

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
605th Academic Year
at the Pontifical Academy of Theology 2001/2002

The 605th academic year (2001/2002) at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow coincided with a small jubilee: the twentieth anniversary of its foundation by Pope John Paul II on December 8, 1981. Students and professors customarily began it with a pilgrimage to the Marian Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska on September 29, 2001. The most momentous event of the pilgrimage was concelebrated Mass officiated by the Academy rector, Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek. Jan Strzałka, SCJ, preached a sermon.

Before the Mass Janusz Królikowski, DD, delivered a lecture *Christology Today. A Few Remarks in the Light of «Dominus Iesus» Declaration*. In the afternoon the Way of the Cross was held on Calvary Paths round the Sanctuary. Academy students: seminarians of diocesan and monastic seminaries of Cracow, nuns and lay Catholics participated in the pilgrimage.

Consecration and laying of the cornerstone for a new library located at the Third University Campus in a district of Cracow called Pychowice on Saturday October 6, 2001 marked a very significant event in the life of the Academy. The Academy Campus and the Third Campus of the Jagiellonian University constitute what appears to be an integral whole. The Grand Chancellor of the Academy Franciszek Cardinal Macharski consecrated the site and laid the cornerstone in the presence of Rector Magnificus Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek, Jan Bednarczyk, PhD, Library Director, didactic and academic staff, representatives of students and administrative workers. Library Director noticed on this occasion that due to new architectural and organisational solutions the Library will have the capacity to offer its services to all seeking instruction and knowledge there.

A solemn inauguration of the 605th academic year was held on Saturday October 20, 2001. The inaugural ceremony consisted of a liturgical part held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church and an academic one held in the Cracow Philharmonic Hall. Solemn inaugural Mass was offered by Bishop Kazimierz Górny of the Rzeszów diocese. He

also delivered a homily, in which he referred to the words of John Paul II: *Do not be afraid! Open the door to Christ*, pointing out that they also speak of the courage needed in strife for holiness.

After the Mass the participants of the ceremony proceeded to the Cracow Philharmonic Hall and, after *Gaude Mater Polonia* was sung, the Academy Rector Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek delivered his address. He outlined the present situation of the Academy and the most important events of the last academic year. After the rector's address first year students of all three faculties took a solemn oath followed by handing out rector's awards. Prof. Jerzy Chmiel presented an inaugural lecture *The Bible in Contemporary Culture*. The performance of the Academy Choir, *Psalmody*, conducted by Włodzimierz Siedlik, added splendour to the ceremony. Present at the ceremony were: the Grand Chancellor of the Academy, Franciszek Cardinal Macharski, Metropolitan of Cracow, rectors of Polish Catholic Universities and representatives of senates of Cracow's other institutions of higher education, representatives of lay authorities of town and voivodship as well as diplomatic posts in Cracow.

This year's anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow by John Paul II was celebrated more solemnly than before since this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the erection of our Academy, which continues the traditions of the Faculty of Theology of the Jagiellonian University founded in 1397 by St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland. The anniversary ceremonies took place on Saturday December 8, 2001. The Grand Chancellor of the Academy, Franciszek Cardinal Macharski, the first Rector of the Pontifical Academy of Theology, Cardinal Marian Jaworski, Metropolitan of Lviv in Latin Rite and the present Rector, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, took part in them. After Holy Mass the Grand Chancellor presented 11 persons with the award *Merituous for the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow (Bene Merenti)*.

Equally solemn celebrations were held to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the Faculty of Theology in Cracow. On January 11, 2002, 605 years passed since that day. The Academy expressed its gratefulness to God for the years of His protective care in solemn Mass offered in the Wawel Cathedral by the Grand Chancellor. After the Mass conferment of academic degrees took place: the Doctor's Degree diplomas were conferred on 14 persons, while 9 received the Reader's diplomas.

Prof. Bolesław Kumor, priest of the Tarnów diocese, Professor at the Faculty of Church History, member of editorial staff of *Analecta*

Cracoviensia for many years, celebrated the 50th anniversary of ordination on May 4. The jubilee celebrations took place on May 5 in a parish church in Trzetrzewina near Nowy Sącz (diocese of Tarnów, South-Eastern Poland). During the celebration a congratulatory letter from John Paul II was read. Franciszek Cardinal Macharski, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, Prof. Janusz Wycisło, Dean at the Faculty of Church History, many professors of the Academy and Józef Guzdek, DD, Rector of the Higher Seminary of the Cracow Archdiocese attended the jubilee celebrations. Bishop of the Tarnów diocese Wiktor Skworc and the Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin along with professors were also present. Extensive information in Polish and German about Prof. Kumor's life and activities can be found in the 27th volume of *Analecta Cracoviensia* of 1995.

According to centuries-old tradition the feastday of St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr, was celebrated on May 8. It was also the day of promotions at the Pontifical Academy of Theology held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church in Cracow with the Grand Chancellor of the Academy presiding over the ceremony of conferment of Professor's diploma on Associate Prof. Andrzej Pankowicz, and Doctor's diplomas on 12 persons.

An important event of an international character was the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of co-operation between the Pontifical Academy of Theology and the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Ruhr in Bochum (Germany) started under the agreement of Nov 2, 1982 signed thanks to the efforts of Prof. Adam Kubiś. On the occasion of this anniversary a scientific symposium *Our Theology in Europe* was organised. The symposium was held in Cracow from May 9 to 12, 2002. The venue for a very solemn opening of the symposium was the Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University (its oldest, medieval rooms). The Metropolitan of Cracow Franciszek Cardinal Macharski along with many guests representing municipal authorities and academic circles of Cracow were present. Academy Rector, Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek opened the symposium. After that Professor Wendelin Knoch read the greetings from the Bishop of Essen, Dr Hubert Lütke, DD, and from the Rector of the University of Ruhr, Professor Dr Dietmar Petzina, PhD. They both stressed great value of mutual co-operation, which helps deepen the ties between Polish and German nations. The "working" part of the symposium took place in the building of the Higher Seminary at 8 Podzamcze Street. Besides theological matters the issue of European integration was raised as well as the subject of freedom in contemporary democ-

racy. The conviction of the participants as to the importance of cooperation between the two institutions, which constitutes essential contribution to European integration in the university environments, was strengthened. A delegation of students from Bochum participated in the symposium.

An exceptional event of this academic year was a meeting with John Paul II on Saturday August 17, 2002 at the University Campus next to the going up library building. The Pope arrived at the construction site after consecrating the newly erected Basilica of the Divine Mercy at Łagiewniki (a district of Cracow). About one thousand persons awaited the Pope at the Campus. Among them was the Rector of the Pontifical Academy of Theology with the Senate, representatives of professors, administrative workers and students., Rectors of several Polish universities attended the meeting: Prof. Franciszek Ziejka, Rector of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow and the Senate, Prof. Andrzej Szostek, Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin, the Rector of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Rectors of the Higher School of Philosophy and Pedagogy *Ignatianum* in Cracow and the Pontifical Faculties of Theology in Wrocław and Warsaw and Deans of the Theological Faculties at Universities of Opole, Poznań and Katowice. Rectors of other Universities associated in the Conference of Rectors of Polish Universities were also present.

Holy Father John Paul II was greeted with a song *Gaude Mater Polonia*, and then the word of the Rector of the Pontifical Academy of Theology, who thanked the Pope for his great care for the Faculty of Theology in Cracow and for transforming it in 1981 into a three-faculty academy, which is the present structure of the Pontifical Academy of Theology. In his speech the Jagiellonian University Rector asked the Holy Father – an alumnus of the University – to bless the works at the Third Jagiellonian University Campus. Then the Rector of the Academy presented the Pope with the three latest publications of the Academy Press: *Wyższe szkolnictwo kościelne w Polsce. Wizja kardynała Karola Wojtyły i jej realizacja* [Higher Ecclesiastical Education in Poland. Cardinal Karol Wojtyła's Vision and Putting it into Effect, ed. J. Majka], the 33rd volume of *Analecta Cracoviensia* (editor-in-chief Prof. J. Makselon) and *Kościół krakowski w życiu państwa i narodu polskiego* [Cracow Church in the Life of Polish State and Nation, Prof. A. Pankowicz]. The Rector of the Jagiellonian University presented the distinguished guest with a twelve-volume series entitled *Złota Księga Uniwersytetu Jagiel-*

łońskiego [The Golden Book of the Jagiellonian University, ed. Prof. W. Walecki], which includes *Złota Księga Papieskiej Akademii Teologicznej* [The Golden Book of the Pontifical Academy of Theology, ed. Prof. S. Piech], and the Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin – a bust of Prof. I. Radziszewski and the 9th volume of *Encyklopedia katolicka* [The Catholic Encyclopaedia, ed. B. Migut, DD].

In a short address to those present the Holy Father said:

Thank you very much for this stop on the way from Łagiewniki to Franciszkańska Street. Thank you very much. I would like to say that I pray every day for your colleges, for the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, for the Catholic University of Lublin, for the Angelicum in Rome, for all Rectors, Professors and students, the living and the deceased.

At the end of this brief address the Pope gave his hearty regards to everyone and parted with “God bless you all.” Our dreams came true – Jan Bednarczyk, PhD, Library Director, said later. The Holy Father blessed the Library of the Pontifical Academy of Theology.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology has been co-operating closely with the Higher Seminary of the Cracow Archdiocese. All Seminary’s alumni are the Academy students. It was in the Seminary buildings that the Pontifical Faculty of Theology had its premises (prior to the foundation of the Academy) in difficult times of the communist regime in Poland. Therefore the Academy joyfully participated in the quatercentenary of the Cracow Seminary. The anniversary ceremony was held on Saturday November 17, 2001 in the Wawel Cathedral and was led by the Metropolitan of Cracow, Franciszek Cardinal Macharski. On this occasion the Holy Father sent a letter, which is quoted at the beginning of this volume.

A worth mentioning moment in the life of the Academy and one of international character was when Franciszek Cardinal Macharski presented the Hungarian Archdiocese of Eger – the home diocese of St. Queen Jadwiga – with her relics. This ceremony was attended by Prof. Stefan Koperek, CR, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Prof. Józef Krzywda, CM, Vice-Dean. The ceremony constituted an occasion to deepen the ties between Polish and Hungarian nations.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology joined in a process of preparing Polish society for making a decision at an approaching accession referendum. From September 10 to 12, 2002 a conference on the “Modernisation and faith. The role of the Catholic Church in the process of European integration” was held. Many personages from public life and representatives of the European Union participated in it.

This year's meeting was organised by the Pontifical Academy of Theology, the Robert Schuman Foundation, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (COMECE), "Wokół nas" Publishing House, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Office for European Integration. The Grand Chancellor of the Academy met with the participants of the conference at supper given by the City Mayor. Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk, and Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, representative of the Holy See, attended the conference. The presence of Archbishop Tauran and his encouragement to active participation in a discussion on the shape of united Europe were taken by the conference participants as an expression of support of the Holy See for the integration process. Hors Langes, Chairman of the Schuman Foundation, took note that Polish religiousness, which helped conquer communism, can strengthen Christian heritage of the European Union. Prof. Andrzej Szostek, Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin, remarked that such strengthening is needed by the western advocates of family, the opponents of cloning or euthanasia. Doubts connected with the process of integration were explained at the conference and arguments for the accession of Poland were presented. The Academy Rector, Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek, announced publication of materials from the conference and promised making them available for all parish-priests in order to help Catholics take a proper stand on integration.

Long-term contribution of the Academy to preparations for integration is the running a course of Post-Graduate Studies in European Integration. Its aim is to prepare workers who might in the future apply for posts in the Union offices in Brussels. The lecturers are specialists from ministry departments and courts in Brussels and from the Committee for European Integration. Classes are held in Polish and English. Currently there are 130 students attending the course. The director of the studies is Prof. Wojciech Życiński, SDB, Vice-Rector of the Academy. It is hoped that on taking up posts in Brussels offices the course graduates will well represent Christian values in the European Union.

The Post-Graduate Course of Studies in Journalism also serves the promotion of Christian values. Its focal point, however, is the Polish culture. The course prepares graduates of higher education institutions from all regions in Poland to working in mass media. It is a four-term course taught by academics from the Jagiellonian University and the Pontifical Academy of Theology as well as experienced journalists. There are currently about 80 first and second year stu-

dents on the course. The head of the studies is Prof. Jan Wal. The main target of the course is professional preparation for meticulous journalistic work in the modern world.

Not only the central management of the Academy were interested in the popularisation of current events but also individual departments, which organised various symposia and sessions. Some of them were co-organised by institutions from outside the Academy. An academic session of April 12, 2002 deserves a special mention. Its subject was: *Higher Ecclesiastical Education in Poland. Cardinal Karol Wojtyła's Vision and Putting it into Effect*. Representatives of all theological faculties in Poland participated in it. They outlined the development and activities of their departments. The materials from the symposium were published in Polish in a book under the same title by Wydawnictwo Naukowe Papieskiej Akademii Teologicznej (the Academy Press) in Cracow.

As part of the programme on international co-operation with foreign university centres the Academy hosted Prof. H. Kohlenberg from Salzburg University (Austria), who on October 10, 2002 delivered a guest lecture *The Crisis of Rationality in Late Middle Ages*. The Faculty of Theology on the other hand welcomed two American Bibliacists of Polish origin, J. Pilch, DD, of Georgetown University in Washington and B. J. Malina, DD, of Creighton University in Omaha (Nebraska), who took part in a panel discussion on the cultural interpretation of the Holy Scriptures and delivered lectures on the subject of cultural anthropology of the Bible on October 18–19, 2001. On August 23, 2002 a group of Chinese priests, seminarians and nuns visited the Academy. They came to Poland to participate in a retreat and a summer workshop.

The Department of Spirituality at the Faculty of Theology organised a symposium devoted to *The Spirituality of the Primate of the Millennium*, i.e. Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. The symposium was held on November 24, 2001. Another symposium dedicated to The Spiritual Legacy of Archbishop Zygmunt Szczęśny Feliński, Servant of God, was organised by the Department of Spirituality and the Congregation of Franciscan Nuns of the Family of Mary, founded by the Servant of God, who was beatified by John Paul II in Cracow on August 18, 2002. Three departments of the Faculty of Theology (the Department of History of Liturgy, of Homiletics and of Religious Communication) organised a scientific symposium on the Liturgical Context of Prophesying. The discussions concerned among other

things the post-Council reform of liturgy in Poland and the ways of putting it into effect.

The Faculty of Philosophy organised the Second Tischner's Days dedicated to the philosophical thought of a well-known Polish philosopher Prof. Józef Tischner. They were held on May 10–13, 2002. Reflection on an issue of subject and the philosophy of drama and meeting, the concept of thinking and Tischner's social and political involvement were the focus of attention. The meetings and discussions showed that Józef Tischner still inspires reflection in young generations of students. The Department of Psychology of Religion and the Section of Psychology at the Commission for Religious Instruction of the Polish Episcopate Conference were the organisers of a three-day symposium *The Psychology of Human Development*.

The Interdisciplinary Research Centre at the Faculty of Philosophy organised a meeting with Charles Harper, PhD, from the Templeton Foundation, who delivered a lecture *Science and Religion. Why building a better relationship is vitally important for the human future?*

At the Faculty of Church History the following sessions and symposia were organised either by the whole Faculty or its departments: on October 8, 2001 a *symposium Biecz – a Town of Former Splendour*, on April 10, 2002 the Department of Church Music welcomed Prof. Alberto Turco from the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, who delivered a lecture *Rhythm and Interpretation in Gregorian Chorale*. The Department of Church History organised an academic session *At the Sources of Early Christian Culture*, which was held on April 25, 2002. The Department of Modern History of this Faculty prepared a session *Marriage and Family in Old Polish Times. Theology – Demography – Upbringing*. The session took place on May 13, 2002.

The Interdepartmental Institute for Dialogue and Ecumenism in joint effort with the Evangelical Methodist Parish in Cracow and Cracow Section of the Polish Ecumenical Council organised an academic session *Gospel in Life. 80 Years of Presence of the Evangelical and Methodist Church in Poland* (October 24, 2001). The Institute together with the Cracow Section of the Polish Ecumenical Council organised another session *Ecumenical Charter – its significance and realisation perspectives within Poland* (December 12, 2001). The same Institute actively joined in the celebrations of the Fifth Day of Judaism in the Catholic Church in Poland, which included a session devoted to the issue of *Religious Hope of Jews and Christians in Contemporary World* (January 17, 2002). The Institute took active part in

the celebrations of the Week of Prayer for the Unity among Christians on January 20-27, 2002.

In close co-operation with the Academy remains the Inter-Congregational Higher Catechetical Institute run by the Ursuline Nuns of the Roman Curia. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Institute a symposium *Catechesis Today and Tomorrow – «Duc in altum»* was organised on May 11, 2002. Bishop Kazimierz Nycz, delegate of Franciszek Cardinal Macharski, who is responsible among other things for catechesis in the Cracow Archdiocese, opened the symposium. Bishop Kazimierz Nycz, Rev. Prof. Józef Kudasiewicz and Prof. Jan Machniak presented their papers. That the anniversary was a momentous occasion can be seen from the fact that the Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk, sent a letter, in which he reminded the listeners that the Institute was the first didactic institution preparing nuns for catechetical work.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology carries out publishing activity, which is the responsibility of the Academic Press. It publishes dissertations and academic periodicals. A regularly edited academic periodical is in the first place "Analecta Cracoviensia". It includes research in philosophy, theology, Church history and canon law. The 2001 volume was dedicated to Prof. Michał Heller, Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre and Associate Member of the Vatican Astronomical Observatory. Additionally, each faculty publishes its own periodical: Theological – *Polonia Sacra*, Philosophical – *Logos i Ethos*, Church History – *Folia Historica Cracoviensia*.

Alongside its academic and didactic activity the Academy tries to promote, among other things, sacred music, which is an extension of research on Church liturgy. There exists an academic choir *Psalmodia* conducted by Włodzimierz Siedlik. *Psalmodia* was one of the joint winners at the Second National Church Chiors Competitions *Caecilianum*, held in Warsaw on April 28–29, 2002.

The results of didactic work going on at the Pontifical Academy of Theology can be presented by means of the number of students and diplomas conferred on the graduates of the faculties. In academic year 2001/2002 the Academy had 1915 students enrolled. 345 students finished the course of studies at three faculties with the title of Master of Arts. The Doctor's degrees were conferred on 24 persons, the Reader's degree on 4 and the academic title of Professor on 2. The number of foreign graduates was 21, including 5 students of Polish origin.

The Library of the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow is involved in creating a national system of information exchange. This system is developed within the Federation of Church Libraries *Fides*. The Academy Library continues the building up of its catalogue on the basis of an integrated computer system VTLIS. The catalogue in the form of a data base is available on the Internet. The Library has almost 2,000 regular readers. This year an electronic system of registration of the books lent was started. In the 2001/2002 academic year the Library collection was enriched by 20,000 volumes. The Library receives 140 periodical titles 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 is looked forward to by the whole academic community.

Financial means for the activities of the Academy are provided by the St. Queen Jadwiga Foundation for the Pontifical Academy of Theology. The allocations which the Academy has been receiving from the Polish State budget since January 1, 1998 suffice to cover just didactic expenses and students' grants. All other expenses including the development of new premises need to be covered from other sources. Therefore, the Foundation popularises the activities of the Academy through various means it has at its disposal.

Taking this opportunity, the Board of the Foundation extends sincere gratitude to all benefactors for their support, kindness and readiness to help. For all benefactors Holy Masses are offered at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Cracow.

Finally, a sad event must be mentioned. On November 2, 2001 an outstanding historian of sacred art Prof. Bolesław Przybyszewski died at the age of 93. He was a Professor of the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow. In his telegram Pope John Paul II wrote that the late professor was an ardent priest, great scholar, outstanding researcher, expert on history, a person who truly loved art. Funeral ceremony was held in Church of the Holy Cross and at a cemetery in Salwator (a district of Cracow). Franciszek Cardinal Macharski celebrated the funeral ceremonies and Bishop Prof. Tadeusz Pieronek, Academy Rector, delivered a homily.

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