular benefits, or ideological objectives usurp power in the country» (John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 46)” Then the floor was taken by the presidents: President of Poland Bronisław Komorowski and President of the Federal Republic of Germany Christian Wulff. President Komorowski stressed that politicians have “a special responsibility for the decisions, the quality and level of dialogue and shaping the public space” Introductory addresses were delivered by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Chairman, Prof. Hans-Gert Poettering (Germany), the Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, Archbishop Celestino Migliore (Vatican City), Christine Lieberknecht, Prime Minister of Thuringia (Germany), Vice Chairman of the Christian Democrats in the European Parliament, Othmar Karas (Austria) and Member of the European Parliament Jacek Saryusz-Wolski (Poland).

The speeches were followed by the first session devoted to the issue of ethics in politics, during which presentations were given by: former Vatican spokesman Prof. Joaquín Navarro-Valls (Spain) and European

Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection John Dalli (Malta). The discussion panel was attended by the already mentioned Christine Lieberknecht and MEP Mario Mauro (Italy) and Secretary of State for churches, minorities and social contacts in the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration of the Republic of Hungary László Szászfalvi (Hungary). During the second session, devoted to the issue of relations between the Churches and Europe “after Lisbon”, speeches were delivered by: the Under-Secretary for Relations with States at the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, Prelate Dr. Ettore Balestrero (Vatican City), Member of the European Parliament on behalf of the Christian Democrats Elmar Brok (Germany.) The participants of the discussion panel were: MEP of the Christian Democrats Tunne Kelam (Estonia) and Secretary General of COMECE Rev. Prof. Piotr Mazurkiewicz (Brussels). In the evening, conference participants heard the Mass in the Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop nominee Prof. Grzegorz Ryś, who also delivered the homily.

The third session on the second day was devoted to the issue of Christian values in the activities of politicians. Presentations were delivered by: representative of the Polish Episcopal Conference in COMECE Bishop Dr. Piotr Jarecki and MEP of the Christian Democrats Dr. Jan Olbrycht (Poland). The panel discussion was attended by MEP of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats Dr. Wojciech Olejniczak (Poland), Member of the European Parliament of the European Conservatives and Reformists Konrad Szymański (Poland) and MEP of the Christian Democrats Róża Thun (Poland). The conference was summarized by the Chairman of the R. Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg, Jacques Santer. At the conclusion of the Conference spoke the rector of our university, Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, Prof. of UPJPII.

The conference was prepared by the Pontifical University of John Paul II in cooperation with the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxemburg, the Conrad Adenauer Foundation and 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 Gliwice¹

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

¹ More information about the Conference: <http://www.kosciol-europa.org.pl> (December 29, 2011). Materials from the previous conferences (in Polish) can be also found on that website.

of John Paul II's Thought" As part of these conferences an open lecture "Why do we need feminism?" was delivered on January 13, 2011 by Dr. Aneta Gawkowska from the Warsaw University. The Center also publishes an academic series entitled: "Studia nad myślą Jana Pawła II" (Studies of John Paul II's Thought.) The following volumes in this series have recently been published: J. Kupczak, M. Zboralska (ed.), *Czym jest nowy feminizm?* (What is the new feminism?) Krakow 2010, vol. 8; J. Kupczak, D. Radziechowski (ed.) *Jan Paweł II. Posługa myślenia* (John Paul II. The ministry of thinking) Krakow 2011, vol. 9; J. Tebień *Taka milcząca wzajemność. „Pieśń o Bogu ukrytym” Karola Wojtyły w świetle doktryny św. Jana od Krzyża* (Such a silent reciprocity «The Song of the Hidden God» by Karol Wojtyła in the light of the doctrine of St. John of the Cross) Krakow 2011, vol. 10.

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 extends his honorary patronage to the event. The 11th "Tischner's Days" were held on April 27–30, 2011. The following events were included in the Days: An international academic session "Faces and Masks of Patriotism", Philosophical Meeting of the Young, a series of meetings, "We read Tischner", and an exhibition of paintings by Marian Gromada. The "Days" began with a Mass in the Collegiate Church of St. Anne. It was presided over by Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek, who also delivered the homily. The program of the academic session included the following presentations: "Patriotism as a «mistake» and a «virtue»" – Prof. George Szacki (Professor Emeritus of the University of Warsaw), "Is there a metaphysics of the state?" – Dr. Marek A. Cichocki (the University of Warsaw), "Existential sources of patriotism and social reality" – Dr. Tadeusz Szawiel (the University of Warsaw), "Motherland and patriotism in the spirit of Tischner" – Prof. Zbigniew Stawrowski (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), "Nationalism vs. patriotism", Dr. Jan Čarnogurský (former Prime Minister of Slovakia, lawyer), "Polish national gnosis" – Prof. Bronisław Łagowski (Professor Emeritus of the Pedagogical University in Krakow), "The street as a national theater. Patriotism after April 10" – Prof. Dariusz Kosiński (Jagiellonian University), "The Future of patriotism" – Dr Dariusz Gawin (the University of Warsaw).

The so called *Colloquia Tischneriana* are connected with the "Tischner's Days" They are a series of lectures that honor Rev. Prof. Józef

Tischner. As part of this year's *Colloquia*, Prof. Władysław Stróżewski from the Jagiellonian University delivered a lecture "Problems of participation", which was held on April 29, 2011 in the aula *Auditorium Maximum* of the Jagiellonian University.

One of the main tasks of the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue is concern for unity among Christians. Each year the Institute actively participates in the organization of the Week of Prayers for the Unity Among 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 16–23, 2011 under the motto, the words of the Book of Acts of the Apostles: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2: 42). The Week of Prayers was organized by the Krakow Branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council, and Ecumenical Ministry of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue at our University. The 14th Day of Judaism in the Catholic Church in Poland was held on January 12, 2011 under the motto "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there..." (Genesis 22: 2). The event was organized by the Jewish Community in Krakow, Ecumenical Ministry of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the Interdepartmental Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue. The prayer meeting at the Tempel Synagogue in Krakow was led by Rabbi Boaz Pasz, and attended by Rabbi Edgar Gluck, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Metropolitan of Krakow, and Cardinal Franciszek Macharski. The 11th Day of Islam in the Catholic Church in Poland was celebrated on February 1, 2011. Its keynote were the words, "Christians and Muslims together in order to overcome violence among followers of different religions" The Franciscan Basilica in Krakow was the venue of the celebration of God's Word, which was ministered by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. Representatives of the Muslim League in Poland – mufti Nedal Abu Tabaq, Mr. Abdul Jabbar Koubaisy from the Board of the League, and Mr. Sami Nouigi, both from the Silesian Branch of the League, as well as Fr. Adam Waś, SVD, co-president of the Joint Council of Catholics and Muslims The participants were present at the event, which was organized by the Ecumenical Ministry of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the Interdisciplinary Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue.

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 em-

ployees of our University. Some of them were organized jointly with external institutions. Below are some of them.

The Chair of Pastoral Theology at the Theological Faculty together with the Greek Catholic Theological Faculty at the University of Prešov (Slovakia) and the management of the Botanical Garden of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow organized the 18th seminar on “The sacred and nature”, which was held on October 9–10, 2010 in the Botanical Garden in Krakow and was entitled “The garden of the Lord” Lecturers from various countries and academic disciplines focused on a wealth of aspects of reality that are hidden in the notion of “The garden of the Lord” They pointed to the mysteries of living nature and demonstrated the spiritual dimension of man’s reference to his environment. The papers from the symposium were published in the book: J. Brusilo (ed.), *The Garden of the Lord. The 18th International Seminar “The Sacred and Nature”*, Krakow 2010.

Ethics plays an important role in public life, though it is sometimes ignored by politicians. Searching for answers to contemporary ethical questions, the Chair of Ethics at the Faculty of Philosophy held the third academic conference in the series: “Ethics and public life” Its theme was “Authenticity and public life” The conference took place on October 19–20, 2010. Its goal was “to discuss the phenomenon of authenticity and its manifestations, and answer the question what it means to be authentic in today’s world and whether it pays to be authentic” The papers focused on the following topics: authentic attitude in public life, authenticity in ethics – ethics of authenticity, authenticity in words, authenticity in politics, authenticity in public life. The authors of the papers were researchers from our University, several other universities in Poland, Germany (1 person) and Slovakia (2 people) – in all 19 people delivered their papers.

The Chair of Catholic Social Science of the Family Institute at the Faculty of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Chair of Family Sciences at the Pedagogical Faculty of the Higher School of Philosophy and Education “Ignatianum” in Krakow and the Regional Center for Social Policy in Krakow organized a conference on responsible parenthood on the threshold of the 21st century – its opportunities and threats. It took place on October 20, 2010 in the aula of the Higher School of Philosophy and Education “Ignatianum” in Krakow. This was the third conference of this type, promoting the teaching of John Paul II about the family.

A return to the roots is a continuous challenge for the liturgists. “«Ad fontes liturgicos» i.e. a return to the origins. Methodology and theology in the study of liturgical sources” was the subject of an international liturgical symposium, which was held on October 21, 2010 in the building of

the Higher Seminary of the Diocese of Sosnowiec in Krakow. The symposium was organized by the Liturgical Institute at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Ukrainian Liturgical Centre in Lvov (Ukraine) and the Greek Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Prešov (Slovakia). The symposium speakers from three countries (Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia) and three churches: Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic and Orthodox presented their papers. Thanks to their passion for research and knowledge about liturgical sources, they were able to show that these sources are not only testimony of the liturgy of the past centuries, but also a living inspiration for theology and liturgy, which should be used not only by scientists, but also by the liturgy participants.

Care for students with disabilities is the center of attention of the University authorities. The Office for Persons with Disabilities is directly responsible for assisting the disabled students. They were the addressees of the Integration Days organized for the third time in a row in Krakow. This year, the Days were held on October 26–28, 2010. The main idea was to integrate as much as possible the academic circle in Krakow, as well as to increase the availability of higher education institutions for students with disabilities. There is an “Agreement” between Krakow higher education institutions on working for the disabled. The agreement includes the following institutions: University of Science and Technology AGH, Krakow University of Technology, University of Economics, University of Education, Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and recently the Jagiellonian University.

The Institute of Family Studies at our University, together with the Interdepartmental Institute of Bioethics and the Chair of General Moral Theology and the Chair of Detailed Moral Theology organized a symposium entitled “«Evanglium Vitae» – a bridge to the future”, which was held on November 4, 2010. It was organized to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope John Paul II of the encyclical “Evangelium vitae”. In the first part of the symposium speakers delivered papers discussing biblical, philosophical and social bases and the implications of the encyclical. In the second part of the symposium, bioethical issues were the focus of attention, in particular the recent problems in the area of biomedical science and the facts foreboding problems to be solved in the near future. A Polish version of the document of the International Theological Commission of March 27, 2009, “In search of universal ethics: a new look at natural law”, which was published by our Academic Publishing House, was presented during the symposium.

Concern about developing good relations with the Orthodox Church is one of the tasks of the Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue. The Institute

organized an ecumenical session entitled “Orthodox Church, Catholicism and the Polish-Russian reconciliation” The session was held on November 9, 2010 and was attended by Dr. Svetlana Panicz of the Orthodox Church, journalist Adam Hlebowicz of the Roman Catholic Church, and Dr. Marek Kita of our University. During the session, answers to such questions as: “What can the sister churches do for the genuine brotherhood of the two nations? How to avoid manipulation by political forces, cultivate confidence without falling into the naivety and keep realism without falling into cynicism?” were searched for.

Honoring our researcher with the highest academic honors, which is an honorary doctorate *honoris causa*, is a source of pride. This year, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Michał Heller, Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, received this award from the University of Life Sciences in Poznań. The ceremony was held in Poznań on November 18, 2010. Rev. Prof. Heller is a full professor of our University, adjunct scholar of the Vatican Astronomical Observatory, a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in Rome, the winner of the Templeton Prize in 2008, the founder and director of the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Krakow, and the author of numerous cosmological scientific and popular publications.

Bonus Radio started a regular twenty-four-hour webcast on November 19, 2010. It is a newly established student radio station at our University. Its purpose is to promote the University, each of its departments and programs, and document important events in the life of the University and Krakow. *Bonus* collaborates with the Vatican Radio, audio service KAI and national radio stations. The Radio is also a place where students can have their practice.

The chair of Metaphysics at the Faculty of Philosophy organized an international metaphysical symposium “Kant and St. Thomas – in a dialogue. The metaphysics of transcendental Thomism”, which took place on December 2, 2010 at our University. During the symposium, two professors from the University of Innsbruck (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Otto Muck, SJ, and Prof. Dr. Hab. Winfried Löffler,) one professor from the School of Philosophy and Education “Ignatianum” in Krakow (Rev. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Śnieżyński) and one of our University professors (Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Oko) delivered papers.

The Saint Queen Jadwiga Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, along with the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and the Chair of Philosophy of Logics at the Faculty of Philosophy organized a conference on “The Existence of God. Theism – agnosticism – atheism” The conference was held on December 3, 2010

and was part of celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Foundation. The aim of the conference was to show the current status of discussions on the evidence of the existence of God. The introductory lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Woleński, a professor at the Jagiellonian University, a determined opponent of the evidence.

Students, and particularly doctoral students actively popularize the results of research. The Philosophy Students' Scientific Circle organized the 3rd National Interdisciplinary Student Conference "Rationality of God? Around the thought of Michał Heller". During the conference, which took place on December 10–12, 2010, students from various Polish universities presented their papers. The topics varied from the feminist theology through the concept of God in Islam, and legal issues to the proof of Stephen Hawking on the nonexistence of God. The conference was honored at the national contest "StRuNa 2011" (an abbreviation of the name St-udencki Ru-ch Na-ukowy /Student Academic Movement,) organized under the patronage of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in the category "Conference of the Year 2011"

Developing historical awareness in the international context undoubtedly contributes to a better cooperation. This also applies to relations with Ukraine, as illustrates the history of Lvov University. Our University, along with the Jagiellonian University, Higher School of Philosophy and Education "Ignatianum" and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, was a co-organizer of a scientific session entitled "350 Years of Lvov University" The session took place on January 14–15, 2011 in the building of "Ignatianum" and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Krakow. The speakers tried to show the function the university served in the Polish state, uniting diverse cultures, languages and religions. The University often served as a fortress, defending Western civilization in the Eastern Borderlands of Poland. It was created following the Foundation Act of King John Casimir on January 20, 1661 as the Academy of Lvov, which was later equalized in rights and privileges with the Krakow institution (Jagiellonian University). The University, as a Polish institution of higher education, was active until December 1939, although its clandestine units survived until 1945. Since 1944 it has been in operation as the Ivan Franko National University of Lvov. Unfortunately, historians from the Lvov University did not participate in the session, although they had earlier committed to it.

Studies on the influence of the Bible on culture and popularization of knowledge of the Bible are one of the worthwhile activities of the Chair of Theology and Biblical Computer Science at the Faculty of Theology. The Chair organized the 8th International and Interdisciplinary Sympo-

sium “The Bible in the culture of the world”, held on February 17, 2011 in the Seminary of the Capuchin Order in Krakow under the patronage of the Association of Polish Bible scholars. The Chair organized a similar symposium in Horodok in Podolia (Ukraine), which was held on May 3, 2011 in the Seminary of the Diocese of Kamieniec Podolski. The papers delivered at the symposium in Krakow were prepared by biblical scholars from our University, an employee of the University of Agriculture in Krakow, academics from the Slovak universities (Catholic University of Ružomberok, University of Prešov) and Ukraine (Lvov Theological Institute, Seminary in Horodok in Podolia.) The Symposium referred to entry 110 of the “Apostolic Exhortation «Verbum Domini»” by Pope Benedict XVI, where the connections between Scripture and culture are discussed.

The Chair of General Pedagogy, the Chair of Moral Theology and the Section of Pedagogy and Moral Theology of the Polish Society of Theology in Krakow organized a symposium entitled “At the intersection of morality and pedagogy” The session was held on February 21, 2011 at the Seminary in Krakow. The papers covered such issues as education in the moral formation of a Catholic, the media in moral and pedagogical aspect, *in vitro* and informal relationships – also in the moral and educational aspect.

The Chair of Ecclesiology at the Faculty of Theology organized an academic conference on “Ecumenical dialogue and the «missio Ecclesiae»” The conference was held on March 3, 2011 at the Krakow Seminary. The topic of the papers was the question of how ecumenical dialogue serves the mission of the Church.

Popularization of monastic spirituality is one of the goals of the Chair of Spirituality of Media and Social Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Along with the Congregation of the Resurrection (Province of Poland), it organized another symposium in a series “Spirituality of Polish Monasteries. Transmission and communication” and another entitled “The Servant of God Fr Peter Semenenko, CR and resurrectionist school of spirituality” The Symposium was held on March 15, in Krakow.

The doctrine of the Eucharist differentiates Churches and ecclesial communities. Its impact on their development was discussed at an ecumenical conference entitled “Does the Eucharist build the Church? The place and role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church”, which took place on March 17, 2011. The conference was organized by the Chair of Ecumenism at the Faculty of Theology and the Missionary Seminary of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in Stadniki near Krakow.

The latest exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI “Verbum Domini” was the subject of a panel discussion entitled “The sacramental character of

the Word of God” organized by the Liturgical Institute at the Department of Theology. The discussion was held on March 24, 2011. The purpose of the discussion, similar to that which the Pope appointed to the 12th General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was to explore the role of the Word of God in the life and mission of the Church.

The study of the relationship between mind and brain is one of the most fascinating issues of modern anthropology. The results of research in this area were the subject of a panel discussion on “Consciousness: the spirit or the machine?” which took place on March 30, 2011. The Faculty of Philosophy organized the discussion with the involvement of lecturers in the field of “Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Sciences”

Popularization of the Bible is done also through reading the Word of God by the community. Each year the “Ecumenical Bible Days” and a “Bible Week in the Catholic Church” are organized. On this occasion, the next “Ecumenical Bible Marathon” was held on May 8, 2011. It was organized under the motto “Do not let evil overcome you, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21) by the Interdisciplinary Institute for Ecumenism and Dialogue, Ecumenical Pastoral Unit of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the Krakow Branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council.

The development of good relations with Judaism is the duty of the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue. On May 11, 2011 it organized the second installment of “Conversations with a Rabbi” devoted to the Song of Songs Book, and entitled “The Song of Songs – Shir Haszirim – s poem of God in love” The conversation with the Chief Rabbi of Krakow, Boaz Pasz, was conducted by journalist Janusz Poniewierski.

A debate on the subject of the cross in the public space recurs in Poland from time to time. Joining the debate, the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage organized a panel discussion devoted to the theology and symbolism of the cross “Nonsense – scandal – wisdom – salvation” The panel took place on May 12, 2011 and included a performance of students from the Interuniversity Institute of Ecclesial Music (our University – Academy of Music) entitled “Songs of the Wawel Rorantists”

The inter-religion and intercultural dialogue serves to expand the mission of the Church. Therefore, the Chair of History of Religions of the Middle and Far East organized a conference “From St. Thomas to Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta – Indian faces of Christianity”. The conference was held on May 16, 2011. The aim was to show richness and diversity of Christian traditions in India, including thriving Catholicism. The papers also allow us to understand India and the Indian model of democracy initiated by Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948). It is of great importance for re-

search into the possibilities of introducing this system in other Asian countries and supporting the democratization of the region. This can improve the condition of religious minorities, mainly Christians living in this huge country.

For the second time this year, the problems associated with the relationship “brain-mind” were the subject of a panel discussion on “The mind: what can’t computers do?” The discussion was organized by the teaching staff of the “Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Sciences” at the Faculty of Philosophy and was held on May 18, 2011 at the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies².

The discussion preceded the 15th Krakow Methodological Conference: “The Emotional Brain: From The Humanities to Neuroscience and Back Again”. The conference took place on May 19–20, 2011, and its guest of honor was Professor Joseph LeDoux of New York University. The organizers of the conference, alongside our University, were: The Copernicus Center, Jagiellonian University and Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences. The conference sought an answer to the question: Can both disciplines – the humanities and neuroscience – enrich and educate each other and close the gap between the Geisteswissenschaften and Naturwissenschaften. Or maybe it is neuro-science that will dominate the reflection over the human emotional life? Or possibly it will stay as it is: two separate disciplines, two separate methods, with no real point of contact?³

The matters associated with the ethical dimension of mass media are often discussed at our University, as they constitute an important element of modern public life. The Institute of Journalism and Social Communication, together with the Section of the Polish Society of Social Communication “Aksjologia Komunikowania” (Axiology of Communication) organized the 5th International Scientific Conference of Media Ethics. The conference “Responsibility in mass media – responsibility of mass media” took place on May 19–20, 2011. The conference was to analyze the issue of responsibility of mass media from different perspectives of media studies. There is no doubt that the media have a potential of good that can be realized through responsible action. Irresponsibility of the media inhibits social progress and harms human integral welfare.

The attitude to religion in modern society depends largely on the ideas about it circulated in the period of totalitarianism. Knowing these ideas will help understand many contemporary social phenomena. Therefore, in

² Read more about the Center (in English and Polish): <http://www.copernicus-center.edu.pl> (December 30, 2011).

³ Read more about the conference (in English and Polish): <http://www.emotional-brain.pl> (December 30, 2011).

order to look into these matters, the Laboratory of Research on the History and Culture of the Totalitarian and Post-totalitarian Space at our University organized a scientific session “The USSR and religion”, which took place on May 26, 2011. The session was a review of young scientists research on Sovietology.

The ethical dimension of economic activity has been the subject of research carried out by the Chair of Detailed Moral Theology at the Faculty of Theology. To disseminate its results, the Chair organized a symposium “Priorities of the ethical businessman – profit, mission, or sainthood?”, which was held on May 26, 2011. The symposium was co-organized by the Pastoral Office of Entrepreneurs and Employers “Talent”

The debate on the identity of Europe has been going on. Its Christian roots are not obvious to everyone. Therefore, our Faculty of Theology organized an academic symposium “Creating a new Europe in the 5th and 6th centuries”. The Symposium was held on May 27, 2011. The speakers focused on the influence of the councils on the changes that happened in the 5th and 6th centuries, pastoral problems of the time and the costs of those changes.

One of the more important theological problems, which is now the subject of heated discussions and which is of great importance to the everyday life of the Church, is the issue of celibacy. The subject of discussion is primarily the question of the relationship of celibacy and the ministerial priesthood and the doubts of some theologians as to whether celibacy has a many-faceted suitability for the priesthood. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is also interested in this issue and it asked the Polish Bishops' Conference to organize a symposium on the subject. This honorable task was entrusted to the Faculty of Theology. A national symposium “The relevance of celibacy in relation to priesthood” was held on June 2, 2011 under the patronage of the Polish Episcopal Conference. The papers dealt with anthropological, psychological and pedagogical issues connected with celibacy, the development of understanding celibacy from the Bible through the writings of the fathers of the Church and theologians to the teaching of Vatican II, as well as legal issues and the issues of spiritual life. A book with the materials from this conference is being prepared.

Interdisciplinary studies can help overcome the tensions arising between various disciplines of knowledge, particularly between natural science, theology and logic. One of the issues currently under discussion in this area is the Church's Thesis. It is a thesis on the capabilities of computers and other computing machines. A conference on Church's Thesis: *Logic, Mind and Nature*, organized jointly by the journal “Studia Logica”,

the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and the Faculty of Philosophy at our University was devoted to this issue. The conference was held on June 3–5, 2011. The main goals of the conference included the discussion over the major results concerning the Church's Thesis, as well as the presentation of contemporary approaches to the problems connected with it.

Another issue of interdisciplinary nature is the question of life and what it is. The answers were sought during a scientific conference entitled "What is life? Theology, Science and Philosophy" Our University was the co-organizer, together with the Center of Theology and Philosophy, The University of Nottingham and the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology (DePaul University), the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Evans Chair for Religious Understanding (Brigham Young University), Institute for Faith and Learning (Baylor University), Academia Internacional de Filosofía (Instituto de Filosofía Edith Stein, Granada), Athenaeum Centre for the Social Doctrine of the Church (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan). The conference was held on June 24–28, 2011. The goal of the conference was to analyze all major issues related to the concept of life. In this way, the organizers wanted to respond to various forms of modern nihilism, which is expressed in the belief that ethics became an illusion fobbed off on us by our genes, objects were fictions, more akin to Homer's gods than real things, life and death no longer appeared to be viable or real terms, and lastly, the self was revealed to be non-existent.

Religious faith is studied not only by theology but also the philosophy of religion. The state of contemporary philosophy raises questions about the directions of development of philosophy of religion in the coming decades. This issue was discussed at the international conference on *Philosophy of Religion in the 21st Century*. The conference took place on June 27–29, 2011 and its organizers, in addition to the Chair of Philosophy of God at the Faculty of Philosophy, was the magazine "European Journal for Philosophy of Religion". The aim of the conference was to reflect on the most important problems, which will be dealt with by philosophers of religion in the coming decades. The participants considered meta-philosophical question of whether the exchange between representatives of different traditions in contemporary philosophy of religion can positively shape its future in the 21st century and whether it should be encouraged.

In addition to symposia and conferences there are also guest lectures. In the past year such lectures were organized by the Faculty of Philosophy, which hosted Prof. Adrian Reimers on May 11, 2011. The guest de-

livered a lecture on the *Truth about the Human Person*. Another guest lecturer was Prof. Michael Wolffsohn, who on May 13, 2011 delivered a lecture entitled, *Jews and Christians. Unconventionally*. The lecture was co-organized by the Tischner European University in Krakow and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

To get a more complete picture of our University some statistical data will be useful. There were 3,384 students, 238 faculty (37 titular professors, 62 associate professors (Dr. Hab.) and 120 doctors and 19 other persons) and 132 other employees (administration – 95, Library – 37) at our University in the academic year 2010/2011. The number of students admitted for the first year of study of the first cycle was 587. The number of degrees conferred in this academic year at our University included: 236 professional BA titles awarded upon concluding the I cycle of studies (Faculty of Philosophy – 14, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 54, Faculty of Social Sciences – 168), and 465 MA degrees awarded upon concluding the second cycle of study (Faculty of Theology – 280, Faculty of Philosophy – 19, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 35, Faculty of Social Sciences – 74, Faculty of Theology, Branch in Tarnow – 57), and 55 canon BA degrees (Church, at the Faculty of Theology – 33, in Tarnow – 13, at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 9.) PhD degree was conferred on 21 people (at the Faculty of Theology – 13, the Faculty of Philosophy – 4, the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage – 3, at the Faculty of Theology, Branch in Tarnów – 1,) postdoctoral degree (Dr. Hab.) was awarded to 9 people and the Professor's title was bestowed on 3 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 supervised 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 staff, 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 in operation 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 11th time on May 11–14, 2011. Its motto was: “Matter-Man-Culture” Our University organized scientific panels, opening of the painting exhibit, concerts, radio, television and photographic workshops, dancing classes of Israeli and oriental dances, and many others. The academic panel organized by the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage was devoted to the theology and symbolism of the cross. Dozens of volunteers from four faculties were 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 published so far is now 39 (42 annual publications.) Besides “*Analecta Cracoviensia*” each faculty publishes its own periodical: the Faculty of Theology publishes “*Polonia Sacra*”, the Faculty of Philosophy publishes “*Logos i Ethos*” and the Faculty of Church History issues “*Folia Historica Cracoviensia*” and since 2009 it has been publishing “*Orientalia Christiana Cracoviensia*” The Faculty of Social Sciences has been publishing “*Studia Socialia Cracoviensia*” since 2009. The Institute of Canon Law edits “*Annales Canonici*” This is an annual publication on law 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.) It is a six-monthly publication whose aim is to discover and analyze philosophical problems implicit in natural sciences. “*Zagadnienia*” has its 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 past year two new journals of the Faculty of Theology were launched: “*Studia Biblica Cracoviensia*” (January 21, 2011) – with articles related to biblical studies in English, and “*Research in Theology*” (March 25, 2011) with articles in systematic theology in English

and other languages of the Congress. In the academic year 2010/2011 the Academic Press published 35 books (total 7,350 copies) and 11 periodicals (2,290 copies) and 5 issues of "Vita Academica" (2,500 copies).

The official bulletin of the University is "Vita Academica," a bi-monthly which includes information about the most important events at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. 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 Academic Press of the Pontifical University of John Paul II. It also publishes series such as "Studia do dziejów Wydziału Teologicznego" (Research 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 the Thought of John Paul II.

Alongside its academic and didactic activity, the University tries to promote, among other things, Church music, as it is the 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 Saint Queen Jadwiga, it can participate in various artistic events. A specific expression of this collaboration was a performance by the choir during the celebration of the 20th anniversary of its activity, which took place on December 8, 2010 in the building of the Krakow Philharmonic.

Another performance by the choir *Psalmodia* took place during a concert entitled "It is not enough to be born a man...", which took place on January 9, 2012 in the Basilica of Franciscans in Krakow, and which was devoted to the memory of the Primate of the Millennium, the Servant of

God Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, and St. Maksymilian Maria Kolbe, martyr of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

Choir *Psalmodia* also sang on February 22, 2011 during a Mass celebrated under the leadership of Cardinal Franciszek Macharski on the 30th day after the death of the late. Rev. Prof. Tadeusz Przybylski, SDB. After the mass there was a ceremonial choral concert dedicated to the late Professor. The students of the Inter-university Institute of Church Music and the Archdiocesan School of Music of the first and the second degree in Krakow also sang during the liturgy, and during the concert itself. Rev. Prof. Przybylski was a prominent musicologist, professor-lecturer of the Musicology Institute at the Jagiellonian University, our University and the Academy of Music in Krakow for many years. He conducted with great dedication historical research dedicated to Polish music from the 18th century to the present.

A trip to Rome for the beatification of John Paul II, which took place on May 1, 2011 was an exciting experience for the members of the choir. Accompanied by the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra together with the choir of Rome, our choir sang during the Thanksgiving Mass on May 2, 2011. Before and after the Mass, the choir performed a monumental *Beatus Vir* by Henryk Mikołaj Górecki and *Victoria* by Wojciech Kilar. The choir also joined another event related to the beatification; namely it participated in the musical Mass *Missa Magna Beatificationi* written by one of the greatest contemporary composers of film music – Michał Lorenc. The performance took place at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Basilica in Rome.

The choir began a series of concerts entitled “The music of Henryk Mikołaj Górecki, in the context of John Paul II’ thought” The first such concert took place on May 29, 2011 in Zakopane, the second on June 5, 2011 in Wadowice, and the third on June 12, 2011 in the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Krakow. The concerts were part of the program: “Małopolska for Pope John Paul II”

Repertoire performed during the concerts was included in an album called *Totus Tuus*, which was released on June 12, 2011. The album is the fruit of many years of work on promoting the music of Henryk Mikołaj Górecki in Poland and abroad. It includes nine songs for mixed choir *a capella*: “Totus Tuus”, “Marian song cycle”, “Under your protection” (CD world premiere), “Song of the Katyń Families” and “Amen”

Cultural program entitled *Cracovia Sacra*, which includes the “Krakow Night of Churches” is held annually in Krakow in mid-August. For the second time Choir *Psalmodia* participated in the “Krakow Night of Churches”, giving a concert on August 14, 2011, entitled “In Search of

beautiful singing...” Works by Stanisław Moniuszko and Henryk Mikołaj Górecki were performed. The concert took place at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (of the Jesuits) in Krakow.

Speaking about the various events at our school, we can't forget the involvement of students. Their participation and commitment is coordinated by the Student Government elected in a democratic manner by all students. The Government is guided by three priorities: protecting the rights of students, animation of student life and insurance against accidents. It also organizes student trips, special events related to the studies, trainings and endeavors to implement the ideas of students. The highest authority of the Student Government is the University Council (RUSS), whose activities are directed by the Student Government Regulations. The RUSS members are: Chairman and the Board of Student Government and members of the Councils of the Faculties of the Student Government. The Student Government has standing committees: Audit, the University Elections, Culture and Promotion, Science and Teaching, Social and Economic and Legal. In this academic year president of Student Government was Mrs. Sylvia Sperling, who was the first woman in this position. Another interesting information regarding students is that student Alexandra Zachara (Faculty of Social Sciences) was the first expert of our University at the National Accreditation Commission. The primary objective of the Commission is to promote Polish universities in building educational standards according to best practices in force in Europe and worldwide.

The Pontifical University of John Paul II does not forget about the 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 the retreat held in these liturgical periods. This year's retreat during Lent for lay students was conducted by Rev. Etienne Michelin (Avignon, France). All pastoral activities are coordinated by Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala. Students who prepare for priesthood receive spiritual and pastoral formation in their seminaries. Lay students received a special place of prayer this year: the Chapel of the Blessed John Paul II, located in the building of the University at 1 Franciszkańska Street, which was consecrated by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz on May 31, 2011.

After many years of struggling with the lack of space for books, we can finally enjoy a spacious and modern Library on the university campus at 10 Bobrzyńskiego Street in Krakow. It has approximately 300 seats for reader, 50 computers available to them with the Internet access, 5 devices

to scan and special places for readers with disabilities. In the new building of the Library, most books are directly available, which involves the need for adequate security of each book. The task of moving the books to the new Library and protecting them against theft has already been completed and collections are now available to readers. The part of the collection which comes from donations is yet to be entered into the catalogue before it is available for readers. The building of the Main Library on the university campus is an extremely important investment of the University, which cost a lot of money. In the near future there are plans to build teaching and research buildings in the immediate vicinity of the Library.

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. The catalogue in the form of a data base is available on the Internet. In 2011 the Library had 9,491 regular users. In 2011 the collection of the Library was enriched by about 21,000 copies. In 2011 the Library had a total of about 600,000 publications in stock including 4,100 periodicals and about 6,000 old prints. The Library subscribed to 406 periodicals (including 159 foreign ones). The majority of foreign periodicals are received in exchange for "Analecta Cracoviensia" Library has exchange of publications with more than 250 foreign and domestic institutions. In cooperation with Fides, Library hosted a General Meeting of the Fides Federation, which took place on September 13, 2011. The Library staff also prepared three exhibitions on Bl. John Paul II and the 30th anniversary of the founding of our University (then the Pontifical Academy of Theology).

Financial means for the activities of the University are provided by the St. 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 of higher education" 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 capa-

bilities of the state budget. Unfortunately, the present financial crisis makes it impossible to find such means. 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 20th anniversary of its foundation. The Foundation was established on February 2, 1990 by Cardinal. Franciszek Macharski, the then Metropolitan of Krakow and the Grand Chancellor of the University (the Academy at that time) and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Waław Świerzawski, the then Rector of our University. On December 8, 2010, the Foundation organized a grand concert, which was mentioned above (on the occasion of the anniversary of the University).

On this occasion, the Board of the Foundation expresses gratitude to all donors for their support, kindness and willingness to help. For all donors Mass is celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Krakow.

University community prays for its employees who passed away as well as for the deceased academics from other universities in Krakow at a solemn ceremony at the Collegiate Church of St. Anne in Krakow. Last year it was celebrated on Monday, November 22, 2010.

We are coming towards the end of this year's Chronicle, but we cannot finish before we mention the sad events which, unfortunately, also happen in the life of the University. On November 11, 2010, died Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Szczygieł, chaplain of the Holy Father, the Director of the Interfaculty Institute for Bioethics at the Faculty of Philosophy.

On December 8, 2010, after a serious illness, died Danuta M. Gradowska, custodian and librarian of the University Library.

We were painfully touched by the sudden death of Archbishop Józef Życiński, who passed away on February 10, 2011, The Metropolitan of Lublin was the University long-time employee, and then collaborated with it contributing to the development of our University.

We hope that the merciful Lord grants eternal joy to the deceased.

Rev. Jan D. Szczurek