

Pursuing the Faith: The 616th Academic Year at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow

In his apostolic letter *Porta Fidei* inaugurating the Year of Faith in the Church, Pope Benedict XVI reminded that “Having reached the end of his life, St. Paul asks his disciple Timothy to ‘aim at faith’ (2 Timothy 2:22) with the same constancy as when he was a boy (cf. 2 Timothy 3:15). We hear this invitation directed to each of us...” (*Porta Fidei* 15). The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow also tried to answer this invitation, which through its ordinary didactic work and research as well as through specific initiatives undertaken on the occasion of the Year of Faith served to strengthen and deepen life in accordance with the professed faith.

The completed 2012–2013 academic year, as previous ones, began with a pilgrimage to the Marian shrine in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska on Friday September 28th 2012. The first part of the program was a lecture devoted to the problem of homelessness given by Dr. Małgorzata Duda of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Next, Mass was concelebrated with the rector of the university Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, leading. The homily was said by Rev. Dr. Wojciech Krawczyk, SDB, the rector of the Major Seminary of the Society of St. Francis de Sales in Krakow. In the afternoon, the Stations of the Cross, which were prepared by students of theology, took place on the Calvary’s paths. Professors; the university administration; the university’s students, including diocesan and regular seminarians; female religious; and lay students took part in the pilgrimage. During the pilgrimage, prayers were said in particular for the canonization of Blessed John Paul II, the founder of our university (which was previously the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow), as well as for God’s blessings for the entire university.

The ceremony inaugurating the 2012–2013 academic year took place on Tuesday October 16th 2012. The date of the inauguration refers to the election of Blessed John Paul II to the throne of St. Peter on October 16th 1978. As usual, the inauguration ceremony consisted of liturgical and academic segments, which took place in the Church of St. Anne and the concert hall of the Krakow Philharmonic, respectively. Archbishop Waław Depo, the pastor of the Częstochowa Diocese, led the solemn inauguration Mass; and Bishop Andrzej Jeż of the Tarnów Diocese said the homily.

After Mass, the participants of the inauguration walked in a solemn procession to the Krakow Philharmonic, where after singing *Gaude Mater Polonia* His Magnificence Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and our university's rector, spoke. First, he read a letter from Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, the great chancellor of our university, who exceptionally was not present at the inauguration this year. Next, the rector greeted the gathered guests, who included Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, Archbishop Waław Depo, Bishop Tadeusz Rakoczy, Bishop Andrzej Jeż, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, Bishop Jan Szkodoń, Bishop Jan Zając, Bishop Damian Muskus and Bishop Grzegorz Ryś; representatives of local government: voivode of Lesser Poland Jerzy Miller; chairman of the Sejmik of the Lesser Poland Regional Assembly Stanisław Bisztyga; deputy chairman of Krakow City Council Józef Pilch; vice president of the Krakow City Council; Prof. Dr. Hab. Franciszek Ziejka, chairman of the Social Committee for the Renewal of the Monuments of Krakow; Wincenty Janowiak, director of the Department of Pedagogical Oversight and Development of Education of the Educational Superintendency; and Senator Prof. Dr. hab. Kazimierz Wiatr. The following representatives of post-secondary schools in Krakow were present: Prof. Wojciech Nowak, rector of the Jagiellonian University; Dr. Hab. Engineer Tadeusz Słomka, professor and rector of the AGH University of Science and Technology; Prof. Dr. Hab. Engineer Włodzimierz Sady, rector of the Agricultural University of Krakow; Prof. Ewa Kutryś, rector of the Ludwik Solski Academy for the Dramatic Arts; Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Surówka, professor of the Cracow University of Economics and prorector for educational formation and the students of the Cracow University of Economics; Prof. Dr. Hab. Engineer Leszek Mikulski, prorector of the Tadeusz Kościuszko University of Technology; Prof. Dr. Hab. Engineer Zbigniew Ślipek, rector of the State Higher Vocational School in Nowy Sącz; Dr. Hab. Jan Suchanicz, professor and prorector for student affairs at the Pedagogical University; Prof. Rafał Jacek Delekta, prorector for research and international cooperation of the Academy of Music; Prof. Dr. Hab. Edward Mleczek, prorector for science at the University of Physical Education; Prof. Dr. Hab. Maria Kapiszewska, prorector for science and education at the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Krakow University; Dr. Maciej Hodorowicz, prorector of the Podhale State Higher Vocational School in Nowy Targ. The guests also included the representatives of Catholic post-secondary school from Krakow and other cities: Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Henryk Pietras, SJ, rector of the Ignatianum Academy in Krakow; Rev. Dr. Hab. Zbigniew Kubacki, SJ, rector and professor of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Warsaw; Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Derdziuk, OFM Cap, prorector for science and development at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin; Rev. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Lubowicki, OMI, professor and prorector for scientific and didactic affairs at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław; Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Krok, prodeacon of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Opole; Rev. Dr. Hab. Marian Duda,

director of the Institute of Theology in Częstochowa. Also present were the former rectors of our university: Rev. Prof. Dr Hab. Adam Kubiś and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Dyduch. Finally, the ceremony included the representatives of the diplomatic corps: Dr. Werner Köhler, consul of the Federal Republic of Germany; Marek Lisansky, consul of the Slovak Republic; Dr. Janusz Postolko, honorary consul of the United Mexican States; Mr. Vitaliy Maksymenko – consul general of Ukraine, Mr. Viktor Kolesnikov, consul general of the Russian Federation; Janusz Kahl, consul of the Kingdom of Denmark, Sweden and Finland; Gerald Eidherr, consul of the Republic of Austria; Agnieszka Kamińska, honorary consul of the Republic of Malta; as well as numerous representatives of the Krakow clergy.

After his welcome, the rector mentioned two deceased persons: a student of the Faculty of Theology and a doctoral candidate of it. Next, he presented the achievements of the university in the previous academic year emphasizing, among other successes, the realization of a project co-funded by the European Union as part of the European Social Fund, whose main purpose is to improve the effectiveness of management and the quality of education, as well as inaugurating the activity of a University of the Third Age. The rector concluded by sincerely wishing the staff and students of our university the best.

With this occasion in mind it is worth mentioning that several members of the episcopate – including Cardinal, SCI; Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk, primate of Poland; Archbishop Józef Michalik, president of the Polish Episcopal Conference; Archbishop Celestino Migliore, apostolic nuncio to Poland; Archbishop Henryk Hoser, SAC, archbishop of Warsaw-Praga; Bishop Prof. Andrzej Dziuba, bishop of Łowicz; Bishop Dr. Hab. Andrzej Czaja, bishop of Opole; Prof. Stanisław Michałowski, rector of the Maria Curie Skłodowska University in Lublin; Prof. Stanisław S. Nicieja, rector of the University of Opole; Dr. Hab. Tamara Zacharuk, professor and rector of the University of Natural Sciences and Humanities in Siedlce; Prof. Wiesław Banyś, rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice; Prof. Edward Włodarczyk, rector of the University of Szczecin; Prof. Leonard Etel, rector of the University of Białystok; Prof. Marek Krawczyk, rector of the Medical University of Warsaw; Prof. Ryszard J. Górecki, rector of the University of Warmia and Masuria; Prof. Przemysław Jałowicki, rector of the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice; Prof. Grzegorz Przebinda, rector of the Stanisław Pigoń State Higher Vocational School in Krosno; Prof. Andrzej Jajszyk, director of the National Science Center; Marek Sowa, marshal of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship; Rev. Dr. Piotr Bajor, secretary in the Congregation for Catholic Education; Rev. Jan Związek; and Jan Ziobro, deputy of the Sejm – sent telegrams and congratulatory letters for the inauguration ceremony.

Another important part of the ceremony was the matriculation of first-year students of four faculties (the Faculties of Theology, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage as well as the Social Sciences). This part of the ceremony was

led by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Maciej Ostrowski, the university's prorector. After the matriculation, as usual, Ms. Aleksandra Zachara, president of the Students' Union, spoke, encouraging her youngest colleagues to best utilize the time of their studies and to become active in the union's work.

After the matriculation, awards were presented to the academic faculty, the authors of the best dissertations as well as the university administration staff. The rector's award for achievements in didactic-scientific work was presented to 20 persons; for the best doctoral dissertation – to three persons; for the best M. A. thesis – to seven persons; for the best undergraduate thesis – to four persons. Nine persons received the rector's award for the university administration staff. Next, six persons received the Gold Medal for Years of Service, and six received the Silver Medal for Years of Service. They were presented by Deputy Voivode Andrzej Hareźlak.

The last part of the ceremony was the inaugural lecture titled *Logosowy charakter wiary Josepha Ratzingera – Benedykta XVI (The Logos-Based Nature of the Faith of Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI)*, given by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Góźdz from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, who on the basis of the theological thought of Pope Ratzinger underscored the role of Logos in shaping man's faith. The entirety of the inaugural ceremony was interlaced with the singing of the Psalmody Choir of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow under the direction of Włodzimierz Siedlik.

Another very important event in the history of not only our university but also the city of Krakow were the Seventh Days of John Paul II on November 5th-8th 2012, whose main theme was "Dialogue", as the pope taught about dialogue and applied it as a tool for building peace and solidarity, developing ecumenism and interreligious relations. These days are a shared undertaking of the post-secondary schools represented in the College of the Rectors of the Post-Secondary Schools of Krakow. They are of a scientific, popularizing and cultural nature. They are the inspiration for undertaking scientific research intending to popularize the papal heritage. They occur annually at the beginning of November with respect to the liturgical feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the patron of Karol Wojtyła, and the anniversary of his ordination. This year, the Days of John Paul II took place on the grounds of several universities represented in the aforementioned College. Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, archbishop of Krakow; Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, archbishop-emeritus; Jerzy Miller, voivode of Lesser Poland; Marek Sowa, marshal of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship; and Jacek Majchrowski, mayor of the city of Krakow; were the honorary patrons of the event.

As part of the Days of John Paul II several academic sessions took place: "Muzyka wobec poezji i nauczania Karola Wojtyły i Jana Pawła II. Inspiracje, interpretacje, cz. III" ("Music with Regards to the Poetry and Teaching of Karol Wojtyła and John Paul II: Inspirations and Interpretations, Part III"), organized by the Academy of Music in Krakow; "Dialog a Walka Duchowa" ("Dialogue and Spiritual Struggle"),

organized by the Jesuit University of Philosophy and Education Ignatianum; “Szkoly ekonomiczne. Dialog czy konfrontacja?” (“Schools of Economics: Dialogue or Confrontation?”), a panel discussion organized by the Krakow University of Economics; the symposium “Dialogue z wiecznością” (“Dialogue with Eternity”), organized by the “Fides et Ratio” International Science Association; the international scientific symposium “Wokół koncepcji dialogu Jana Pawła II” (“Concerning John Paul II’s Concept of Dialogue”) organized by the Jagiellonian University and the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. Furthermore, there took place many other cultural events, including literature and photography contests for students from across Poland for works inspired by the thought and output of Karol Wojtyła/John Paul II. The awards were given after Mass in the *Have No Fear!* John Paul II Center in Krakow-Łagiewniki to conclude the Days of John Paul II. Analogous days were organized in Tarnów, Krosno, Nowy Sącz and Oświęcim.¹

In concern for preserving and passing on to the young generation the heritage of John Paul II there are organized open lectures related to the subject matter of the pope’s teaching each month. They are organized by the Center for Studies of the Thought of John Paul II. During the previous academic year the following lectures, which were given by the representatives of diverse scientific and cultural milieus, took place: *Jana Pawła II teologia historii* (“John Paul II’s Theology of History”) by Dr. Agnieszka Kurnik (Krakow); *Muzyka w myśli Karola Wojtyły* (“Music in the Thought of Karol Wojtyła”) by Dr. Dariusz Radziechowski (Krakow); *Karol Wojtyła na Soborze* (“Karol Wojtyła During the Council”) by Rev. Dr. Robert Skrzypczak (Warsaw); *Wiarygodność Kościoła według Jana Pawła II* (“The Church’s Credibility According to John Paul II”) by Rev. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Kaucha, of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Lublin); *Uniwersalizm Jana Pawła II w świetle dokonań Stanisława ze Skarbimierza* (“John Paul II’s Universalism in Light of the Achievements of Stanislaus of Skarbimierz”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Teresa Grabińska (Krakow); *Naród, patriotyzm – czy to są pojęcia nadal aktualne?* (“The Nation and Patriotism: Are These Concepts Still Relevant?”) by Rev. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Gryz, a professor of the John Paul II Pontifical University in Krakow (Krakow); *Natura i osoba* (“Nature and the Person”) by Rev. Dr. Sławomir Kunka of the Catholic University of Lublin (Lublin); and *Sposoby komunikowania treści mistycznych w dziele poetyckim Karola Wojtyły* (“Ways of Communicating Mystical Contents in the Poetic Works of Karol Wojtyła”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Zofia Zarębianka of the Jagiellonian University (Krakow). The Center publishes a series of publications *Studia nad Myślą Jana Pawła II* (“Studies of the Thought of John Paul II”), whose editor is Rev. Prof. Jarosław Kupczak, OP. Recently, two volumes were published. Volume XII contains the study of Rev. Vitali Siarko, SchP, titled *Teologia męczeństwa*

¹ More information can be found in Polish on the following website: www.jp2.krakow.pl/_2012/index.php.

w *ujęciu Jana Pawła II* (“The Theology of Martyrdom According to John Paul II”) (Krakow 2013). Meanwhile, Volume XIII contains Rev. Jan Machniak’s study *Święty brat Albert Chmielowski w myśli Karola Wojtyły – Jana Pawła II* (“St. Brother Albert Chmielowski in the Thought of Karol Wojtyła/John Paul II”) (Krakow 2013).

Krakow not only boasts of John Paul II, but also of Rev. Prof. Józef Tischner, a philosopher known in Poland and across Europe. The Tischner Days serve to popularize his philosophical and socio-political thought. The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, the Jagiellonian University (this year’s main organizer), the Ludwik Solski Academy for the Dramatic Arts and the Znak Social Publishing Institute organize it. Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz is the honorary patron.

The most recent Thirteenth Tischner Days took place on April 24th–27th 2013 under the slogan “Szukając nadziei” (“Looking for Hope”). As part of this year’s Days, there were meetings with the recipients of Znak and Hestia’s Rev. Prof. Józef Tischner Award; the “Filozofia i nadzieja” (“Philosophy and Hope”) discussion panel; a meeting from the “Czytamy Tischnera” (“We Read Tischner”) cycle, during which the essay *Wiązana nadzieja* (“Connected Hope”) was read; Colloquia Tischneriana; and a discussion meeting of Jaskinia Filozofów (“The Cave of Philosophers”) on the topic “Miejsce dla religii” (“The Place for Religion”). The Days began with a Mass in the Church of St. Anne, which was led by Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek.

The aforementioned Colloquia Tischneriana are a cycle of lectures devoted to the memory of Rev. Prof. Józef Tischner. At the center of this year’s meeting was a lecture by Prof. Joseph Weiler (USA) titled *Od Ratzybony do Bundestagu: Chryścijaństwo (i inne religie) w sferze publicznej – refleksje na temat tez Benedykta XVI* (“From Regensburg to the Bundestag: Christianity and Other Religions in the Public Square – Reflections on the Theses of Benedict XVI”). The lecture took place on April 25th 2013 in the lecture hall of the Auditorium Maximum of the Jagiellonian University. Basing his lecture on the differentiation between freedom of religion and freedom from religion, Prof. Weiler noted that Christians who are engaged in public affairs “should not appeal to arguments resulting from Divine Revelation [...]. They can, however, appeal to ‘universal reason’: rational arguments that are understandable to all the participants in the debate.” Prof. Joseph Halevi Horowitz Weiler is a lawyer specializing in international law, a lecturer at the New York University School of Law whose accomplishments include significantly influencing the shape of European Union law. In June 2010 in front of the European Court of Human Rights, he defended the thesis that crosses in public schools in Italy do not infringe upon the European Convention on Human Rights. Prof. Weiler has connections to Poland: his grandmother came from a rabbinical family in Zamość.²

² To read more about the Thirteenth Tischner Days (in Polish), please visit: www.dni.tischner.pl/files-days/13dt_materialy_19_03.pdf.

One of the hitherto cyclically celebrated ceremonies, the anniversary of Pope John Paul II's inauguration of the Pontifical Academy of Theology (which took place on December 8th 1981), was moved to another date and will be tied to celebration of the anniversary of raising our institution to the rank of a university by Pope Benedict XVI (which occurred on June 19th 2009). Because of the transferring of the promotion from May 8th to June 8th and the peregrination of the Divine Mercy image there were no separate celebrations of the aforementioned anniversary.

A particularly important jubilee is the anniversary of the erection of the Faculty of Theology at the Krakow Academy on January 11th 1397. Its central point is the promotion of academic degrees. The anniversary celebration took place on Friday January 11th 2013. Through a solemn Mass, which was celebrated in the Wawel Cathedral by the university's Great Chancellor Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, the university thanked God for 616 years of caring for the faculty. Rev. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and dean of the faculty, said the homily. After the Mass, there took place the solemn promotions, during which 23 persons (17 at the Faculty of Theology, five at the Faculty of Philosophy and one at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage) received doctoral diplomas. Ten persons received the diploma of habilitated doctor. Those receiving the degree at the Faculty of Theology are: Dr. Hab. Renata Jasnos (from the Ignatianum Academy); Rev. Dr. Hab. Piotr Szczepan Łabuda; and Rev. Dr. Hab. Marian Zawada, OCD. At the Faculty of Philosophy, the following received the title of habilitated doctor: Rev. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Jagiełło; Rev. Dr. Hab. Roman Olejnik; Rev. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Pabjan; and Rev. Dr. Hab. Antoni Szwed. Finally, the following received the diploma from the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage: Rev. Hab. Włodzimierz Siedlik (whose habilitation thesis was done at the Academy of Music in Krakow); Dr. Hab. Janusz Smołucha; and Rev. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Talarek. Rev. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Jagiełło sent thanks on behalf of the promoted.

The second promotions that hitherto took place in the Wawel Cathedral on the feast of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr (May 8th) this year for the first time occurred on the feast of St. Hedwig, Queen of Poland. After the solemn Vespers about St. Hedwig, which were led by the university's great chancellor, the aforementioned promotions took place. Thirteen persons (five at the Faculty of Theology, five at the Faculty of Philosophy, two at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage and one at the Faculty of Theology Section in Tarnów) received doctoral diplomas. Three people (Rev. Dr. Hab. Marek Kluz and Rev. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Witkowski, MS, at the Faculty of Theology; and Rev. Dr. Hab. Paweł Polak at the Faculty of Philosophy) received the diploma of habilitated doctor. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Misztal and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Roman Pindel received the title of full professor. Meanwhile, the title of professor of theology was bestowed upon Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Hałas, SCJ. Also in the name of the promoted he expressed his gratitude to Cardinal Dziwisz as well as to the university.

Cooperation with foreign academic centers has a great influence on the development of the university. Particularly dynamic academic contacts are maintained with the centers in Bochum, Ružomberok, Prešov, Kyiv and Lviv. The university continues to participate in the EU LLP Erasmus (Lifelong Learning Program Erasmus) program, in which we have been taking part since May 20th 2008 and are now in our fifth year. The universities with which we have signed contracts are: Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Germany); the Danish School of Media and Journalism (Denmark); Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem (Hungary); Katholische Hochschule Nordrhein-Westfalen (Germany); Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku (Slovakia); KU Leuven (Belgium); Ostravská univerzita v Ostravě (Czech Republic); Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth (Ireland); Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany); The Newman Institute (Sweden); The University of Malta (Malta); Theologische Fakultät Trier (Germany); Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain); Universidad de Navarra (Spain); Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Portugal); Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy); Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy); Università degli Studi di Verona (Italy); Université de Fribourg (Switzerland); Prešovská univerzita v Prešove (Slovakia); Univerza v Ljubljani (Slovenia); Univerzita Karlova v Praze (Czech Republic); Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave (Slovakia); Univerzita Konštantína Filozofa v Nitre (Slovakia); Vilniaus universitetas (Lithuania); and Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (Germany). In the 2012–2013 academic year as part of the Erasmus program, 13 of our students went abroad to complete part of their studies at foreign partner institutions; 18 students completed an internship abroad; 11 didactic staff lectured at foreign partner institutions; and 23 staff members participated in foreign study tours. We also hosted 15 foreign students who completed a semester or two of their studies at our university.

The aforementioned collaboration with the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the Ruhr University Bochum (Germany) merits special attention. It consisted of an exchange organized in such a way that each autumn professors of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow (usually two persons) travelled to Bochum, while in the spring professors from Bochum came to Krakow. In 1997, the students of both universities also began to participate in the exchange. Rev. Prof. Christof Breitsameter is responsible for the organization of the meetings on the German side, while the equivalent person from our university is Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Dziedzic.

In acknowledgement of his role in the development of this partnership, Rev. Prof. Wendelin Knoch, a professor emeritus of the Faculty of Catholic Theology in Bochum, received an honorary doctorate *honoris causa*. The motivation for bestowing upon him was, furthermore: the promotion of universal Christian values in Germany in the years following the Second Vatican Council; outstanding scholarly achievements in the field of dogmatic theology (particularly in the area of sacramentology) as well as fundamental theology (especially in ecclesiology), which have been translated into Italian, French and Polish; friendliness and active

support for the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow, presently the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, during the times when our university was not accredited by the communist government of the Polish People's Republic; full and years-long engagement in organizing cooperation between our universities as well as the exchange between didactic-scientific staff and students. The ceremony of bestowing the title upon him took place on November 7th 2012 in the lecture hall of Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University. The peer reviewers were Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Napiórkowski, OSPPE, and Prof. Thomas Marschler. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Adam Kubiś, the former rector of our university, prepared the laudation. In his word of thanks Rev. Prof. Knoch underlined the significance that the Faculty of Theology in Krakow has not only for the city, but also for the development of European science and culture. The recipient also expressed gratitude to the great chancellor of our university, its rector and the whole institution for bestowing upon him such a prestigious distinction and for developing cooperation with the Faculty of Catholic Theology in Bochum.

Another expression of the development of international collaboration is the signing of an agreement of scientific cooperation between the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and the Theological Faculty of Central Italy (Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Centrale), which is based in Florence. The agreement was signed on June 6th 2013.

In turn, an expression of openness to scientific cooperation with partners east of Poland's borders is the tightening of links between the university and Catholic academic circles in Lviv. An occasion for this was the participation of delegates from our university in the solemn inauguration of the 2012–2013 academic year in the St. Archbishop Józef Bilczewski Theological Institute in Lviv as well as in the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Lviv, which took place on October 20th 2012. The institute was formally launched by a decision of Rev. Archbishop Dr. Mieczysław Mokrzycki, the Latin Rite archbishop of Lviv on January 25th 2009, while the seminary (whose full name is the Major Seminary of the Lviv Archdiocese in Lviv-Briukhovychi) continues the tradition of the Cathedral Seminary in Lviv founded in 1703, and it prepares Latin Rite aspiring priests of the Archdiocese of Lviv. The institute has studies for laypeople and for female religious, while the seminary educates those aspiring to the priesthood. During the last stage of their studies, the seminarians become students of our university, obtaining its grade books and receiving an M.A. in theology at our Faculty of Theology.

Our delegation participating in the inauguration ceremonies in Lviv consists of Rev. Dr. Hab Władysław Zuziak, rector and professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II; Rev. Dr. Hab. Piotr Majer and Rev. Dr. Piotr Steczkowski, both of whom are from the Institute for Canon Law at the Faculty of Theology; as well as Rev. Dr. Hab. Józef Wołczański, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage. The concelebrated Mass

was led by Rev. Bishop Dr. Krzysztof Nitkiewicz of Sandomierz. Representatives of the Consulate General of Poland in Lviv; Rev. Dr. Hab. Jacenty Mastej, a representative of the Faculty of Theology at the Catholic University of Lublin, who is a rector of the Major Seminary in Rzeszów; as well as Catholic journalists from Lviv and many other persons. Despite their being invited, the prelates of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Lviv or the bishops of any eastern denominations did not come, nor did the representatives of Ukrainian seminaries in Lviv.

In relation to international and intercollegiate cooperation it is worth mentioning that our university maintains continuous contacts with all the universities in Poland through its participation in The Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland, the rector of the Pontifical University is a member of this conference in accordance with §2 of its amended Statute.

A sign of full participation in university life is also the practice of giving honorary doctorates, the title *honoris causa*, which is a form of promoting scientific achievements and especially the merits of specific persons for the development of knowledge. In addition to the aforementioned doctorate of Rev. Prof. Wendelin Knoch, in the previous year two other such titles were bestowed. On June 11th 2013, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Czerwik of the Faculty of Theology and Rev. Dr. Hieronim Fokciński, SJ, of the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, received them.

Rev. Prof. Czerwik received this title because of his outstanding academic achievements, especially for contributing to introducing and popularizing in Poland the academic discipline of liturgical theology; for his exceptional achievements as a didactic giving lectures to several generations of clergy and lay theologians, especially liturgists; for his formative work in the field of correct and deepened understanding of the liturgy; for emphasizing the need for continuous liturgical formation of the priesthood and lay believers; for his pioneering introduction to Poland and among the Polish diaspora liturgical renewal in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, including translating liturgical books and ecclesial documents; and for his significant role in the work of Polish and Roman liturgical committees.

Meanwhile, Rev. Dr. Fokciński received a *honoris causa* doctorate for leading the Pontifical Institute for Church Studies in Rome in 1971–2013; popularizing academic research in the field of the humanities and Church studies through broad-based editorial activity of the publication series *Studia Ecclesiastica* (“Church Studies”), *Życie i Wiara* (“Life and Faith”), *Informationes* and *Biuletyn Papieskiego Instytutu Studiów Kościelnych* (“The Bulletin of the Pontifical Institute for Church Studies”); cooperation with university and research-academic centers in Poland and abroad, circulating rich resources of Polonica; engagement in the Congregation for the Causes of Saints (as a consultant and relator, he was the author of dozens of historical studies *to positos* in canonization causes); and work in the board of the Association of Poles in Italy, as well as a curator of the activity of the Committee of Culture and Science of that organization.

The ceremony took place in the hall of the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow. The peer reviewers of the oeuvre of Rev. Prof. Czerwik were Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Helmut Sobeczko as well as Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Łukasz Kamykowski, and the laudatory was Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stefan Koperek, CR. Meanwhile, the peer reviewers of the oeuvre of Rev. Dr. Fokciński were Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Ludwik Grzebień, SJ, as well as Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Urban, and the laudatory was Rev. Dr. Hab. Józef Wołczański, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II.

A very important event with international significance was the international conference from the cycle “Rola Kościoła katolickiego w procesie integracji europejskiej” (“The Role of the Catholic Church in the Process of European Integration”) organized each year by the Pontifical University of John Paul II, which took place in the Krakow Conference Center in Tomaszowice near Krakow on September 13th–14th 2013. It was devoted to the subject “Rodzina we współczesnej Europie” (“The Family in Contemporary Europe”). The conference was organized with the co-partnership of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and with the cooperation of the European People’s Party (Christian Democratic) fraction in the European Parliament, as well as the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Union – COMECE in Brussels and the Wokół nas (“Around Us”) publishing house in Gliwice. This year, among the conference’s participants were also speakers representing the Orthodox Church and the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession.

Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, the chairman of the organizing committee, opened the conference, and after him the guests were greeted by Marek Sowa, marshal of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship; Dr. Christian Schmitz, director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Poland; Dr. Jacques Santer, chairman of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg; Dr. José Ramos Ascensão, a solicitor dealing with health and bioethics (Secretariat of COMECE) of Portugal; and Jacek Protasiewicz, vice president of the European Parliament.

First spoke the special guest, who was the President of the Republic of Poland Bronisław Komorowski. Representing the political point of view, he confessed that the contemporary family is in crisis, and that this must inspire action. He also noticed that “family policy [...] must flexibly respond to needs and decisions; it also must respect verified existing models, even when they appear to be out of fashion”. He also emphasized that “defeating the demographic crisis is necessary for Poland and Europe”.

Meanwhile, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz represented the Catholic perspective, reminding that the crisis in Europe is related to the crisis of the family, worsened by the ideology of gender, the legal equalization of homosexual relationships with marriage as well as certain elements of sexual education. He expressed deep concern with changes that “do not go in the direction of strengthening the family but its disintegration, the blurring of its identity”. Finally, Archbishop Celestino Migliore,

apostolic nuncio to Poland, noticed that the family as an institution today needs strong support from authentic anthropology.

During the first session, which was held in the morning and was devoted to the Christian view of the family, the following persons spoke: Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family; Bishop Tadeusz Szurman, bishop of the Katowice Diocese of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession; and Rev. Maksim Obukhov, a representative of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Russian National Movement for Life and the Defense of Family Values in Moscow.

The second session, which was held in the afternoon, was devoted to the challenges of the contemporary world with regards to the family. They were presented by Archbishop Henryk Hoser, diocesan bishop of the Warsaw-Praga, as well as Prof. Marguerite Peeters from the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue Dynamics in Brussels. Next, discussions in working groups were held. In one, there were discussions about marriage in contrast to civil unions, the search for an answer to what is the family and about gender, asking whether it is a new ethics or also an ideology.

In the evening in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr and Pauline Fathers Monastery Skalka, Mass was held for the participants of the conference by Bishop Wiktor Skworc, the metropolitan archbishop of Katowice. He also gave the homily.

During the third session, which was held on Saturday, trends in the family policy of the European Union were dissected. Prof. Pierpaolo Donati from the Faculty of Sociology and Economic Law of the University of Bologna (Italy) discussed them. Cardinal Kazimierz Nycz, the metropolitan archbishop of Warsaw, also presented his suggestions. Róża Thun, member of the European Parliament (European People's Party fraction, Poland); Paweł Kowal, member of the European Parliament (Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists, Poland); François Biltgen, former minister of justice of Luxembourg; and Dr. Andrzej Sadowski, vice president of the Adam Smith Center (Warsaw), took part in the discussion panel. Andrzej Godlewski, deputy editor of Program TVP 1, moderated the panel.

Our university's rector Rev. Prof. Władysław Zuziak spoke at the conclusion of the conference. His conviction was that pro-family policy in the European Union "should consist of creating preferential conditions for families, compensating the efforts related to raising new citizens". He also noticed that "the Pontifical University is actively engaged in defending the institution of the family not only by offering a degree program in Family Studies", but also by "forming a new generation of spouses and parents according to Christian values"³.

The popularization of concern for the unity of Christians is among the main tasks of the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue. For this reason the

³ For more information about the conference, please visit: www.kosciol-europa.org.pl (30.12.2013). On this page it is also possible to find material from previous conferences (in Polish).

institute organizes a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the preceding Day of Judaism in the Catholic Church as well as the Day of Islam in the Catholic Church concluding these celebrations. Thus in the previous year the institute was the main organizer of the aforementioned Week of Prayer, which took place in Krakow on January 20th–27th 2013. The motto of the week was a paraphrasing of the question contained in the Book of Micah: “And what does the Lord require of you?” (Micah 6:6-8). The co-organizers of the week were the Krakow branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council as well as the Ecumenical Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Krakow. An ecumenical service of the Word of God took place in various churches and chapels belonging to the Orthodox, Evangelical Methodist, Polish Catholic, Augsburg Confession Evangelical, Mariavite and Roman Catholic Churches. The culmination of the Week of Prayer was a Mass celebrated on January 27th in the Dominican Basilica of the Holy Trinity in Krakow, after which ecumenical Vespers were held. Rev. Roman Pracki, the chairman of the Krakow branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council and the pastor of a Lutheran parish, said the introduction to the common prayer. Bishop Grzegorz Ryś led the Eucharist and the Vespers, and also said the homily. During the Vespers the pastor of an Orthodox parish, Rev. Jarosław Antosiuk, said the Word of God.

The celebrations of the nationwide Fourteenth Day of Judaism in the Catholic Church in Poland took place, as usual, before the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, on January 17th 2013 (January 19th in Krakow). The motto of the day was: “I am Joseph, your brother” (Genesis 45:4). In Krakow, the ceremony was organized by the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, the Club of Christians and Jews “Covenant”, the Ecumenical Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the Jewish Community in Krakow. The havdalah – the prayer meeting at the conclusion of Shabbat – took place in the Tempel synagogue in Krakow. Its participants included: Archbishop of Krakow Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, Consul General of the United States Ellen Germain and the Rector of the Jagiellonian University Dr. Hab. Med. Wojciech Nowak. Rabbi Jicchak Horowitz led the prayer. Tadeusz Jakubowicz, chairman of the Jewish Community in Krakow, and Cardinal Dziwisz gave speeches.

An important initiative for dialogue with Judaism is the cycle of lectures titled “ABCs of Christian and Polish-Jewish Relations”. The lectures take place under the patronage of Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, and their co-organizers are the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the Club of Christians and Jews “Covenant”. The Bishop Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Ryś (with regards to the historical aspect), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Łukasz Kamykowski (regarding the philosophical and theological aspects) and Dr. Maciej Kozłowski, the former ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Israel

(concerning the socio-political aspect) wrought the program of the lectures. They take place each week (twice for 45 minutes each lecture for two semester) and are led by various lecturers and specialists in undertaking matters.

Meanwhile, the Krakow celebrations of the Thirteenth Day of Islam in the Catholic Church began on January 30th 2013. Their main theme was the words “Raising Young Christians and Muslims to Justice and Peace”. The ceremonies were organized by the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow in collaboration with the Krakow Club of Catholic Intelligentsia, the Net for God International Ecumenical Fraternity and the order of Franciscan friars. The focal point of the celebrations was the service of the Word of God, which was led by Bishop Grzegorz Ryś. Commenting on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–10), he called attention to those that call for the practicing of peace and justice. After the service in the hall of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow there took place a discussion in which Dr. Agata Nalborczyk-Skowron, the co-chairperson of the Joint Council of Catholics and Muslims; the Little Sisters of Jesus; and Mufti Nedal Abu Tabaq of the Muslim League in the Republic of Poland. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Łukasz Kamykowski, the director of the Interfaculty Institute and archdiocesan rapporteur for ecumenism, led the discussion. In the second day of the celebrations of the Day of Islam in the locale of the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia there took place a showing of the film *Muslims Talk About Mary* prepared by Net for God after which Dr. Marek Micherdziński, an expert on Islam and lecturer at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, explained who Mary is to Muslims.

In addition to the aforementioned cyclical initiatives of deepening knowledge transmitted during regular didactic classes there are also symposiums, conferences and guest lectures, which at the same time are a form of popularizing the results of studies led by individual academic faculty members of our university. Many of them were organized with the participation of universities apart from the Pontifical University of John Paul II. These are some of them:

The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow (from the initiative of the Department of Applied and Pastoral Theology of the Faculty of Theology), in cooperation with the Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty at the University of Prešov, the Ojców National Park and Rev. Karol Wojtyła – Koła nr 1 “Pielgrzym” (“Pilgrim”) Branch of the Polish Tourist and Sightseeing Society in Krakow organized the Twentieth International Seminar “Sacrum i przyroda” (“The Sacred and Nature”) titled *Człowiek w ogrodzie Pana* (“Man in the Garden of the Lord”), which took place on October 13th–14th 2012 in Ojców near Krakow. Representatives of Lviv University also took part in the symposium. Academic faculty members from our university, the University of Prešov, Lviv University and the Jagiellonian University presented papers. The subject matter of the papers concentrated on Biblical themes related to nature and responsibility for the natural environment, which is a gift from God given to specific persons. Materials from the symposium were published in

the book *Człowiek w ogrodzie Pana. XX Międzynarodowe Seminarium „Sacrum i przyroda”* (“Man in the Garden of the Lord: The Twentieth International Seminar ‘The Sacred and Nature’”) (eds. J. Klimek, J. Partyka, Ojców National Park; Krakow: Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow 2012, 182 pages).

Human activity in the field of business is rarely associated with spirituality. The Chair of the Theology of Life of the Faculty of Theology, which along with the Talent Chaplaincy for Entrepreneurs organized a conference titled *Powołanie lidera biznesu* (“Vocation of the Business Leader”), called attention to a change in this way of thinking. The conference took place on October 18th 2012. The topics of the reflections included the spirituality of a business leader, contradictions in the vocation of a business leader, the place of Christ in the life of a Christian businessman and the integral development of a business leader. The conference was in reference to a document of a document under the same title, which was published by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2011.

Ethics play a fundamental role not only in business, but also in political and social activity, although politicians oftentimes disregard it. In search for an answer to contemporary ethical problems the Chair in Ethics of the Faculty of Theology organized the fifth scientific conference in the cycle “Etyka i życie publiczne” (“Ethics and Public Life”). The conference took place on October 23rd–24th 2012 at our university. The purpose of the conference was to show various dimensions of greed: from the fault of an individual person (greed as a deadly sin) to the driving force behind economic development. Greed is a phenomenon that appears in broadly conceived culture: in religion, philosophy, literature and art. During the conference answers to questions about the source of the phenomenon of greed and its eventual relation to man’s nature were sought. During the paper presentations such matters as greed with relation to rationality, the development of consumption, the shaping of attitudes and to freedom were undertaken; also discussed was greed in advertisement, the justification of greed and the “mytho-ontology” of the free market; greed as the source of crisis; the influence of greed on the functioning of the media; greed and mimesis according to R. Girard; greed in the search for sensation (for example, in sports); the insatiability of greed; meeting needs and the lack of happiness. A showing of the film *Margin Call* directed by J. C. Chandor took place in Kino Pod Baranami as part of the conference.

A return to roots is always an ongoing challenge for liturgists. The Third International Liturgical Symposium “«Ad fontes liturgicos» – Ruch liturgiczny jako wynik powrotu do źródeł liturgii” (“«Ad fontes liturgicos» – The Liturgical Movement As a Result of the Return to the Sources of the Liturgy”) was organized by the Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty at the University of Prešov and the Ukrainian Catholic University. The symposium took place on October 25th–26th 2012 in Prešov (Slovakia) and was devoted to the development of the liturgical movement aiming towards liturgical renewal on the basis of its sources. Scientists

from Ukraine, Slovakia and Poland (Krakow, Opole) shared the results of their research in the field of liturgical renewal movements. They are important not only for the history of liturgy but also for understanding its present shape.

At a time of high unemployment and many other consequences of the economic crisis and also because of population ageing, social work is a special challenge not only for social institutions but also for universities preparing staff for this field of activity. Facing these needs, the Chair of Social Work and Social Prophylaxis of the Faculty of Social Sciences organized a scientific conference *Wyzwania współczesnej pracy socjalnej* ("The Challenges of Contemporary Social Work"), which took place on November 6th 2012. During the conference, answers to the question of who should be a social worker of the 21st century – should he or she be an administrative staff member or work out in the field? – were asked. In other words, should he or she be a "social worker", or rather a "community worker"? Not only the means of organizing the system of social assistance depends on the answer to this question, but the means of preparing candidates for social services does as well.

The dynamic growth of information technology and the necessity of communication with people from diverse cultural environments create new requirements for teaching foreign languages that can no longer be limited to familiarizing students with a new linguistic system, but it must also familiarize them with diverse strategies of learning, developing their autonomy and understanding new intercultural phenomena. Facing these challenges, the Interfaculty Department of Foreign Languages with the co-participation of the International Relations Office and the Office for Persons with Disabilities which are active at our university organized a conference titled *Indywidualizacja procesu nauczania języków obcych – badania naukowe i praktyka* ("The Individualization of the Process of Teaching Foreign Languages: Scientific Research and Practice"). The conference took place on October 26th 2012 and was the first conference in the field of the didactics of foreign languages organized at our university. On the occasion of the conference the 125th anniversary of the founding of the language Esperanto and its founder Ludwik Zamenhof were honored, opening an exhibit devoted to the latter.

The development of good neighborly relations with Ukraine undoubtedly deserves attention. Studies of the newest history of both nations in their mutual relations serve for this strengthening. The results of these studies were presented at the academic conference *Kościół katolicki w Europie Środkowo-Wschodniej w obliczu dwóch totalitaryzmów (1917–1990)* ("The Catholic Church in East-Central Europe in the Face of Two Totalitarianisms, 1917–1990"), which took place on November 15th–16th 2002 in Lviv. Its organizers were the Rzeszów branch of the Institute of National Remembrance, the Chair of East-Central European History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow as well as the Latin Rite Major Seminary in Lviv. Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki, the metropolitan archbishop of Lviv, was the honorary patron of the conference. The

subject matter of the papers concentrated on questions related to the ecclesiastical-national reality of Catholics in Ukraine under the rule of the Soviet Union as well as the history of the Catholic Church in Poland and several Central European countries.

Not only the didactic-scientific staff of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow but also its students engage in undertaking research and popularizing its results. Worthy of acclaim is the symposium titled *Droga wiary* (“The Way of Faith”), an initiative of students of theology and candidates for the priesthood that became a part of the Year of Faith. The symposium took place on November 14th–15th 2012, and it was organized by seminarians of the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow in collaboration with the Chair of Sacramentology of the Faculty of Theology of our university. The basic aim of the symposium was enabling seminarians and lay students to present their thoughts regarding various questions relating to faith. The subject matter of the presented papers concerned theological, philosophical, psychological and social matters. Among the speakers were also students of the University of Opole. There is being prepared a publication of materials from the symposium.

During the Year of Faith lawyers from the Institute of Canon Law of our university, who organized a symposium titled *Wolność wiary a posłuszeństwo prawu* (“Freedom of Faith and Obedience to the Law”), also dealt with the reality of faith. The symposium took place on November 14th 2012 in the hall of the Institute of Theology of the Congregation of the Mission in Krakow. The topics of the papers were matters concerning the canon law consequences of decisions and statements contradicting Church doctrine whose authors are so-called “public persons” and “celebrities”; the defects of faith and their influence on the right to marry; the contemporary practice of the Church towards heresy; limiting the right to one’s own spirituality; the canonical requirement of life in accordance with faith applied to godparents and confirmation sponsors. It was noted that the law did not limit freedom in professing one’s faith, but it introduced order in its practice and proclamation.

In the time of the struggle for respect for human life from conception to natural death the question of the fate of children who died before birth has become increasingly rankling. This question was the topic of a nationwide scientific conference titled *Umarłych pogrzebać... Pogrzeb dziecka poronionego źródłem chrześcijańskiej nadziei* (“Bury the Dead: The Funeral of a Stillborn Child As the Source of Christian Hope”), which the Chair of Pastoral Theology organized jointly with the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication. The conference took place on November 26th 2012 in the hall of the Main Library of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. The speakers presented a multifaceted analysis of the question of the organization of the funeral of a stillborn child, considering the legal regulations binding in Poland, the statutes of canon law, liturgical requirements, the psychology of grieving, the philosophical concept of the human person as well as the teaching of the Catholic Church about the salvation of non-baptized children.

Thus the conference was of an interdisciplinary nature. The honorary patrons of the conference were: Krakow Archbishop Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz; Chairman of the Panel of Experts on Bioethics of the Conference of the Polish Episcopate Archbishop Henryk Hoser, SAC; chairman of the Council for the Family of the Conference of the Polish Episcopate Bishop Kazimierz Górny; the rector and a professor of our university Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak; Director of the Department of the Family Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Krakow; Human Life International; the Friends of Human Life Club; the Polish Theological Association; the Polish Federation of Pro-Life Movements; the Polish Association of Defenders of Human Life; and the Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko Association of Catholic Physicians. Materials from the conference were published in a book titled *Od bólu po stracie do nadziei życia. Pogrzeb dziecka poronionego* ("From Pain Resulting from Loss to the Hope of Life: The Funeral of a Stillborn Child" (eds. J. Dziedzic, P. Guzdek, Krakow 2013, 226 pages).

Not only the question about the end of an individual person's life but also the termination of all of humanity is an important existential question. It gives birth to heightened interest especially when astronomers discover a threat from the cosmos or when unexpectedly there occurs the fall of a great meteor, as was for example the case in Chelyabinsk (on February 15th 2013). As if anticipating this event, our university along with the Jan Długosz University in Częstochowa organized an interdisciplinary conference titled *Koniec świata... I co dalej?* ("The End of the World... And What Next?"). The conference took place in two "editions": in Krakow on November 15th–16th 2012 and in Częstochowa on November 22nd–23rd 2012. The aim of the conference was to consider the maximal number of aspects of this question. Because of this the representatives of such disciplines of study as theology, philosophy, cultural studies and psychology were invited to participate in it. Scientists representing academic centers from Gdańsk and Częstochowa to Krakow presented papers. They showed the end of the world as a reality that indeed is penetrating our everyday life, especially when it is understood as a certain end overall, for example the end of the life of an individual or the end of a certain era in world history. The papers did not consider the cosmological aspect. The conference was accompanied by an exhibition titled *A-rt-pokalipsa* ("A-rt-pocalypse").

The fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of the Second Vatican Council became an occasion to reflect upon the development of ecumenism inspired by its teachings. The expression of this reflection was an ecumenical academic session titled *Ekumenizm – zagrożenie czy konsekwencja wiary?* ("Ecumenism: A Threat to or Consequence of Faith?") that was organized by the Interfaculty Institute of Ecumenism and Dialogue in cooperation with the Krakow branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council. The session took place on November 14th 2012. During the session, its participants asked whether it is correct to link the reformist, and also ecumenical legacy of the council with the later crisis of faith. From an Orthodox point of view, ecumenism appears to be an inevitable process for Christianity; from

the Evangelical perspective, mutual respect as a fruit of ecumenism is important; and, finally, for Catholics it is important to maintain faith in the grace of unity, which reveals itself in humble conversion.

Although man continuously strives to ensure himself a good frame of mind and happiness, he rarely fully attains it. A skilful experiencing of joy is an important element of Christian spirituality. The international conference *Enjoy Life: Towards a Deep Concept of Human Joy*, which was organized by our university's Institute for Theology of Spirituality and the University of Ljubljana. During the conference it was reminded that joy is among the main themes of the Bible. Emphasis was also placed on the joy that the truth about Divine Mercy gives, especially when it is connected to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Also underlined was the joy stemming from studying itself, focusing attention on the relationship between joy and the process of education.

Two symposiums from the cycle "Duchowość klasztorów polskich: przekaz i komunikacja" ("The Spirituality of Polish Monasteries: Message and Communication") were aids to a deeper experiencing of the Year of Faith. The Sixth International Symposium from the cycle took place on February 9th 2013 under the title: *Zapatrzona w Boga i wsłuchana w człowieka. Św. Aniela Merici i jej dzieło realizowane przez polskie Urszulanki Unii Rzymskiej* ("Infatuated with God and Attentive to Man: St. Angela Merici and Her Work Realized by the Polish Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union"). Meanwhile, the Seventh International Symposium from the aforementioned cycle took place on February 19th 2013 under the title *Misja bułgarska zmartwychwstańców: 150 lat w służbie Kościołowi i społeczeństwu* ("The Mission of Bulgarian Resurrectionists: One Hundred and Fifty Years in Service to the Church and Society"). It was organized by our university in conjunction with the Polish province of the Resurrectionist Congregation.

The Inter-Congregational Catechetical Institute, run by the Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union, took part in the celebrations of the Year of Faith by organizing yet another, this time Forty-Second Catechetical Symposium, whose topic was "Życ w światłości Pana" ("To Live in the Light of the Lord"). The symposium took place on March 16th 2013. Professors from our university and the Catholic University of Lublin as well as the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław presented papers. They dealt with such matters as the relationship of the secret of light with the secret of the Holy Trinity, "staring into" God as a sign of love, St. Paul's understanding of the faith of Abraham, strong faith as a sign of kinship with Christ, the main tasks of the new evangelization, contemplation in the understanding of St. John of the Cross, contemplating God in the life of children and youths as well as contemplation in catechesis. There are plans to publish materials from the symposium.

Concern for those with disabilities is at the center of attention of the university administration. The Office for Persons with Disabilities cares for students with disabilities. For these individuals there was organized a Fifth Krakow Day of

Integration, which took place on April 16th–20th 2013. Its main ideal is the best possible integration with the academic circles of Krakow through sports, trainings, artistic activity as well as increasing the accessibility of post-secondary schools to students with disabilities. In Krakow there is an Agreement on the Cooperation of Krakow's Universities for People with Disabilities, which was made on October 27th 2010. Six Krakow universities took part in the agreement: the AGH University of Science and Technology, the Krakow University of Technology, the Krakow University of Economics, the Pedagogical University, the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and the Jagiellonian University.

Poland's geopolitical situation creates an opportunity to develop diverse options in relations with its neighbors. One of them is the pro-Russian preference, which in the past significantly influenced the shape of domestic and foreign policies. A scientific conference titled *Między realizmem a narodową apostazją. Orientacja prorosyjska w polskiej myśli politycznej XIX i XX wieku* ("Between Realism and National Apostasy: The Pro-Russian Orientation in Polish Political Thought of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries") was devoted to research on this matter. The Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, the Phronesis Scientific Circle of Political and Legal Doctrines as well as the Center for Political Thought, which as a scientific and educational society promotes principles of politics based on the honoring of individual liberty, respect for religion and Polish cultural traditions, organized it. The conference took place on April 18th 2013. Papers were presented by the academic staff of our university, the Jagiellonian University (Krakow), the University of Wrocław (Wrocław), the University of Warmia and Masuria (Olsztyn), the Kazimierz Pułaski University of Technology and Humanities (Radom), the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Institute of National Remembrance. The papers undertook such themes as A. Gurowski's Pan-Slavism, H. Rzewuski's ideal of a Slavic empire, the political program of the "St. Petersburg coterie", reconciliation with Russia according to W. Spasowicz; and the political views of A. Walewski, A. Wielopolski, R. Dmowski and S. Kisielewski. In the discussion there was a search for answers to questions about, for example, how to assess the pro-Russian Polish political thinkers: were they traitors of the Polish nation, or political realists? This question gives birth to another: where is the boundary between treason and political reason, and what do those two stances consist of?

The question of the existence of God is among those that are continuously undertaken anew and discussed. The question of empirical values of reason traditionally called evidence for the existence of God was the subject of a nationwide conference of doctoral students titled *(Nie)konkluzywność dowodów na istnienie Boga* ("The (In)conclusiveness of Evidence for God's Existence"). The Faculty of Theology along with the Student Scientific Circle of Philosophers organized it. The conference took place on April 19th 2013. In the papers questions related to St. Anselm's ontological argument, and in particular such questions as: a critique of

language of Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, aporia and the possibility of evidence based on St. Anselm's reasoning, Pascal's Wager as evidence, the Hegelian critique of the ontological argument in Kant's view, an assessment of evidence by Søren Kierkegaard, science's attitude towards evidence (from Descartes and Newton to Hawking), the multiverse theory of the creation of God, the conceptual Bermuda Triangle (agnosticism, theism and atheism) and the views of Philip K. Dick on knowledge of God. Answers were also sought to the following questions: Why do ontological arguments not prove God's existence? Is existence a property? Why is evidence for God's existence inconclusive? A publication of the presented texts is being prepared.

Visiting prisoners in penitentiaries is not currently among the frequently practiced works of mercy. However, Christ's admonishment "I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me" (Matthew 25:43) is still relevant. The Year of Faith was on occasion to reflect also on this field. It was available through participation in the Penitentiary Forum organized by the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow, the Faculty of Social Sciences and prison officers. A forum titled *Miejsce wiary w procesie resocjalizacji* ("The Place of Faith in the Process of Resocialization") took place on April 23rd 2013. Its participants searched for answers to such questions as: Does a criminal deserve a chance from life? Can there exist people who wish the imprisoned well? Could God and faith have any meaning for those who have been sentenced? The answers to these questions to a large degree depend on the personal relationship of individual prisoners with their closest surroundings in which they lived when they were free. Hope is of decisive significance here. At the end of the forum the inmates of one of the penal institutions presented a play prepared by themselves titled *List z celi* ("A Letter from the Cell") whose script was based on the personal experiences of the actor-inmates. The audience was greatly moved by the performance.

After the passage of half a century since the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), asking about its influence on the current life of the Church is understandable. The question of the reception of the council's teaching was the subject of an international scientific seminar titled *50-lecie Soboru Watykańskiego II. Praktyczno-teologiczna recepcja Soboru w Niemczech i Polsce* ("The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council: The Council's Practical-Theological Reception in Germany and Poland"), which took place on May 8th–10th 2013. The Institute of Religious Communication as well as the Institute of Pastoral Theology at the Faculty of Theology of the Albert Ludwig University in Freiburg as part of the Erasmus program organized it. The person responsible for the organization from the part of our university was Rev. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, and on behalf of the University of Freiburg – Dr. Hab. Michael Hastetter. The subject of papers presented in Polish were: the twofold way of understanding the council, *aggiornamento* as its purpose, the anthropological about-face in

post-conciliar pastoral theology, the relationship between the Church and the world, the vocation of the laity, functions and service in parish ministry, the role of Sacred Scripture in practical theology, the catechumenate of adults and permanent deacons in Poland. The papers presented in German concerned the reception of the council in Orthodox theology in Germany. Papers and discussions during the seminar showed unity in the diversity of the pastoral application in the Church in Germany and in Poland.

A form of defense of human life in its initial stage was the faculty scientific seminar titled *Wokół statusu człowieka w okresie prenatalnym* ("Concerning the Status of Man in the Pre-Natal Phase"). The topic of the seminar, which took place on May 15th 2013, was the personal dimension of human life in the pre-natal phase. Rev. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Biesaga, professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, and Rev. Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Hołub each gave lectures titled *Potencjalność wewnętrzna i uprawnienia etyczne embrionu ludzkiego* ("The Internal Potentiality and Ethical Privileges of the Human Embryo") and *Dyskusje w naturalizmie wokół potencjalności osoby* ("Discussions in Naturalism Concerning Human Potentiality"), respectively.

The ethical and axiological aspects of the activity of the media were also in the past academic year the subject of discussion at our university. They pose an important element of contemporary life. In their desire to remind that the value of the media depends on its approach to values including wisdom above all, the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication along with the "Axiology of Communication" section of the Polish Communication Association organized the Seventh International Scientific Conference on the Ethics of the Media titled *Rozumieć media – mądrość w mediach?* ("Understanding the Media: Wisdom in the Media?"), which took place on May 16th–17th 2013. The purpose of the conference was to find and show mechanisms allowing for the understanding of contemporary media, thanks to which their functionality and application are able to multiply the wisdom of people and serve the development of society based on knowledge and honest information. The conference also serves the integration of the academic milieu of media studies experts, those who practice communications as well as journalists from Poland and abroad, the study of the ethical condition of the contemporary media as well as the confrontation of theory with journalistic practice. In the papers and discussions the following problems were undertaken: the understanding of the media from the point of view of their wisdom and foolishness, the confrontation of theory and practice in the media, the significance of the media in the education and development of knowledge as well as wisdom, man in the sphere of the media, wisdom and foolishness in the journalist's view of the world, the new wisdom of the new media, the ethical and legal path to the wisdom of the media, the psychology of understanding the media, "wise" and "snooty" journalistic searches, as well as the meanders of wisdom in advertisements and public relations. At the end of the conference there took place the ceremony of bestowing upon Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej

Zwoliński of our university the “Bez światłocienia” (“Without Chiaroscuro”) statue granted to him by the Krakow branch of the Association of Catholic Journalists. The recipient gave an address titled *Media jako źródło głupoty* (“The Media As a Source of Foolishness”). In this edition of the conference speakers above all from Poland, but also Slovakia and Germany, took part. Among them were the representatives of our university, the Jagiellonian University, the University of Wrocław, the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Krakow University, the University of Warsaw, the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Katholische Universität Eichstätt, Germany), the Pomeranian University in Słupsk, the University of Rzeszów, the Laboratory of Shaping the Voice and Artistic Speech Therapy in Warsaw, the University of Łódź, the University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin, Opole University, Comenius University in Bratislava, the University of Warmia and Masuria in Olsztyn, the Ignatianum Academy in Krakow, the Krakow University of Economics, the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów, the Koszalin University of Technology and the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw. The conference also included the active participation of the representatives of the media: Telewizja Polska, Radio Krakow, TVP Katowice and the monthly magazine *Znak*.

The effectiveness of scientific research depends on its methodology. For this reason the Faculty of Philosophy is engaged in organizing a conference devoted to methodology. XVII Krakowska Konferencja Metodologiczna (“The Seventh Krakow Methodological Conference”) took place on May 16th–17th 2013. Along with the Faculty of Theology the conference was organized by the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. The overarching theme was “Umysł normatywny. Wymiary podejmowania decyzji” (“The Normative Mind: Dimensions of Decision-Making”). The lectures took place in English and their subject was the following matters: Cognitive and Neural Dimensions of Normativity; Personal View on the Evolution of Human Mind and Cooperative Behavior; Change of Norms and Creativity: Normativity from a Cognitive Point of View; The Normativity of Logic; Deflecting Two Challenges to the Objectivity of Moral Epistemology; The Normative Mind: In Defense of a Heresy; The Contribution of the Medial Prefrontal Cortex to Moral Decision-Making; Embodiment, Emotion, and Decision; Normative vs. Heuristic Decision Processes: The Impact of Emotions; Rational Choice Theory, Moral Decision-Making, and the Folk Psychology; Social Agency, Reinforcement and Vicarious Learning, and Legal Compliance: Results from Agent-Based Simulations; The Real Cement of Civil Society. Lecturers represented the following research centers: Jagiellonian University, the International Institute of Information Technology (Hyderabad, India), University of Cambridge, the University of Bologna, University of California

(San Diego, USA), the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the University of Edinburgh.

Related to the Year of Faith was the conference titled *Wiarę wyznawać, przeżywać, celebrować... Sympozjum z okazji Roku Wiary* ("To Profess, Live and Celebrate Faith... A Symposium on the Occasion of the Year of Faith"), which was organized by the Faculty of Theology. The conference took place on May 22nd 2013, and its subject was such matters as: an answer to faith in God in the view of the Second Vatican Council; the relationship between science and faith from an Orthodox perspective; the attitude of contemporary anthropology to faith; and the possibility of a conscious lack of faith. During the symposium answers to the following questions were sought: Is faith one of the senses? Is a crisis of faith a crisis of the personality? To believe or to confide? Is the liturgy the fulfillment of faith? *Traditio – verbum or actio?* Does faith decide upon morality? Two lectures were given in English: *The Faith in the Year of Faith – A Contribution of Joseph Ratzinger–Benedict XVI* and *Tired of Being Secularized? Why the Swedes Become Interested in the Catholic Church*. Lectures were given by professors from our university, the University of Białystok, the University of Navarra in Pamplona as well as the Newman Institute (Newmaninstitutet) in Uppsala (Sweden).

The life of each person is strictly connected to his or her natural environment. A conference titled *Ekosystem w pomocy społecznej* ("The Ecosystem in Social Aid"), organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Pedagogical University of Krakow, was devoted to searching for optimal solutions to providing support while taking into account environmental conditions. The conference took place on June 3rd 2013 in the building of the Main Library of our university as well as in the confinements of the Pedagogical University. During the conference there were debates about the development of man from childhood through late old age. It was noted that the development of man occurs in the strict unity of all the dimensions (physical, psychological, intellectual and spiritual) of human existence while maintaining care for the surrounding environment. The topics of the plenary session were such matters as: the defenselessness of the poor, care of the elderly in Canada, the promotion of clean energy in Lesser Poland and Subcarpathia and mediation in social assistance. Meanwhile, the thematic sessions were devoted to the following matters: the senior in social aid, institutions and the organization of social aid, methods and forms of social work, social matters and problems and mediation in social work. The lecturers represented the following universities and academic centers dealing with the aforementioned matters: the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, the University of Toronto, the AGH University of Science and Technology, the Polish Mediation Institute and the University of Ottawa.

In addition to symposiums and conferences organized by institutions dealing with scientific-didactic activity, it is also worth giving attention to the scientific symposium connected to a beautiful celebration of the liturgy organized by theology

students affiliated with the Liturgical Scientific Circle of the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow. In cooperation with the Dominican Liturgical Center Foundation of Krakow and with the Faculty of Theology of our university, they organized the Sixth “Mysterium Fascinans” Liturgical Retreat under the title “Duch – nasze uświęcenie. O działaniu Ducha Świętego w liturgii” (“The Spirit – Our Sanctification: Regarding the Activity of the Holy Spirit in the Liturgy”). The symposium took place on September 13th-15th 2013 in Krakow. The subject of reflection was the dynamic activity of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of initiation – baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist – celebrated in the liturgical tradition of both East and West. Particular emphasis was placed on openness to the transforming activity of the Holy Spirit through liturgy celebrated – similarly as in previous years – in both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Roman Rite. The publication of materials from the symposium will be prepared by the website [Katolik.pl](http://sklep.liturgia.pl) and will be available on the page <http://sklep.liturgia.pl>.

A form of scientific exchange and interuniversity cooperation is also guest lectures. In the past academic year, it is worth noting the following lectures organized by various institutions of our university. Prof. Anna Maria Colombo of Turin gave the lectures *Jedwabne adamaszki włoskie* (“Silk Italian Damasks”), which took place on October 8th-12th 2012, organized by the Institute of History of Art and Culture. Rev. Prof. Dr. Noel Sheth, SJ, of Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth (the Pontifical Institute for Philosophy and Religions) of Pune (India) gave the lecture *Hinduskie formy ofiary a chrześcijańska Eucharystia* (“Hindu Forms of Sacrifice and the Christian Eucharist”) as well as *Wcielenie w hinduizmie i chrześcijaństwie* (“The Incarnation in Hinduism and Christianity”), which took place on November 21st 2012 from the initiative of the Faculty of Theology. Rev. Dr. Ivan Platovnjak of the University of Ljubljana gave a lecture titled *Zagadnienia metodologiczne teologii duchowości* (“Methodological Matters of the Theology of Spirituality”). The lecture took place on January 16th 2013 from the initiative of the Faculty of Theology. Dr. Hubert Kaczyński from the Institute of Sociology of the Jagiellonian University gave an open lecture titled *Personalistyczna praca socjalna – inspiracje dla praktyki terapeutycznej* (“Personalistic Social Work: Inspirations for Therapeutic Practice”). Jarosław W. Lasecki, a senator of the Seventh Term of the Senate of the Republic of Poland, gave a lecture titled *Ruina czy restauracja? Restauracja Zamku Bobolice* (“Ruin or Restoration? The Restoration of the Bobolice Castle”). The lecture took place on April 22nd 2013 from the invitation of the Institute of History of Art and Culture (Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage). Prof. Yuri Domanski, a historian and theorist of literature from the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow, gave a lecture titled *Poezja rockowa w historii kultury rosyjskiej XX wieku* (“Rock Poetry in the History of Russian Culture in the Twentieth Century”). The lecture took place on April 25th 2013 from the initiative of the Institute of History of Art (Faculty of History and Cultural

Heritage). Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Nykiel, regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, gave guest lectures at the invitation of the Institute for Canon Law, which took place on May 22nd–23rd 2013. Prof. Tomas Sodeika of Vilnius University gave a cycle of lectures titled *Świętość w dobie reprodukcji technicznej* (“Sanctity in the Age of Technological Reproduction”). The lectures, which took place on June 4th–6th 2013, were organized by the Institute of Philosophy of Religion of the Faculty of Theology along with the Krakow monastery of the Dominican friars. Prof. Vladimir Katasonov from St. Tikhon’s Orthodox University of Humanities in Moscow gave the lecture *Koncepcja aktualnej nieskończoności jako naukowa ikona Bóstwa* (“The Concept of Current Endlessness As a Scientific Icon of the Divine”). The lecture took place on June 5th 2013 and was organized by the Faculty of Philosophy and the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.

In an age of the massive exchange of information a great challenge is the respect for intellectual property. A conference titled *Własność intelektualna wobec wolnego rynku i pluralizmu mediów* (“Intellectual Property with Regards to the Free Market and the Pluralism of the Media”) which took place on June 16th–18th 2013, was devoted to this subject matter. It was organized by the institutes of the Faculty of Social Sciences: the Chair of Catholic Social Science, the Chair of Social Policy and the Chair of Ethics of Social Work. The subject matter of the papers included the following matters: the legal aspects of intellectual property, the defense of property and the destruction of creativity, the dilemmas of the journalist with regards to intellectual property, “trade” in the media, the search for a new model of journalism fulfilling the requirements of ethics, laws and the free market, the problem of collective management of intellectual property, intellectual work in light of Catholic social teaching, economics and the truth in the media and intellectual property in the publishing practices of WAM Publishing. The speakers represented various academic and media centers, namely: the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, the Polish Journalists Association, the University of Social and Media Culture in Toruń, the State Higher Vocational School in Gorzów Wielkopolski, the Edith Stein Institute of Philosophy and Theology in Zielona Góra, Telewizja Polska and WAM Publishing. The presence of Full Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek M. Sobczak, a lecturer of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw – who spoke about journalism fulfilling the requirements of ethics, law and the free market – merits special attention.

The popularization of knowledge among older persons is a special task of the institution called the University of the Third Age. Presently, there are over 100 such institutions in Poland. In the 2011–2012 academic year, the University of the Third Age at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow began its activity. Its first director was Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Dziedzic. The educational program of the university is directed at persons aged 50 and above, in particular pensioners and annuitants. The inauguration ceremony of its activity took place on October 10th

2011. Courses take place on Mondays and Tuesdays and encompass subjects related to philosophy, theology, history as well as the social sciences. The program also includes days of reflection, pilgrimages, culture events and visiting monuments of Christian culture. In the past academic year, 350 persons studied at the University of the Third Age.

May the culmination of the communication about the activity of our university in the Year of Faith be a cycle of meetings titled “Ich Areopag wiary” (“Their Areopagus of Faith”). These are meetings with universally known persons who have the courage to publicly speak about their faith, and are organized by the seminarians of the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow and the students of the Faculty of Theology simultaneously. As a part of this cycle on January 10th 2013 there took place a meeting with the journalist Krzysztof Ziemięć, a presenter of *Wiadomości* (News) TVP, a two-time recipient of *Telekamera* and winner of the *Wiktor*, who survived serious burns and a long recuperation. His engagement in covering the funeral of John Paul II and the Smolensk catastrophe deserve particular attention. Meanwhile, on February 25th 2013 an analogous meeting with Prof. Andrzej Zoll took place. The professor contributed greatly to the development of politics and the law of our nation, because in 1989 he took part in the Round Table Agreement as an expert of the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”. In 1990, he was the chairman of the National Electoral Commission, and in 1993–1997 he headed the Constitutional Tribunal. Currently, the professor is the chairman of the Chair of Penal Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University. Of his statements, his pronounced negation of the attitude consisting of leaving one’s faith “at the door” of the cabinet in which one works, deserves special attention. He performs his work as a person with a Catholic worldview. This meeting with the professor was organized by the students of the Krakow seminary, the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication of the Faculty of Social Sciences as well as the St. Hedwig, Queen of Poland Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.

A similar meeting, in this case with former marshal of the Sejm Marek Jurek, took place on March 18th 2013 from the initiative of the same organizers. Marek Jurek is a politician and is presently the leader of the Right of the Republic party. He was a deputy of the Tenth Term of the Sejm of the People’s Republic of Poland as well as the First, Fourth and Fifth Terms of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland. In 2005–2007 he was the marshal of the Fifth Term of the Sejm. During the meeting he noted that although about 90 percent of Poles consider themselves to be affiliated with Catholicism, this does not, however, impact the present political scene. For this reason change is necessary, and for it “there is a need for determination; there must appear creative minorities, people who are not afraid to say something first, non-conformists. We have to bring back the value of such a concept as civil courage,” the former marshal of the Sejm emphasized.

The meetings described above portray the engagement of the staff of university. A source of joy and satisfaction is the acknowledgement given to both the university overall and its particular staff by various institutions. Undoubtedly, a source of pride is receiving on May 9th 2013 the Kuźnia Kadr (“The Forge of Cadres”) award given in the most recent edition of the Ranking of Universities undertaken by the magazines *Rzeczpospolita* and *Perspektywy*. In the justification it was written that “this distinction is given to the university that noted the greatest progress in education academic cadres”.

A collective distinction is also the Editors’ of Catholic Programs Krakow’s receiving of a Second Award at the Twenty-Eighth Catholic Film and Multimedia Festival “Niepokalanów 2013”. The festival took place in Niepokalanów on April 11th–14th 2013. The Editors are headed by our staff member Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Baczyński, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, and its members are Joanna Adamik and Katarzyna Katarzyńska. The award was given for the programs *Millenijne dzieło Polonii kanadyjskiej w Brampton* (“The Millennial Work of Canada’s Polish Diaspora in Brampton”), *Błogosławieni czystego serca* (“Blessed Are the Pure of Heart”) and *Być rodziną* (“To Be a Family”), about foster parenting and adoption, which in an interesting way portrays many topics that are important to Catholics and deal with matters related to the family, raising children, the community and patriotism.

We received with joy the news that our rector Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak was chosen deputy chairman of the European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE, Fédération des Universités Catholiques Européennes) for the 2013–2016 term. The federation is an association of the Catholic universities of Europe and is a regional group within FIUC/IFCU (Fédération Internationale des Universités Catholiques/International Federation of Catholic Universities). The federation also serves the development of cooperation between its members in the field of education, science and culture as well as the coordination of cooperation with Catholic universities from different continents.

An expression of acknowledgement at the international and all-Church level is also the invitation by the Holy Father Benedict XVI of Sister Dr. Anna Emmanuela Klich, OSU, to participate in the role of an expert in the Thirteenth General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, whose topic was “New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith”. The synod took place in Rome on October 7th–28th 2012. Sister Dr. Klich is an assistant professor at the Chair of Theology of the Media at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and the director of the Inter-Congregational Catechetical Institute in Krakow.

The selection of our staff member Rev. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Przyczyna, professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, to deputy chairman of the Committee on Religious Language of the International Committee of Slavists (ICS) is also evidence of the international recognition of our university. This selection was made

during the Fifteenth Congress, which took place on August 21th–27th 2013 in Minsk, Belarus, and it gathered about 600 researchers from around the world. The congress was organized by the International Committee of Slavists, which is an organization associating national Slavic committees from 35 countries. The congresses take place every five years. Rev. Prof. Przyczyna is also the deputy chairman of the Committee on Religious Language of the Polish Language Council in the presidium of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

We are also happy with the distinction of Dr. Hab. Wiesław Delimat, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, who was elected president of the Polish Caecilianum Federation for the 2012–2016 term. The federation has been active in Poland since 1999 and is one of two federations associating church choirs across the country. Prof. Delimat is the assistant of the director of the Interuniversity Institute of Church Music.

An expression of the highest recognition from Polish journalists was the distinction in the form of the Laurel given to Prof. Dr. Hab. Walery Pisarek, a staff member of the Faculty of Social Sciences. It was given to him as a “promoter of Polish language and mentor to many decades of journalists”. The ceremony of the granting of the Laurel took place on December 18th 2012 in Warsaw. Dr. Krzysztof Gurba, a staff member of the Faculty of Social Sciences, gave the laudation. Unable to be present at the granting of the awards, the laureate received the statue during an extraordinary session of the Council of Social Sciences (December 21th 2012) in Krakow.

Taking into account the development of the university, the Senate undertook a decision about engaging in the realization of the project *Efektywność zarządzania i jakość kształcenia miarą sukcesu w UPJPII* (“The Effectiveness of Management and the Quality of Education As a Measure of the Success of the Pontifical University of John Paul II”) co-financed by the European Union as part of the European Social Fund. The project is to be realized in the period from September 1st 2012 to August 31st 2014. A particular aim of the project is to “strengthen the research potential of the university”, thanks to which the effectiveness of the management and the quality of education will increase, and an appropriate model of managing the quality of our university will be implemented at our university. The envisioned activities aiming to achieve the aforementioned goal that have been realized are as follows. There have been devised documents concerning such questions as: the procedures and tools of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow’s collaboration with employers; a system of motivation for employers; a periodic procedure of evaluating educational programs; a system of controlling the didactic process; and also a procedure of monitoring the career outcomes of the graduates of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow as well as the document *Strategia rozwoju zasobów ludzkich UPJPII* (“A Strategic of Developing the Human Resources of the Pontifical University of John Paul II”). There has also been prepared and published the *Roczna bibliografia publikacji pracowników Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana*

Pawła II w Krakowie za rok 2011 (“The Annual Bibliography of the Publications of the Staff of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow for 2011”), which contains information about more than 1,000 publications. Furthermore, there has been purchased a program to undertake evaluation surveys of academic didactic staff as well as a program of the Career Office to undertake collaboration between the university and employers. Thanks to the project there has been implemented an online survey to study graduates in the system aiding the work of the Career Office, and also the Academic System of Archiving Papers and the Internet Anti-Plagiarism System Plagiat.pl. Both systems have been integrated with the ProAkademia system used at the university. There has been initiated the building up and modification of the information technology system aiming to integrate the management in the purpose of achieving class ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning). The solutions of this class eliminate the necessity of repeated data entry into the system and enable the use of them in real time by all entitled users adequately to their competences.⁴

It is worth mentioning some statistical data for a more complete picture of our university. In the 2012–2013 academic year at our university there were 3,643 students; 257 academic staff (40 titular professors, 69 habilitated doctors, 124 doctors and 24 Master of Arts holders and 125 remaining staff members (95 in administration and 30 in the library). Six hundred sixty-eight students were admitted to the first year of studies of the first cycle. In the previous academic year, 205 professional Bachelor of Arts degrees were granted, which were the culmination of the first cycle of studies (four at the Faculty of Theology; 16 at the Faculty of Philosophy; 89 at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage; and 96 at the Faculty of Social Sciences), as well as 404 Master of Arts degrees which were the culmination of the second cycle of studies (169 at the Faculty of Theology: four at the Faculty of Philosophy; 59 at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage; 149 at the Faculty of Social Sciences; and 23 at the Faculty of Theology in Tarnów), and 50 canonical (ecclesiastical) licentiates (34 at the Faculty of Theology; six at the Institute for Canon Law; and 10 at the Faculty of Theology in Tarnów). Thirty-one persons received the academic title of doctor (18 at the Faculty of Theology; seven at the Faculty of Philosophy; four at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage; and two at the Faculty of Theology in Tarnów), five became habilitated doctors and two persons gained the title of professor.

The large number of Master of Arts recipients results from the fact that the Faculty of Theology gives this title to the students of major seminaries who made an agreement with the faculty regarding didactic-academic cooperation. These seminarians are not formally the students of the Faculty of Theology, but the process of their education is under the control of the faculty as part of the aforementioned

⁴ More detailed information may be found on the website of the project under the address: www.pe.upjp2.edu.pl.

agreement; their Master of Arts theses are evaluated by the processors of the faculty, and the defense of the Master of Arts thesis is undertaken by the Master of Arts Examination Committee constituted by the faculty.

With the purpose of avoiding misunderstandings it is worth noticing that the cited numbers do not always correspond to those given in relation to promotion ceremonies because between the termination of all proceedings (doctoral [the publication of the dissertation], habilitation and professorial) and the actual ceremony itself several months usually pass. For this reason it often occurs that the proceeding ends in one academic year, but the promotions occur in the following year.

In addition to the promotion of cadres to important areas of activity of the university is the promotion of its own activity. The Information and Promotion Office, which has been active since the 2004–2005 academic year, is responsible for this. The university enters important promotional undertakings organized for all the universities of Krakow or Poland through the office. Among them is above all the Festival of Science, which is organized by universities in Krakow. In the past year it took place on May 15th–18th 2013 in Krakow at the Main Square for the thirteenth time. Its motto was “The Faces of Water?” and it referred to the proceedings of the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation. As in previous years, our university organized scientific panels, painting exhibits, workshops and quizzes. Several dozen volunteers from four faculties were engaged in preparing our participation in the festival.

The development of modern modes of social communication enabled the launch of an internet radio in which journalism students practically utilize their acquired knowledge. Since November 19th 2010, Radio Bonus continues regular, all-day internet broadcasts. Its task is the promotion of the university, its individual faculties and specializations of study as well as the documentation of important events from the life of the university and Krakow. Radio Bonus cooperates with Vatican Radio, the audio service of the Catholic Information Agency and domestic radio stations. An example of concern for a high level of broadcasts can be the meeting with editor Marcin Wrona, which took place on November 19th 2012 as part of “Podśluchaj mistrza. Radio Bonus zaprasza na...” (“Listen to the Master: Radio Bonus Invites You to...”) Since 2006, Wrona is a correspondent of *Fakty* (an information program of the TVN television program) in the United States. As a journalist for the Polish language media he is temporarily in America. A similar meeting took place on November 29th 2012 with Maciej Orłoś, known from *Teleexpress*, an information program of Polish Television (TVP1).

A particular form of promoting the university is its publishing activity, which is led by the Scholarly Publishing House. The publishing house publishes papers and scientific magazines. The scientific magazine affiliated with the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow is *Analecta Cracoviensia*, which contains studies in the fields of philosophy, theology, Church history and

canon law. There have already been published 41 volumes (44 annual issues) of this periodical. Each faculty also publishes its own magazine: the Faculty of Theology publishes *Polonia Sacra* (founded in 1917 and resumed in 1997) as well as the English-language periodical *Theological Research. A Journal of Systematic Theology* (since 2013); the Faculty of Theology puts out *Logos i Ethos* ("Logos and Ethos"; since 1991); the Faculty of Church History issues *Folia Historica Cracoviensia, Pro Musica Sacra* (since 2004) as well as *Orientalia Christiana Cracoviensia* (since 2009); and the Faculty of Social Sciences publishes *Studia Socialia Cracoviensia* (since 2009). The Institute of Canon Law puts out *Annales Canonici*, an annual legal publication addressed to academic circles, practitioners of law and all interested in Church law. The Faculty of Theology in Tarnów issues two magazines: *Tarnowskie Studia Teologiczne* ("Tarnów Theological Studies"; since 1938) and *The Person and the Challenges. The Journal of Theology, Education, Canon Law and Social Studies Inspired by Pope John Paul II* (since 2011).

The Center for the Interdisciplinary Studies, which is active at the Faculty of Philosophy, publishes *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce* ("Philosophical Questions in Science"). This is a biannual publication, which deals with the discovery and analysis of philosophical problems entangled with the natural sciences. A magazine with a similar profile is *Semina Scientiarum* (initially a supplement to *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce*), devoted to the philosophy of science and also published by the Faculty of Philosophy.

In 2011 at the Faculty of Philosophy a new magazine titled *Racjonalia. Z punktu widzenia humanistyki* ("Rationalities: From the Perspective of the Humanities") inaugurated its activity, publishing the papers of the students of Bachelor of Arts (first cycle), extension Master of Arts (second cycle) and doctoral (third cycle) studies, continuous Master of Arts studies, postgraduate studies as well as the academic staff of universities. There are preparations to publish a new magazine of the Faculty of Theology titled *Studia Biblica Cracoviensia*.

The official university publication of an informational nature is the bimonthly *Vita Academica. Biuletyn Informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie* ("Vita Academia: The Information Bulletin of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow"), which contains information concerning the most important university events. Lay students have their magazine *PATOS. Czasopismo społeczno-kulturalne młodych* ("PATOS: The Social-Cultural Magazine of the Youth"), which is published by the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow Student Union. The magazine has been published for many years, once as a quarterly, but currently as a bimonthly. Students preparing for the priesthood have their own magazine *Novum Tempus Liberum* (NTL), which is edited by the seminarians of the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow. Currently, it is published annually and contains information about the seminary and student life of the seminarians.

Among the continuous publications of the Scholarly Publishing House are also the series: *Biblioteka Ekumenii i Dialogu* (“The Library of Ecumenism and Dialogue”); *Duc in Altum; Duchowość Klasztorów Polskich: Przekaz i Komunikacja* (“The Spirituality of Polish Monasteries: Message and Communication”); *Etyka i Życie Publiczne* (“Ethics and Public Life”); *Hermeneutica et Iudaica, Annales Canonici Monographiae, Studia do Dziejów Wydziału Teologicznego* (“Studies on the History of the Faculty of Theology”); *Podręczniki Wydziału Teologicznego* (“Textbooks of the Faculty of Theology”); *Studia, Prace i Sympozja* (“Studies, Papers and Symposiums”); *Ad Dominum; Studia nad Myślą Jana Pawła II* (“Studies on the Thought of John Paul II”); *Biblijne Wezwania do Rozwijania Kultury* (“Biblical Calls for the Development of Culture”); *Symbol – Znak – Przesłanie* (“Symbol – Sign – Message”); *Znak – Symbol – Rytuał* (“Sign – Symbol – Ritual”).

In the 2012–2013 academic year, the Scholarly Publishing House issued 128 publications, including 12 magazines and the bimonthly informational publication *Vita Academica*. The publishing house systematically increases the number of publications available online (on the web pages of the magazines and in the repository). The online bookstore of the Scholarly Publishing House and the LOGOS bookstore (www.ksiegarnia.upjp2.edu.pl) has inaugurated its activity.

In addition to scientific-didactic activity, the university aims to promote sacral music. This is an extension of the studies on the Church’s liturgy and its musical traditions. At the university the academic choir Psalmodia under the direction of Dr. Włodzimierz Siedlik. The Psalmodia choir dignifies various academic ceremonies, such as the inauguration of the academic year or the celebrations of important anniversaries related with the history of the university, with its singing, and it also promotes Polish culture abroad. Thanks to cooperation with the St. Hedwig, Queen of Poland Foundation it can take part in various artistic events.

At the Third National Choir Festival *Sacra Ecclesiae Cantio* on September 29th 2012 in Tarnów the Psalmodia choir received the Grand Prix, while on November 22nd as part of the Eighth Days of Church Music of the Archdiocese of Krakow the choir gave a concert promoting a new CD album with the compositions of Stanisław Moniuszko. It is also worth mentioning that the Krakow Women’s Choir received first place and the Krakow Men’s Choir received second place at the Twenty-Second Choir Festival of Christmas Carol Music in Myślenice, which took place on January 26nd–27th 2013. Psalmodia also received the Grand Prix during the Fourteenth International Meeting for Choirs “Ad Gloriam Dei”, which took place in Pińczów on May 19th 2013. Of the foreign travels of the choir, it is worth mentioning the tour of Switzerland which the group undertook on November 9th–12th 2012 thanks to the PassionArt association with the Polish Museum in Rapperswil and the Polish Catholic Mission in Switzerland.

The choir also partakes in promoting patriotic values. An expression of this is its participation in the concert “W hołdzie Żołnierzom Wyklętym” (“In Honor of the

Cursed Soldiers”), which took place on January 23th 2013 in the Krakow Philharmonic on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the January Uprising.

It is especially worth mentioning an undertaking consisting of preparing a special recording dedicated to the great chancellor of our university, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ordination and 15th anniversary of his episcopal consecration. A CD album titled *Sursum Corda* was given to the cardinal on June 17th 2013 in the presence of the choir. The recording was made under the direction of Włodzimierz Delimat; Marek Pawełek played the organ. The following compositions are on the disc: the first and tenth verses of the hymn *Gaude Mater Polonia*; the greetings of His Magnificence Rev. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak, a professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and the rector of our university; *Deus caritas est*; *Psalm 150*; *Psalm 136 – Ojczyzna, Msza świętokrzyska* (“Psalm 136: The Fatherland, the Mass of the Holy Cross Mountains”); *O, ziemio polska* (“Oh, the Polish Soil”) and *Misericordias Domini*. A libretto in Polish and in English is included in the CD. The entire recording was very nicely published. On that occasion it is worth mentioning that anniversaries such as the aforementioned are commemorated with festschrifts.

The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow does not forget about the spiritual formation of its students and staff. Each class of students has its own chaplain who celebrates Mass, organizes ascetic conferences and leads individual ministerial talks. Mass is celebrated at least once a month, while formation meeting and conferences usually occur during Advent and Lent. They are an integral part of the retreats led during these liturgical periods. All ministerial activities are coordinated by Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala, and, since recently, Rev. Dr. Lucjan Bielas deals with them. Students preparing for the priesthood receive spiritual and pastoral formation in their seminaries. Lay students meet for prayer in the Chapel of Blessed Pope John Paul II, which is in the university building at 1 Franciszkańska Street.

The university is also concerned for its graduates. Since 2011, there is an Association of the Graduates of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow “Academia Nostra”. The association is an autonomous alliance affiliating the graduates of our university from the beginning of its post-war history, and so all those interested who once studied at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, later the Pontifical Academy of Theology and presently the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. The association aims to deepen the bonds between persons affiliated with the university, strengthen the connectedness of the graduates with their university and to promote the scientific achievements of their alma mater both domestically and abroad.

The library of our university is a specialized one. It participates in the construction of a nationwide system of inter-library information exchange, but also in the work of the Krakow Library Group; NUKAT, the Union Catalog of Polish Research Libraries; the FIDES Federation of the Polish Church Libraries; and the Lesser Poland Digital Library. The library continues the expansion of the catalog based

on the VTLS integrated information system (as of December 2013, the number of number of recorded titles was 184,375; the number of recorded continuous publishers was 4,103). This catalog in the form of a database is available online. The library's collection was used by 11,644 permanent readers. In 2013, the library was enriched by 23,068 volumes (including 12,846 books; 10,026 magazines; and 196 media positions). Its collection in 2013 totaled 571,086 and 381,715 books. In 2013, the library gained 1,109 titles of current magazines and subscribed to 348 magazine titles (including 158 foreign ones). Most of the foreign magazines receive *Analecta Cracoviensia* in return.

The St. Hedwig Queen of Poland Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow is responsible for the collecting of financial resources aiding the activities of the university. Although since January 1st 1998 (a bill from June 26th 1997) the university has been receiving a subsidy from the state budget, it has not paid for all expenses, above all because it was devoted only to the salaries of didactic staff and material aid for students. The situation improved after the amendment of the aforementioned bill from December 2nd 2009, as a result of which "the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow receives subsidies and other resources from the state budget on rules determined for public universities". However, these resources currently cover only 72 percent of the university's expenses and do not cover the expenses resulting from investments, because resources for these investment goals are divided in another procedure (properly prepared applications are necessary) depending on the possibilities of the state budget. Thus a lack in financial resources must be covered by other sources. For this reason the foundation engages in the popularization of the university's activity with the aid of various available resources, encouraging donors to aid the university.

In the academic year that is being discussed, thanks to the aid of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage the foundation helped finance the continuation of the digitalization and inventory of the archival resources of the St. Stanislaus Church and Hospice in Rome. During the past year, over nine meters of procedures from the end of the sixteenth to the second half of the twentieth century were sorted out; over 130,000 photographs of archival documents were taken; and nearly 3,800 photographs of unique historical and documentary value were scanned.

The foundation also helped to finance a meeting with Katarzyna Łaniewska-Błaszczak, a theater and film actress on December 20th 2012 as part of the "Ich Areopag wiary" ("Their Areopagus of Faith") series of meetings. The foundation also helped to finance the Festiwal Dokumentu i Reportażu „Małopolsanie z pasją” ("The People of Lesser Poland with Passion' Festival of Documentation and Reporting"), which took place on November 15th 2012 in Klub Dziennikarzy "Pod Gruszką" ("The 'Under the Pear Tree' Journalists' Club") in Krakow, as well as a publication titled „*Servabo legem tuam in toto corde meo*". *Księga pamiątkowa dedykowana księdzu profesorowi Józefowi Krzywdzie CM, dyrektorowi Instytutu Prawa Kanonicznego*

UPJPII z okazji 70. rocznicy urodzin (“*Servabo Legem Tuam in Toto Corde Meo: A Commemorative Book Dedicated to Rev. Prof. Józef Krzywda, CM, Director of the Institute of Canon Law on the Occasion of His 70th Birthday*”; eds. A. Zakręta, A. Sosnowski, Krakow: 2013, 674 pages). Additionally, the foundation helps to finance various student activities. Decisions on this matter are undertaken through a contest on the co-financing of student organizations of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.

On this occasion the board of the foundation thanks all the donors for their demonstrated support, kindness and help. A Mass is celebrated for all donors at the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Krakow.

Among the constant events in the life of our university are also prayers for the deceased staff members of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and the deceased staff of all the universities in Krakow. Each year in November during a solemn Mass in the Church of St. Anne in Krakow the academic milieu prays for those who in the past year passed on to eternity. In the past academic year it was on Monday November 19th 2012.

At the conclusion, it is worth also mentioning the events in the life of the university that make up its chronicles of mourning. This year we had to add to them Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Benignus Józef Wanat, who went to the house of our Lord on April 9th 2013. He was a retired staff member of the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, and he headed the Institute of History of Art and Culture. His academic works are above all studies of the history and art of the Discalced Carmelites.

In the past academic year we also parted with our long-time collaborator Beata Helizanowicz. She was an outstanding lecturer and respected psychologist; the author of many trainings and workshops related to prophylactics, education and resolving crisis situations. She did much good for the academic environment and the Church in Krakow. She died tragically on July 20th 2013 and orphaned four children.

Please remember them in your prayers.

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