

CHRONICA

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The Centennial of the Birth of our University’s Founder. The 623rd Academic Year at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.

During the 2019–2020 academic year, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II, the founder of the Pontifical Academy of Theology (December 8, 1981), now the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. After his beatification, he also became the first patron of our university, and his very rich legacy has become the source of intellectual and spiritual inspiration. Our academic community was grateful to receive a letter from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI entitled, “On the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Pope St. John Paul II, May 18, 2020”; May 4, 2020), in which he called Pope St. John Paul II “the Great.” The Pope Emeritus compared St. John Paul II to two other popes who have been called “Great” and explained why he deserves such a title: “The strength of [his] faith turned out to be the force that ultimately, in 1989, conquered the Soviet system and made a new order possible. There is no doubt that the pope’s faith was an essential element in the overcoming of force. Without a doubt, this is also another area where that greatness, which was revealed in the cases of Leo I and Gregory I, became evident.”¹

Apart from the political aspect, another dimension of his greatness that deserves emphasis is the spiritual dimension, which flowed from faith and was expressed in the establishment of Divine Mercy Sunday, as well as its inclusion in the theological contents of the Second Sunday of Easter (White Sunday). “Through the risen Christ, God’s mercy is intended for everyone. Although the center of Christian existence is granted to us only in faith, it simultaneously has philosophical meaning, for if God’s mercy is not a fact, we must deal with a world in which the ultimate counterbalance of good to evil cannot be recognized. Ultimately, apart from this objective historical meaning, everyone must know that God’s mercy will ultimately emerge stronger than our weakness.”²

¹ “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 9.

² “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 8.

Our university was engaged, to varying degrees, in several events which made up the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Paul II. First, it is worth mentioning the film titled: *Lubię patrzeć, jak wschodzi słońce* (*I Like to Watch the Sun Rise*), which was an event that transcended the borders of our homeland. This is a documentary film devoted to Karol Wojtyła as a humanist, pastor, and man with a great heart. The film was produced by the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and Polish Television on the centenary of the pope's birth. The film was directed by Dr. Paulina Guzik, adjunct faculty member at the Department of Media and Social Communication at our university's Faculty of Social Sciences. The film's theatrical premiere took place on Wednesday March 4, 2020, in the Kijów Cinema in Krakow, and was broadcast on television on May 17, 2020, and June 7, 2020. The film's title refers to the words of the pope, who seemed to justify his rising early during his stays in Castel Gandolfo by saying: "I really like to watch the sun rise over Monte Cavo." The love for this phenomenon also helps us to understand his philosophical, theological, and mystical thought and reveals an artistic soul that was sensitive to the beauty of creation. The film itself is a response to a challenge proposed by a well-known American Catholic thinker and biographer of John Paul II: "You, the Poles, must stop thinking about him only emotionally. Do everything so that you don't squander the opportunity to tell about Wojtyła in a serious way on the 100th anniversary of his birth."³ In the film, the following discuss their encounters with John Paul II: Rev. Prof. Jarosław Kupczak, OP, from our university's Center for Studies on the Thought of John Paul II; Prof. Stanisław Grygiel from the Pontifical Lateran University; Mr. George Weigel (a biographer of Pope John Paul II); Ms. Danuta Rybicka, the author of the pseudonym "Uncle" for Karol Wojtyła, who is a member of the *Środowisko* (The Milieu) a group of the late pope's closest confidantes; Prof. Teresa Malecka of the Academy of Music in Krakow (who is also a member of the *Środowisko*); Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz (the pope's personal secretary); Prof. Rocco Buttiglione (an Italian Catholic politician and veteran member of the Italian Parliament); as well as Mr. John L. Allen (a well-known journalist dealing with Vatican affairs).

Several months before the film's Polish premiere, it was shown in Rome. This event took place on October 24, 2019, at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, where Karol Wojtyła had written his doctoral dissertation decades earlier. After seeing the film, John L. Allen Jr. said: "He was a titan of the world, a brilliant philosopher, and a brilliant humanist. Above all, however, he was a man who greatly valued interpersonal

³ P. Guzik, "Bez geniuszu Papieża i jego wsparcia z góry nie byłoby tego filmu". W Krakowie odbył się premierowy pokaz "Lubię patrzeć, jak wschodzi słońce", "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 18.

relations and loved people. This film demonstrates this more uniquely than any other film I have seen.”⁴

The celebrations of the centenary of St. John Paul II's birth began at the national level on June 14, 2020 (Sunday at 4:00 PM) with a special Mass concelebrated in the St. John Paul II Sanctuary in Krakow-Łagiewniki's Białe Morza (White Seas). Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, the papal nuncio to Poland, presided over the concelebration, while the sermon was given by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. The ceremony was attended by members of the Polish Episcopal Conference, representatives of central and local government, and, of course, the rector, vice-rectors, and deans of the faculties of our university. Our university was also represented by the Psalmody Choir, whose liturgical song graced this ceremony. Due to the pandemic, the number of people who could participate in this ceremony was limited. That evening at 7:00 PM, a jubilee concert was performed by musicians from the Vienna Morphing Orchestra under the direction of Tomasz Wabnic. There were performances by the outstanding soloists Andreas Scholl (countertenor), Sarah Traubel (soprano), and Ory Schneur (recorder). Compositions by Mozart, Bach, Händl, and Pergolesi were performed, while *Barka*, John Paul II's favorite song, was sung in Polish. The concert was led by the journalist Tomasz Ziemięc, and it was attended by the members of the Polish Episcopal Conference along with Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz and Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, the present Metropolitan Archbishop of Krakow. The concert was organized by the Archdiocese of Krakow, the Marshal's Office of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship, and the Intercultural Dialogue Institute of St. John Paul II in Krakow. On the second day of the celebrations (Monday June 15, 2020), the Polish bishops honored the Mother of God in the shrine at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, while they celebrated a solemn Mass presided over by Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, Metropolitan Archbishop of Poznan and President of the Polish Episcopal Conference, in the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wadowice.⁵

Another event, that was more cultural than academic in nature, was the organization of an exhibition titled: *Wobec świętości. Medalierskie rozmowy z Janem Pawłem II (With Respect to Sainthood: Conversations with John Paul II on the Art of Medals)*, which was inaugurated on May 22, 2020, by Bishop Roman Pindel, the Bishop of Bielsko-Zywiec, with our university's Rector Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak and the representatives of local authorities as well as museums in Bielsko-Biala in attendance.

⁴ Quote from: P. Guzik, "Bez geniuszu Papieża...", op. cit., p. 20.

⁵ See: M. Mastyló, *100. rocznica urodzin Jana Pawła II. Msza św. otwierająca ogólnopolskie obchody z udziałem UPIPII (14 VI 2020)*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 12.

The exhibition was organized as a result of the cooperation of the Polish Association of Medal Arts as well as the Pontifical University of John Paul II with the participation of the municipal government in Żywiec.⁶

A special ceremony inaugurating the cause for beatification of the pope's parents, Emilia and Karol Wojtyła, took place in Wadowice on May 7, 2020, as part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of John Paul II's birth. The first special session of the beatification tribunal was held in the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wadowice. Upon its completion, Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presided over a Mass and offered the intention that this beatification cause would be successful. In his sermon, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz presented the following testimony: "Here, in this place, in the presence of our archbishop and the priests congregated here, I would like to testify that, as the secretary of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła and Pope John Paul II of many years, I often heard him say that his parents were saintly." Our university's contribution consisted of preparing an account concerning both Servants of God by a special historical commission, over which Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Urban, Dean of our university's Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, presided.⁷

The centennial of the pope's birth coincided with the centennial of the victorious Battle of Warsaw, the decisive battle of the Polish-Bolshevik War which took place on August 13–25, 1920, also known as the Miracle on the Vistula. In order to emphasize the momentousness of these events, the Victorious Poland 1920–2020 Foundation along with the Akropolia Cracoviensis Academic Corporation organized a national academic conference at our university titled: *Kościół a komunizm. W 100. rocznicę urodzin św. Jana Pawła II i Cudu nad Wisłą* (The Church and Communism: On the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of St. John Paul II and the Miracle on the Vistula). The conference took place on February 29, 2020. Papers were presented by our academic staff and staff from the Institute of National Remembrance, as well as undergraduate and doctoral students. The papers dealt with topics related to the role of the Church in the Polish-Bolshevik War, the situation of the Church in Poland under communism, and presented critiques of communism from a Catholic perspective. The conference's honorary patrons were: Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Piotr Gliński, the Archbishop of Krakow Marek Jędraszewski, our university's Rector Rev. Prof. Wojciech Zyzak,

⁶ [A. N.], *Wystawa "Wobec świętości. Medalierskie rozmowy z Janem Pawłem II" zorganizowana w Żywcu przy współudziale UPJPII, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 44.*

⁷ [A. N.], *Uroczyste rozpoczęcie procesów beatyfikacyjnych Emilii i Karola Wojtyłów w Wadowicach (7 V 2020), "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 10.*

Voivode of Lesser Poland Mr. Piotr Ćwik, the Institute of National Remembrance, and the Krakow Branch of the Civitas Christiana Catholic Association.⁸

Due to the pandemic, not all events planned for this occasion could take place at the time we had hoped. Events that did not occur included the International Academic Conference *Godność – Wolność – Rozwój człowieka* (Dignity – Freedom – Human Development), which had originally been planned to take place before the inauguration of the 2020–2021 academic year. This had been organized by our university as well as the Intercultural Dialogue Institute of John Paul II in Krakow as part of the *Veritas Splendor* project that was to occur on the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II. Because of the state of the epidemic, the conference was postponed until a later date, one more conducive to such an event.⁹

Similarly, an international conference titled: The Dignity and Vocation of Woman on the Occasion of the 100th Anniversary John Paul II's Birth, which was supposed to take place in Kaunas (Lithuania) on May 22, 2020, did not occur. It had been organized by the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the Vytautas Magnus University and the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. The goals of the conference included the following areas: The Unity of the Two, God Entrusts the Human Being to Her [Woman] in a Special Way, Two Dimensions of a Woman's Vocation: Motherhood and Virginitly, The Manifestations of the 'Feminine Genius' in the Life of the Church in the Third Millennium, and The Dignity and Vocation of the Woman: A Historical Perspective.¹⁰ The new date of the conference remains unknown.

The celebrations of the 100th anniversary of St. John Paul II's birth included many other events in the previous academic year, when his legacy and the importance of his pontificate, such as his speeches during the inauguration of academic years, were recalled, (e.g., the announcement of the Days of John Paul II in November 2020¹¹ or during academic promotions.¹²

⁸ See: <https://upj2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/kosciol-a-komunizm-w-100-rocznice-urodzin-sw-jana-pawla-ii-i-cudu-nad-wisla-ogolnopolska-konferencja-naukowa-29-ii-2020-1401.html> (29.12.2020).

⁹ <https://diecezja.pl/wydarzenia/konferencja-naukowa-godnosc-wolnosc-rozwoj-czlowieka/> (29.12.2020).

¹⁰ See: <https://upj2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/dignity-and-vocation-of-woman-22-v-2020-1409.html> (29.12.2020).

¹¹ M. Mastyló, *Inauguracja roku akademickiego 2019/2020 i jubileusz 10-lecia UPJPII*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 8. The Fifteenth Days of John Paul II will be discussed in the next *Chronicle*.

¹² See: <https://diecezja.pl/aktualnosci/abp-marek-jedraszewski-do-srodowiska-akademickiego-poslugujcie-prawdzie/> (29.12.2020).

The Inauguration of the 2019–2020 Academic Year

Due to the temporary closure of the Sanctuary of St. John Paul II in Krakow, also known as the Białe Morza (White Seas), where our university had gone on pilgrimage in previous years to begin the new academic year, the inauguration of classes on September 30, 2019 (Monday) was preceded by a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. This was also a reference to the previous, many years' tradition of pilgrimage to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. The program was analogous to the previous years' programs. The first point was a conference titled: *Wizja Europy według Edyty Stein* (*A Vision of Europe According to Edith Stein*), which was given by Prof. Dr. Hab. Anna Grzegorzczuk, Director of the Edith Stein University Research Center at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. Next, the rector of our university, Rev. Prof. Wojciech Zyzak presided over a special concelebrated Mass during which Rev. Dr. Andrzej Taraśki, Rector of the Higher Theological Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow gave the homily. After the lunch break, the Stations of the Cross took place on Kalwaria's paths. The common prayer concluded with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Chapel of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Kalwaria. The pilgrimage, as in years past, was attended by professors, administrative staff, library employees, and our university's undergraduate and doctoral students, seminarians studying in Krakow's diocesan seminary and other seminaries, nuns, and lay students. During the pilgrimage, prayers were offered through the intercession of St. John Paul II and the patron saints of the university, for God's blessings and the grace of intellectual growth as well as a fruitful new academic year for the entire university community. The year 2019 was uniquely important, for it marked the tenth anniversary of our university's elevation from the Pontifical Academy of Theology to the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.¹³

The ceremony inaugurating the 2019–2020 academic year took place on October 16, 2019 (Wednesday), in the St. John Paul II Sanctuary in Krakow-Łagiewniki's Białe Morza (White Seas). This was a unique ceremony, because the inauguration of the new academic year was tied to our university's afore-mentioned jubilee anniversary.¹⁴ Its first part consisted of a concelebrated Mass over which Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, former Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education in the

¹³ See: M. Mastyló, *Pielgrzymka wspólnoty akademickiej UPJPII do Kalwarii Zebrzydowskiej (30 IX 2019)*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 23–24.

¹⁴ For more on this topic, see: J. D. Szczurek, *The Tenth Anniversary of Receiving the Status of a University. The 622nd academic year at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*, "Analecta Cracoviensia" 51 (2019), p. 363f (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15633/acr.3648>).

Vatican, presided. The Mass was concelebrated by the Archbishop of Krakow and our Grand Chancellor, Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, the former Archbishop of Krakow Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, and other bishops and priests who had been invited to the ceremony. The Mass's participants included: the university's rector as well as the vice-rectors and the university Senate, professors and other academic and teaching staff, undergraduate and doctoral students, administrative and library staff, the representatives of other universities, secular authorities, and invited guests. During the Mass, the homily was given by Cardinal Grocholewski, who spoke of the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the believer, especially when he or she is searching for Truth and Freedom.

The second part of the inauguration ceremony took place in the conference hall of the "Have No Fear!" John Paul II Center, which is in the direct vicinity of the church and where Mass was celebrated. It began with the traditional singing of the hymn *Gaude Mater Polonia* by the Psalmodia Choir of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, which was conducted by Prof. Dr. Hab. Włodzimierz Siedlik. Next, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak spoke and greeted our university's Grand Chancellor Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, his predecessor Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, the former Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski (who was to receive an honorary doctorate), the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Higher Education Jarosław Gowin, the Chairman of the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland (KRUP) Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Nowak, all the other participants of the ceremony and the invited guests (without listing their names and the universities they represent) as well as the whole university community. In an exceptionally brief inauguration speech, Rector Rev. Zyzak mentioned the elevation of our university to the rank of a pontifical university ten years prior (June 19, 2009) thanks to the strong efforts of our then-Grand Chancellor Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz and the then Rector our university, the late Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Maciej Dyduch. Next, he noted that from a legal perspective our university functions on the basis of Pope Francis' apostolic constitution *Veritatis gaudium* (December 8, 2017) as well as the Concordat between the Holy See and the Republic of Poland and the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Polish Episcopal Conference. Finally, he explained that as a result of the change in our university's status it has become a member of the illustrious Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland (KRUP) and presently is the host of this conference, which is a major distinction for our university. At the conclusion, he also mentioned that many common initiatives have come to fruition as part of the Council of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions in Krakow, including anniversaries of *Sonderaktion Krakau* and the Days of John Paul II. In the

coming academic year, the latter celebrations will be special in nature due to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pope John Paul II.¹⁵

At this point, it is worth mentioning those who could not participate in the inauguration but sent special messages of congratulations: the President of Poland Mr. Andrzej Duda, the Primate of Poland Archbishop Wojciech Polak, the Apostolic Nuncio to Poland Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Cardinal Marian Jaworski, Archbishop Józef Kowalczyk (former Primate of Poland), Archbishop Henryk J. Muszyński (former Primate of Poland), Archbishop Grzegorz Ryś (Archbishop of Lodz), Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki (Archbishop of Poznan), Archbishop Stanisław Nowak (Bishop-Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Czestochowa), the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Katowice (Bishop Marek Szkudło, Bishop Adam Wodarczyk, Bishop Grzegorz Olszowski), Bishop Stefan Regmunt (Diocese of Zielona Góra-Gorzów), Bishop Adam Bałabuch (Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Świdnica), Bishop Piotr Greger (Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Bielsko-Zywiec), Bishop Józef Guzek (Bishop of the Military Ordinary of the Polish Armed Forces), Bishop Ignacy Dec (Bishop of Swidnica), and the rectors of the following universities: the AGH University of Science and Technology, the AST National Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow, the Jan Grodek State University in Sanok, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, the Medical University of Lublin, Rzeszow University, the University of Silesia in Katowice, the University of Szczecin, the University of Technology and Life Sciences in Bydgoszcz, the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, the Medical University of Warsaw, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, the Kuyavian-Pomeranian School in Bydgoszcz, the State Higher Vocational School in Nowy Sącz, and the board of the St. Lazarus Hospice.

Next, invited guests spoke, the first of whom was Archbishop Prof. Dr. Hab. Marek Jędraszewski our university's Grand Chancellor. Referring to the poem *Moja piosnka* ("My Little Song") by Cyprian Kamil Norwid, John Paul II's favorite poet, he mentioned the great challenges that the post-truth era poses to a university such as ours as well as the yearning for reliable truth, or truth "without *chiaroscuro*." Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz spoke about our university's most recent history, beginning with the communist authorities' removal of the Faculty of Theology from the Jagiellonian University in 1954 and especially the engagement of Pope John Paul II in its development (in 1981, it became the Pontifical Academy of Theology) as well as Benedict XVI, who elevated the academy's status to that of a university. The next speaker was Deputy Prime Minister Jarosław Gowin, who mentioned the reform of post-secondary education

¹⁵ M. Mastyło, *Inauguracja roku akademickiego 2019/2020 i jubileusz 10-lecia UPJPII*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 6f.

that was implemented by the Constitution for Science and the resulting challenges, especially for a university with a clearly designated mission like ours. The last guest to speak was Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Nowak, who referred to time when our Faculty of Theology was part of the Jagiellonian University and presented to our rector the first Statute of the Faculty of Theology of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, which undoubtedly was a valuable gift for the jubilee of our tenth anniversary. After the speeches, the Psalmodia Choir performed *Moja piosnka* ("My Little Song") with lyrics by C. K. Norwid and music by J. Świder.¹⁶

The next part of the inauguration ceremony was the matriculation of first-year students from the university's four faculties (Theology, Philosophy, History and Cultural Heritage, and Social Sciences). This part of the ceremony was led by the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Education, Rev. Dr. Hab. Robert Tyrała, prof. UPJPII.¹⁷ Following tradition, after the matriculation and the Psalmodia Choir's singing the students' hymn *Gaudeamus igitur*, the chairman of the Students' Union, Mr. Mateusz Więcek of the Faculty of Theology spoke, encouraging his new fellow students to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the university and to engage in the Students' Union's activities.

The joy resulting from the oath of the new students flowed to the professors and other staff from the university, when the Vice-Rector for Development and Personnel Policy, Rev. Dr. Hab. Antoni Świerczek, Professor at the Pontifical University of John Paul II, announced the state distinctions bestowed upon our university's distinguished staff. These were awards presented by the President based on Article 138 of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland and the law on orders and awards on the motion of the Minister of Science and Higher Education for the exemplary and exceptionally conscientious fulfillment of one's professional duties. Thus, the Golden Cross of Merit was bestowed upon: Sister Dr. Hab. Susi Ferforgia, Prof. UPJPII (for the development and popularization of Polish musical culture as well as artistic and academic achievements) and Prof. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Wolny-Zmorzyński (for his achievements related to the development of science, he was absent). The Silver Cross of Merit was presented to: UPJPII professor Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Antoni Stala, and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Bogdan Mariusz Stanaszek. The Bronze Cross of Merit was presented to Rev. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Kazimierz Gałuszka and Dr. Natalia Krupa. Another state honor given by the President of Poland based on the same article of the Constitution was the Medal for Long Service (gold, silver, and bronze), which is presented for the exemplary, particularly conscientious exercise of duties related to one's

¹⁶ See: M. Mastyło, *Inauguracja roku akademickiego 2019/2020...*, op. cit., p. 5f.

¹⁷ Prof. UPJPII = Professor of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.

professional work. This year, the Medal for Long Service was presented to: Professor Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Zbigniew Oko of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, Prof. Dr. Hab. Włodzimierz Andrzej Siedlik, and Ms. Małgorzata Lucyna Wojewoda. The Silver Medal for Long Service was presented to Ms. Małgorzata Gabriela Grzyb (who was absent), Dr. Hab. Józef Cezary Kałużny, and Dr. Hab. Lucyna Maria Rotter. The Bronze Medal for Long Service was bestowed upon: Dr. Grzegorz Krzysztof Czajko, Prof. Dr. Barbara Zofia Ciciora-Czwornóg, Dr. Sławomir Kazimierz Dryja (who was absent from the ceremony), Dr. Hab. Tomasz Zbigniew Graff, Dr. Marek Adam Hałaburda, Sister Prof. Dr. Hab. Tereza Obolevich, and Dr. Hab. Paweł Jan Polak, prof. UPJPII (who was absent). The Medal of the Commission of National Education, which is presented for major contributions to education and development by the Minister of National Education, is a valuable distinction for the university community. The following were distinguished with this medal: Dr. Maria Łuszczczyńska (absent), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Stala, and Prof. Dr. Hab. Karol Tarnowski. The Cross of Merit and Medals for Long Service were given by Dr. Jarosław Gowin, the Deputy Prime Minister of Poland and Minister of Science and Higher Education.

Apart from state awards, the following university distinctions were also presented in the form of rectors' awards. The Rector's Award for achievements in teaching and research as well as organizational activity was presented to twenty-one people (four from the Faculty of Theology, two from the Faculty of Theology in Tarnow, three from the Faculty of Philosophy, four from the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, six from the Faculty of Social Sciences, and two from the Faculty of Canon Law). Fifteen administrative and library staff received the award for conscientious administrative work. Five people received the Rector's Award for the best doctoral dissertation, ten received it for the best Master of Arts thesis, and nine for the best Bachelor of Arts thesis; no awards were presented for the best Licentiate of Sacred Theology. The awards for the best dissertations were presented on November 18, 2019, in the university's Senate Hall (25 Kanonicza Street in Krakow). On this occasion, it is worth mentioning that the laureates of the Rector's Award for academic and teaching as well as organizational work include the secretary of the editorial staff of *Analecta Cracoviensia*, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Piotr Kroczek.

The final and especially solemn part of the inauguration ceremony was the presentation of an honorary doctorate to Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski. Such a doctorate is the greatest honor that an institution of post-secondary learning can present. After reading the Senate's resolution on the presentation of this distinction, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Rozkrut, Dean of our university's Faculty of Canon Law, gave a speech in which, he first noted that the cardinal is a widely known figure, as he is "an outstanding Church

lawyer and canonist who has for decades been genuinely concerned about the proper functioning of Church legislation as well as the best standards of multidimensional education provided by the Church across the world.” Next, Prof. Rozkrut recalled the most important events in the laureate’s life and spoke of his work in various Church institutions, including his educational activities, research work, and various forms of activity on behalf of both the universal Church and the Church in Poland. At the end of his speech, the dean emphasized that “Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski’s research is noteworthy in its multi-faceted service of the common good, above all knowing the truth and the search for the truth as well as righteous solutions resulting from love for the universal Church and universal pastoral concern.”¹⁸

After the ceremonious presentation the honorary doctorate diploma and thunderous applause, Cardinal Grocholewski spoke. After briefly thanking the university for this distinction, he proceeded to present his *Lectio magistralis*, or doctoral lecture, which simultaneously was an inauguration lecture, titled: *Tożsamość wyższych uczelni kościelnych według św. Jana Pawła II* (“The Identity of Church Universities According to St. John Paul II”). His main source was the apostolic constitution *Sapientia christiana* (April 1, 1979), which, despite its replacement with Pope Francis’ constitution *Veritatis gaudium* (December 8, 2017), remains relevant, not in the least because the great majority of its provisions have been transferred to the new constitution. In his lecture, the laureate thus made note of three important phenomena: faith as the foundation for faculties of theology, the strict dependence on academic research and the teaching of theology on the Church’s *Magisterium*, and the evangelization of culture as the fundamental duty of all Church faculties and universities. Near the end of his lecture, with respect to culture he emphasized that “if some ‘culture’ does not lead to the full development of the people’s humanity, it is not authentic culture. It is not difficult to see that there exist various forms of ‘culture’ (or subculture) that are a form of aggression against human rights [...]. There is a long list that can be mentioned: human sacrifices, the discrimination and mistreatment of women, human trafficking, euthanasia, the gender and LGBT ideologies, and so on.”¹⁹

¹⁸ T. Rozkrut, *Laudacja z okazji nadania JE Zenonowi kard. Grocholewskiemu doktoratu honoris causa Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie*, in: *Promotio doctoris honoris causa Pontificiae Universitatis Cracoviensis Ioannis Pauli II Eminentissimus Cardinalis Zenon Grocholewski. Cracoviae, die XVI octobris, anno domini MMXIX*, red. M. Mastyló, tłum. S. Wronka, Kraków 2019, pp. 63f and 82.

¹⁹ Z. Grocholewski, *Tożsamość wyższych uczelni kościelnych według św. Jana Pawła II*, in: *Promotio doctoris...*, op. cit., pp. 101–102.

After the cardinal's lecture, the culmination of the inauguration of the new academic year at our university, the Psalmodia Choir's performed *Modlitwa do Bogarodzicy* ("A Prayer to the Mother of God"; lyrics: K. K. Baczyński, music: J. Świder).

On the evening of the inauguration, a special jubilee concert organized on the tenth anniversary of the elevation of our institution to the status of a pontifical university was held in Wawel Cathedral titled: *Nadzieja zawieść nie może* ("Hope Cannot Disappoint"). The concert's program included the premiere of works that were composed especially for that occasion: Sebastian Szymański's *Missa spei* (of which four out of seven parts were performed) as well as *Ecce Sacerdos Magnus* by Dawid Kusz, OP, which was performed by the Psalmodia Choir and the Passionart Orchestra. *Missa spei* ("The Mass of Hope") the traditional five-part Missal cycle, which has been expanded to include two more parts: *Da mihi animas* (the episcopal motto of Archbishop Antoni Baraniak, the former secretary of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński) for the offertory song, and *Matko Miłosierdzia* ("O, Mother of Mercy") for the dismissal, whose libretto is a prayer to the Virgin Mary from St. John Paul II's encyclical *Veritatis splendor*. The concert was organized by the Board and Council of the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II, while the event's partner was the Marshal's Office of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship.²⁰

Several Important Events

With regards to political matters, the Second Vatican Council teaches that "[w]hile faithfully adhering to the Gospel and fulfilling her mission to the world, the Church [...] respects and fosters the political freedom and responsibility of citizens" (*Gaudium et spes*, 76). Political freedom and responsibility are those values that have a major impact on the current process of European integration. An expression of the Church's support for political freedom in this matter is the annual international conference: *Rola Kościoła katolickiego w procesie integracji europejskiej* (The Role of the Catholic Church in the Process of European Integration), which is organized by the Pontifical University of John Paul II. Undoubtedly, this conference is of major significance, popularizing European integration not only in Poland, but also in other East-Central European academic communities.

The nineteenth annual conference was devoted to the responsibility of Christians and was titled: *Wyzwania dla nowej Europy* (Challenges for the New Europe). The conference was held October 11–12, 2019, in Krakow. Similar to previous conferences,

²⁰ See: Kraków: "Nadzieja zawieść nie może" – koncert jubileuszowy UPJPII pod dykcją Dawida Kusza OP, <https://www.liturgia.pl/krakow-nadzieja-zawiesc-nie-moze-koncert-jubileuszowy-upjpii-pod-dyrekcja-dawida-kusza-op/> (29.12.2020).

it was held in the International Cultural Center (Main Market Square 25). Two circumstances related to the conference created challenges for its organizers. First, shortly after the previous conference had ended, the initiator and chairman of the Organization Committee of all the previous conferences in this cycle, Bishop Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Pieronek (1934–2018), its *spiritus movens*, as Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz said, passed away. His absence was especially tangible, which was expressed also by the participants' reminiscences. Second the United Kingdom's leaving the European Union, which would take place several months later (January 31, 2020), according to Cardinal Dziwisz, signaled a crisis of the European Union, and without a doubt, impacted the topics that were dealt with in the discussions.²¹ This fact undoubtedly influenced the ways of conceiving European integration. The main topics of the conference were: religious freedom in Europe, the new shape of the community after Brexit, populism, the economy of the European Union, and the significance of East-Central Europe. A separate panel session was devoted to each of these topics, three were held on the first day (Friday) and two on Saturday. As in the past, the conference's organizers were our university in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg. The organization of the conference was also possible thanks to the collaboration of the European People's Party in the European Parliament (EP), the Polish Delegation in the European People's Party, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union – COMECE in Brussels, and the *Wokół nas* publishing house, which is based in Gliwice.

Honorary chairman of the Organization Committee, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, opened the conference. He greeted all those assembled and recalled the achievements of the late Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek in relation to this conference. Next, the following spoke: Mr. Andrzej Halicki, a Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the Polish Delegation in the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) in the European Parliament; Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Majchrowski, Mayor of the City of Krakow; Dr. Lars Hänsel, Director of the Department of Europe and North America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Berlin; Rev. Dr. Manuel Barrios Prieto, Secretary General of COMECE; and Mr. Jacques Santer, former Chairman of the European Commission and former President of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg. After the greeting, the inauguration lecture was given by Archbishop Grzegorz Rys of Lodz.

²¹ S. Dziwisz, [Powitanie], in: *Wyzwania dla nowej Europy. Rola Kościoła katolickiego w procesie integracji europejskiej. Publikacja zawiera zapis wystąpień i dyskusji z XIX Międzynarodowej Konferencji w Krakowie 11–12 października 2019 r.*, red. M. Chudzio, R. Budnik, M. Góra, Gliwice 2020, pp. 11 and 12; digital version: <http://www.kosciol-europa.org.pl/wp-content/uploads/krakow2019-PL.pdf> (29.12.2020).

In a lecture titled: *Wyzwania dla nowej Europy* (“Challenges for a New Europe”), Archbishop Ryś first presented a diagnosis and replied to the question as to whether Europe indeed is new. Next, he presented a thesis about the foundations of European unity (solidarity and dialogue). Finally, he proposed a remedy consisting of Europe’s return to its roots (memory of its past) as the opposition to an anchor.

Next, discussion panels were held. The first panel session was devoted to the topic: *Wolność religijna jako wyzwanie dla polityki europejskiej* (Religious Freedom as a Challenge for European Politics). The participants in this debate were: Prof. Altay Goyushov (Baku State University, Azerbaijan), Dr. Jan Olbrycht (Vice-President of the European People’s Party in the European Parliament), and Rabbi Avi Baumol (Rabbi of Krakow’s Jewish community). The discussion was led by Mr. Zbigniew Nosowski, editor-in-chief of *Więź* quarterly magazine. The discussion’s participants expressed beliefs on religious freedom shared by Benedict XVI that the Church must avoid the temptation of becoming identified with any political group. The second panel session dealt with the topic: *The New Community of the European Union After Brexit*. The debate’s participants were Ms. Mairead McGuinness (Vice-President of the European Parliament, Ireland), Mr. Jan Tombiński (Chairman of the European Union’s Delegation to the Holy See and FAO), and Bishop Dr. William Kenney (Representative of the Catholic Bishops Council of England and Wales to COMECE). The debate was led by Dr. Marcin Zaborowski (Łazarski University, Warsaw). During the discussion, anxieties about the survival of the European Union after Brexit were expressed, but so were hopes that the United Kingdom would someday return to the EU. The third panel session was a discussion on the topic of populism: *Populizm w Europie – relacje między elitami a obywatelami* (Populism in Europe: The Relations Between the Elites and the Citizens). The discussion was held with the participation of: Mr. Ivo Belet (a former Member of the European Parliament, Belgium), Dr. Marcin Zaborowski (Łazarski University, Warsaw), and Prof. Vaja Vardidze (Rector of the Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani Teaching University in Tbilisi, Georgia), while the discussion was led by Rev. Kazimierz Sowa (a journalist). During the discussion, the search for means to temper populist activity was noted.

On the evening of the first day, a Mass was held at the Church of St. Peter and Paul on Grodzka Street in Krakow, where the late Bishop Pieronek is buried. Cardinal Kazimierz Nycz (Archbishop of Warsaw) presided over the Mass and during the homily, recalled the late bishop’s engagement in favor of European integration. Later in the homily, he made note of the figures of Saints Peter and Paul, who greatly differed in their views yet were able to resolve the pressing problems of the day in dialogue and obedience to God. Thus, for us they are an example of listening to the Holy Spirit in the difficult search for unity in diversity. Following the Mass, a gala was held in the

Gallery of Nineteenth Century Polish Art in the Cloth Hall on Krakow's Main Market Square, where Dr. Hab. Hanna Suchocka, a Professor of the Adam Mickiewicz University (a former Prime Minister of Poland and Ambassador of Poland to the Holy See as well as a current member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors) was presented the Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek Award *In veritate*. Cardinal Kazimierz Nycz gave a speech in which he emphasized the name of the award, which refers to the truth. The *In veritate* Award is presented by the Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek Foundation for outstanding approaches to and achievements in binding together Christian and European values. At the end of the gala, a special reception was held for the conference's participants in the same gallery, the invitation to which was given by Prof. Jacek Majchrowski (Mayor of the City of Krakow).

At the beginning of the second day of the conference, representatives of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg spoke. The speakers were: Mr. Falk Altenberger (Assistant Director of the foundation's Polish office in Warsaw), Ms. Ria Oomen-Ruijten (President of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg), Mr. Horst Langes (Honorary Chairman of the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxembourg), and Mr. Falk Altenberger once again, who introduced the fourth session.

The topic of the fourth panel session was: *Wspólny model gospodarczy dla Unii?* (A Common Economic Model for the European Union?). Ms. Elżbieta Bieńkowska (European Commissioner for Internal Markets) gave the introduction to the discussion panel. Participants in the discussion (debate) were Prof. Dr. Hab. Elżbieta Mączyńska-Ziemacka (President of the Polish Economic Society) and Prof. Georg Milbradt (former President of Saxony, Dresden University of Technology). The discussion was led by Mr. Wawrzyniec Smoczyński (a journalist and former Director of the Center for Policy Analysis). The discussion focused, among other topics, on the problem between the balance of a free-market economy and the common good. The fifth, and final panel session, was devoted to the topic: *Europa Środkowo-Wschodnia. Trzy dekady po jesieni ludów* (East-Central Europe. Three Decades After the Autumn of Nations). The speakers were: Mr. Bronisław Komorowski (former President of Poland), Mr. Alojz Peterle (former Prime Minister of Slovenia), Mr. Basil Kerski (Director of the European Solidarity Center in Gdansk), and Dr. Valentin Mihaylow (the University of Silesia). The discussion was led by Prof. Dr. Hab. Waldemar Czachur (University of Warsaw). One of the ideas referenced during the discussion was the conviction that the path to European integration is through nation-states and cultural diversity, and not through reducing everything to one plane.

At the end of the conference, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak (our university's rector) spoke and emphasized the magnitude of community and solidarity as conditions for a flourishing Europe. He also recalled the late Bishop Pieronek's contribution

to the organization of these annual conferences as well as the promotion of the idea of integration. At the end, he sincerely thanked all who were engaged in the organization of this event and the collaborative support without which it could not have gone smoothly and, naturally, all those who spoke, participated in the discussion, or attentively listened. Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Zyzak invited everyone to the next year's conference.²²

The conference's participants consisted of twenty-nine speakers and an audience of more than 200. They included politicians who represented the European Parliament and the Polish Parliament. The conference was also attended by numerous Polish and European journalists as well as the representatives of international press agencies. The participants included the representatives of Polish and international universities (with which our university has agreements on cooperation), experts, as well as Catholic and Orthodox clergy from Poland and Ukraine, respectively. Many nations were represented including Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Slovenia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and the Vatican.

Another important annual academic event is the Days of John Paul II. This is a major organizational effort because numerous Krakow universities take part. The College of the Rectors of Higher Schools in Krakow oversees the entire event. The Days of John Paul II are interdisciplinary, popular, and cultural in nature. The event is an inspiration for new research and the popularization of the pope's teaching. It takes place every year at the beginning of November (because of the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, John Paul II's patron saint, and the anniversary of his ordination). Last year's fourteenth annual celebration of the Days of John Paul II were held from November 5–7, 2019, and their main subject was: The University. In this way, the organizers of the fourteenth annual celebration of the Days of John Paul II wanted to remember the pope's teaching about the role of institutions of post-secondary education in the life of the nation and the shaping of its culture as well as on the impact of this teaching on universities themselves. As in previous years, the Days of John Paul II took place on the campuses of several universities belonging to the above-mentioned College of the Rectors of Higher Schools in Krakow. Likewise, the honorary patrons of this year the events were the Archbishop of Krakow Marek Jędraszewski, the former Archbishop of Krakow Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Voivode of Lesser Poland Mr. Piotr Ćwik, Marshal of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship Mr. Witold Kozłowski, and Mayor of the City of Krakow, Mr. Jacek Majchrowski. The organizers of the fourteenth annual celebration of the Days of John Paul II were Krakow's universities and post-secondary schools in Nowy Targ,

²² Written on the basis of: *Wyzwania dla nowej Europy. Rola Kościoła katolickiego w procesie integracji europejskiej*, op. cit., pp. 260; digital version: <http://www.kosciol-europa.org/pl/wp-content/uploads/krakow2019-PL.pdf> (29.12.2020).

Tarnow, Krosno, Oswiecim, and Sanok (a total of twenty-one); the “Have No Fear!” John Paul II Center; the Intercultural Dialogue Institute of John Paul II; and the Center for Documentation and Research of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome. The Chairman of the Organization Committee was Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Kupczak, OP, a professor at our university and the Director of the Center for Studies on the Thought of John Paul II.

The fourteenth annual celebration of the Days of John Paul II began with a press conference by the organizers held at the Bishop’s Palace in Krakow during which the program was presented. It included the following events: The academic conference “*Plus ratio quam vis*”: *Uniwersytet w nauczaniu Jana Pawła II oraz wobec zadań współczesności* (*Plus ratio quam vis: The University in the Teaching of John Paul II and in Response to the Challenges of Modernity*) was held on November 5, 2019, at the Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow. The International Academic Session *Muzyka wobec poezji i nauczania Karola Wojtyły i Jana Pawła II* (*Music and Poetry in the Teaching of Karol Wojtyła and John Paul II*), Part 10, was held on November 5–6, 2019, at the Academy of Music in Krakow. The academic session: *Encyklika “Redemptor hominis” a wyzwania dzisiejszego czasu* (*The Encyclical Redemptor hominis and the Challenges of the Present Time*) organized by the International Scientific Society “*Fides et Ratio*,” was held on 6. 11. 2019 at the Franciscan Monastery in Krakow. As in previous years, the central academic event was the Main Academic Session as Part of the Fourteenth Annual Celebration of the Days of John Paul II – The University, which was held on November 7, 2019, at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. In the program of this session, following opening remarks by the Rector of the Jagiellonian University Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Nowak and the Archbishop of Krakow Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, there were two lectures with discussions given by the rectors. The first lecture, *Uniwersytet w myśli Jana Pawła II* (“*The University in the Thought of John Paul II*”), was given by Prof. Dr. Hab. Franciszek Ziejka (former Rector of the Jagiellonian University). The debate included the participation of Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Nowak (the Jagiellonian University), Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Kazior (Tadeusz Kosciuszko University of Technology), and Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Krawczyński (the Academy of Music in Krakow). The second lecture, titled: *Uniwersytet dzisiaj* (“*The University Today*”), which was given by Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Nowak (the Jagiellonian University). The following rectors took part in the debate after this lecture: Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak (our university), Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Chochół (Krakow University of Economics), and Prof. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Karolak (Pedagogical University of Krakow). Both debates were moderated by Dr. Paulina Guzik of our university.

The celebration of the Days of John Paul II was accompanied by a concert that took place in the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (November 5, 2019). During the concert, the

following works were performed: *Motets* and *Hymns* by J. Rutter and *Adagio for the Violin, String Orchestra, and Percussion* by H. J. Botor. The performers were: Ms. Jolanta Kowalska-Pawlikowska (soprano), Ms. Kaja Danczowska (violin), the Dominanta Choir of the Krakow University of Economics under the direction of Ms. Małgorzata Langer-Król, the Educatus Mixed Choir of the Pedagogical University of Krakow under the direction of Prof. Adam Korzeniowski, the Academic Choir of the Jagiellonian University under the direction of Mr. Janusz Wierzgacz, the Inter-University Institute of Church Music of the Pontifical University of John Paul II under the direction of Ms. Małgorzata Chyła and Ms. Maria Januszkiewicz, and the Chamber Orchestra of the Academy of Music in Krakow under the direction of Mr. Stanisław Krawczyński. The fourteenth annual celebration of the Days of John Paul II ended on November 7, 2019, with a Mass at 5:00 PM in the Shrine of St. John Paul II at Krakow's Białe Morza (White Seas) over which Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski of Krakow presided. After the Mass, the results of the literary and photography contest were presented, and the laureates were given their awards.²³

Apart from these events, the legacy of John Paul II is popularized by organizing open lectures each month, which are held as part of *Posługa myślenia* (A Ministry of Thinking). The lectures are held at the Tischner Institute in Krakow and are organized by the Center for Studies on the Thought of John Paul II (which is part of our university) along with the Tischner Institute and the Intercultural Dialogue Institute of John Paul II. In the previous academic year, lectures were given by the following representatives of various academic and cultural milieus throughout Poland: *O pracy nad sobą* ("On Working on Oneself") by Dr. Maria Zboralska of Poznan; *De-wojtylizacja* ("De-Wojtylization") by Dr. Tomasz Terlikowski of Warsaw; *Zmierzch osoby w transhumanizmie* ("The Death of the Person in Transhumanism") by Dr. Hab. Teresa Grabińska, a Professor of the General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces in Wrocław; *Angelo Scola wobec teologii ciała* ("Angelo Scola on the Theology of the Body") by Dr. Aneta Krupka of the Family House of the Holy Father John Paul II Museum in Wadowice, and *Literatura piękna w wypowiedziach Jana Pawła II* ("The Belles-Lettres in the Statements of John Paul II") by Dr. Hab. Anastazja Seul, a Professor at the University of Zielona Góra. The following (last three lectures) were canceled due to the pandemic (it is expected that they will be made available in video form): *Kondycja polskiej filozofii chrześcijańskiej na przełomie XX i XXI wieku* ("The Condition of Polish Christian Philosophy in the Late Twentieth and Early Twenty-First Centuries")

²³ See: M. Mastyło, *XIV Dni Jana Pawła II – "Uniwersytet"*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 27. You can find more information (in Polish) at: <http://edycja2019.jp2.krakow.pl/program/> (29.12.2020).

by Prof. Piotr Duchliński of the Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, *Francuska fenomenologia ciała* (“French Phenomenology of the Body”) by Rev. Dr. Piotr Karpiński of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Warsaw, and *Idea dialogu* (“The Idea of Dialogue”) by Dr. Bartłomiej Sipiński of the State Higher Vocational School in Leszno. The lectures have been prepared for publication by the center in the *Studia nad Myślą Jana Pawła II* (*Studies on the Thought of John Paul II*) editorial series, which is edited by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Kupczak, OP.

Apart from the above-mentioned annual events, certain anniversaries are also important in the life of our university. They include the anniversary of the establishment of the Faculty of Theology in Krakow (January 11, 1397) as part of what was then the Krakow Academy (and today is the Jagiellonian University). For many years, the central part of celebrations of this event has been promotions to academic degrees. Last year’s anniversary events took place on October 1, 2020, in St. Anne’s Collegiate Church. The university thanked God for 623 years of providential care of the faculty through a solemn concelebrated Mass over which our university’s Grand Chancellor Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presided, while Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński gave the homily. After Mass, the Voivode of Lesser Poland, Mr. Piotr Ćwik, gave state awards to three persons: Prof. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Wolny-Zmorzyński was presented with the Gold Cross of Merit for activity in favor of the development of science, UPJPII professors Dr. Sławomir Kazimierz Dryja and Dr. Hab. Paweł Jan Polak were given the Bronze Medal for Service for their long-time, exceptionally conscientious execution of their professional duties. In a brief speech, he congratulated those who were awarded and wished the university auspicious growth. Meanwhile, the university’s rector presented the Medal for Those Who Have Made Contributions to the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow to four persons. The following were presented with the gold medal: Dr. Krzysztof Gurba, a professor at the Pedagogical University of Krakow (he was absent), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Józef Janicki, Prof. Dr. Hab. Maciej Salamon, and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Zajac. The bronze medal was given to Dr. Józef Wroński. Next, promotion ceremonies were held, during which thirty-five people received doctoral diplomas (sixteen at the Faculty of Theology, six at the Faculty of Philosophy, ten at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, and three at the Faculty of Social Sciences). The diploma of habilitated doctor was given to six people from the Faculty of Theology (Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Bartoszek, Dr. Hab. Hanna Karp, Dr. Hab. Małgorzata Królczyk, Dr. Hab. Marcin Majewski, Rev. Dr. Hab. Robert Samsel, and Rev. Dr. Paweł Jan Strumiłowski, OCist) as well as three people from the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage (Dr. Hab. Paola dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto, Dr. Hab. Tomasz Graff, and Dr. Hab. Mariusz Krzysztofiński). Next, Archbishop Jędraszewski presented diplomas of professorships, or act of conferring the

title of professor of theology to four persons (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Szymon Drzyżdzyk, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Gład, SJ, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Kasprzak, OFM Cap, and Rev. Prof. Dr. Henryk Sławiński).²⁴ Then, the diploma of higher professor was given to Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak. On behalf of those promoted, he expressed his gratitude to Archbishop Jędraszewski and all those concerned in regard to the promotion of our university staff, while as rector he thanked everyone for their presence and thanked the vicar of the Collegiate Church, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Panuś, for his hospitality. At the end of the promotion ceremony, the archbishop said: "I would like to express the desire that the Pontifical University of John Paul II will be a community that will have the courage to be in solidarity with the expectation of people who yearn for truth; that it will be a community that will have the courage, if necessary, to express its opposition to ideologies that want to deprive man of his dignity."²⁵ The jubilee and promotion ceremonies were graced by the singing of the Psalmody Choir under the direction of Prof. Włodzimierz Siedlik.²⁶

Rev. Prof. Józef Tischner (1931–2000), a philosopher known in Poland and Europe, had a major impact on the intellectual environment of not only our university, but also on that of all of Poland. The Tischner Days, which is an event that has been organized for many years and is a form of popularizing his philosophical and socio-political thought. It is organized by our university, the National Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow, the Jagiellonian University, the Znak Social Publishing Institute, and the Józef Tischner Institute. The event's honorary patron is Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski. Due to the pandemic, the twentieth annual Tischner Days did not take place at the previously planned time. The new dates for the event, which will probably be in the autumn, will be announced later, and the topic will be: *Nadzieja raz jeszcze* (Hope Once More).

Although not academic in nature, Rector Rev. Zyzak's decisions related to the state of the COVID-19 pandemic are also among the university's important events. On March 10, 2020, all academic conferences, sessions, large-scale meetings, and the plenary lectures of the University of the Third Age were suspended. Also halted

²⁴ At secular universities, this act is performed by the President of Poland. Pursuant to the Agreement of the Polish Episcopal Conference and the Polish Government on the legal Status of Post-Secondary Schools Established and Run by the Catholic Church, § 9. 2 (July 1, 1999), it is done by the Grand Chancellor.

²⁵ <https://diecezja.pl/aktualnosci/abp-marek-jedraszewski-do-srodowiska-akademickiego-poslugujcie-prawdzie/> (29.12.2020).

²⁶ See: *Promocje akademickie w 623. rocznicę powołania Wydziału Teologicznego w Akademii Krakowskiej (10 I 2020)*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), pp. 15–17.

were all work-related foreign travels as well as the arrivals of international guests to our university. Next, on March 16, 2020, the rector enacted the introduction of an exceptional means of functioning at our university due to the state of the pandemic. Lastly, on April 8, 2020, “Decree No. 9A/2020 of the Rector of the Pontifical University of John Paul II on the Adaptation of the Organization of Classes Using the Methods and Techniques of Distance Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” was issued, which outlined the functioning of online learning at our university.

Finally, important events in the life of the university include the election of a rector, which took place on April 27, 2020. The new rector is Rev. Dr. Robert Tyrała, prof. UPJPII. On May 31, 2020, on Pentecost, the Congregation for Catholic Education confirmed this decision. The next day, June 8, 2020, on the feast of St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland, our university’s Grand Chancellor Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presented the new rector with the appropriate document containing the congregation’s decision. Due to the changes in legislation on post-secondary education (the Constitution for Science of July 20, 2018) and the resulting change of our statute, vice-rectors are no longer elected; instead, they are appointed by the rector.²⁷ Thus, on June 8, 2020 (after receiving the above-mentioned decision by the new rector) the following were named vice-rectors: Rev. Dr. Hab. Antoni Świerczek, prof. UPJPII (Vice-Rector of Human Resources Policies and Promotions), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Rozkrut (Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs and Director of the Doctoral School), and Dr. Hab. Małgorzata Duda, prof. UPJPII (Vice-Rector of Student Affairs and Teaching). The new rector also appointed his plenipotentiaries: Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Szymon Drzydżyk (Plenipotentiary for Development); Rev. Dr. Hab. Robert Woźniak, prof. UPJPII (Plenipotentiary on International Cooperation); and Dr. Hab. Lucyna Rotter, prof. UPJPII (Plenipotentiary for Academic Journals). On September 1, 2020, they all assumed their functions.²⁸

Due to the above-mentioned Constitution for Science, the following organizational changes have been implemented at our university (and accepted by the Holy See)²⁹: the faculties were left with their electable deans (see: Statute, § 42, Point 1, Bill D), while new units subordinate to them in the form of academic or artistic disciplines were created

²⁷ *Statut Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie (Statute of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow)*, § 32 (uniform text from 2020).

²⁸ See: “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 20–21.

²⁹ The new, binding *Statute of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow* was confirmed by the Congregation for Catholic Education on September 23, 2019, while the amendments were accepted on April 30, 2020.

(Statute, § 10), their directors are appointed by the rector pursuant to the appropriate rector's motion (Statute, § 30, Point 3). Thus, the following have been elected as deans: Rev. Dr. Hab. Jan Dziedzic, prof. UPJPII, at the Faculty of Theology; Rev. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Jagiełło, prof. UPJPII, at the Faculty of Philosophy; Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Urban at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage; Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż at the Faculty of Social Sciences; Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Wójcik at the Faculty of Canon Law; and Rev. Dr. Hab. Marek Kluz, prof. UPJPII, at the Faculty of Theology – Theological Section in Tarnow. The following were appointed directors of disciplines: Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński became the director of theology. Rev. Dr. Hab. Janusz Mączka, SDB, prof. UPJPII, became the director of philosophy. Dr. Hab. Marian Wołkowski-Wolski, prof. UPJPII, became the director of history. Rev. Prof. Dr. Tadeusz Borutka became the director of sociology. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Gajda, prof. UPJPII, became the director of social communication and media. Dr. Hab. Jacek Górski became director of art history. Rev. Dr. Przemysław Michowicz, OFMConv, became the director of canon law.

Students and doctoral candidates held their elections as well. The election of the president of the Students' Union was held on November 5, 2019. The new president is Mr. Michał Żelazko of the Faculty of Social Sciences (major: Social Work). His term began in early December 2019. Meanwhile, the election of the chairperson of the Doctoral Students' Union took place on an unusual date: on January 23, 2020, because the previous chairperson, Ms. Joanna Rams (of the Faculty of Theology, who had been elected on June 6, 2019), resigned from her function before her term had ended. Ms. Danuta Sztuba from the Faculty of Social Sciences became the new chairperson, she continues the 2019–2021 term of office for the board of the Doctoral Students' Union. The term of the chairperson of the union lasts two years.

International and Domestic Cooperation

Cooperation with international academic communities is unquestionably important to the development of our university and its place in the university community. Academic contact with centers in Bochum (Germany), Ružomberok and Prešov (Slovakia), and Kyiv and Lviv (Ukraine) are particularly strong and vibrant. An expression of the constantly developing international cooperation is the conclusion of new cooperation agreements with our university. Recently, two new agreements were signed (which were not mentioned in the previous *Chronicle*). Pursuant to a resolution of June 17, 2019, our university's Senate ratified a Framework Agreement with Saint-Joseph University of Beirut (Lebanon) for five years. The subject of cooperation, as in previous agreements of this type, is the exchange of scientific staff, teaching staff and students, scientific publications and research results, knowledge in the field of teaching and

training of teaching staff, doctoral students, graduate and undergraduate students. This agreement will be signed by the Rector of the Lebanese university, Rev. Prof. Salim Daccache, SJ, while Grand Chancellor Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski and our Rector, Rev. Prof. W. Zyzak will sign for the Polish university. That same day (June 17, 2019), the Senate expressed its approval of the adoption of an analogous agreement of international cooperation with Mendel University in Brno (Czech Republic) for five years. It has been determined that the Czech coordinators of the cooperation will be Dr. Lukáš Kala, while Poland will be represented by Mr. Tomasz Kniaź. The agreement will be signed by Czech Prof. Danuše Nerudová, Ph.D., while our Grand Chancellor and Rector will represent Poland.

An interesting project in support of school education that was initiated at our university as part of the ERASMUS+ (Strategic Partnership for School Education KA201) program is GAME (The use of online games to tackle the problem of early exit from the education system and reduce student behavioral disorders). On October 24–25, 2019, a meeting inaugurating this international project was held at our university during which, the appropriate agreements were signed, while a timetable and division of tasks between the institutions engaged in it was prepared. Apart from our university, the representatives of five partner organizations took part: the University of Patras in Greece, the Ainova Association in Portugal, the Centrul de Training European Association in Romania, the New Edu Organization in Slovakia, and the ARID Association in Poland. This project will be implemented over the course of two years (October 1, 2019, through September 31, 2021), and will result in an interactive teaching tool that will assist teachers in working with students with behavioral problems and at risk of dropping out of school. The coordinator of the project is Dr. Hab. Bożena Majerek of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The budget for the project exceeds 200,000 euros.³⁰

Another form of international cooperation as part of the Erasmus+ program is the eduPRIS project in which our university is a partner. This project will be implemented from December 1, 2019, until September 30, 2022. Its main aim is to create innovative teaching materials and appropriate methodology of work with minors and juveniles who are serving sentences of imprisonment or are staying in educational or socio-therapeutic centers. Our staff member, Dr. Hab. Bożena Majerek of the Institute of Pedagogy and Family Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, is the coordinator of the academic team, whose members include researchers from the West University of Timișoara (Romania) as well as the University of Sassari (Italy), constituting the academic

³⁰ A. N., *GAME – Innowacyjny projekt na rzecz edukacji szkolnej koordynowany przez UPJPII*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 58. See: <https://www.projectgame.eu/index.php/en/> (29.12.2020).

foundation of the project. It is to prepare a scientific methodology appropriate for conducting relevant research and to develop a methodology for working with juveniles and adolescents in rehabilitation institutions. The project involves 10 institutions from 8 European countries.³¹

The Institute of Journalism and Social Communication at our university's Faculty of Social Sciences has been dynamically expanding its cooperation as part of agreements with partner universities, most recently the University of Applied Sciences in Burgenland (Eisenstad, Austria). On December 6, 2019, a meeting between our delegation and the vice-rector of the Austrian university, Prof. Dr. Michael Roither, was held in Eisenstadt. The delegation's members included: Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż, prof. UPJPII (Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences), Dr. Katarzyna Drąg (Director of the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication), and Rev. Dr. Sławomir Soczyński (Assistant Director of the Institute). During the meeting the cooperation within the framework of academic exchanges for staff and students (e.g., CEEPUS) was agreed upon, the issue of joint application in international grant programs was discussed and the possibilities of publishing research results in Austrian and German journals was discussed as well. The visit was also an opportunity to exchange experiences in conducting studies in the field of Media and Information Studies.³²

The status and role of the media in the international public sphere deserves attention, especially when it comes to becoming familiar with and appreciating the cultural heritage of nations cooperating among themselves. This is precisely the purpose of the planned project on the issues of mutual communication of the cultural heritage of Prague and Krakow as part of cooperation between the countries of the Visegrad Group (V4: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary). On February 18, 2020, a study meeting of the representatives of the partner institution, the University College of Business in Prague (Czech Republic) and our Institute of Journalism and Social Communication, took place in Ostrava. The meeting was attended by the business director Mr. Vladimír Dragon (Czech Republic), and prof. Rev. Dr. Michał Drożdż, prof. UPJPII, Mr. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Gajdka, prof. UPJPII and Dr. Katarzyna Drąg.³³

³¹ B. Majerek, *UPJPII w projekcie EDUPRIS*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 63. See: <https://www.edupris.eu/our-partners/> (29.12.2020).

³² A. N., *Współpraca Instytutu Dziennikarstwa i Komunikacji Społecznej z University of Applied Sciences w Eisenstadt (Austria)*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 69.

³³ See: *Współpraca IDiKS w projektach naukowych Grupy Wyszehradzkiej*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 59.

The main area of international cooperation is the EU Erasmus+ program, in which the University has participated since December 2013, and which runs until the end of the 2020/2021 academic year.

In the 2019–2020 academic year, our university implemented a total of fifty-two exchanges as part of the Erasmus+ program in which twenty-six students and twenty-six staff traveled (fourteen for workshops and twelve to teach). While, eighteen students (fourteen in the fall semester and four in the spring semester) came from the following universities: the Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples (Italy), the University for Foreigners of Perugia (Italy), the University of Trento (Italy), the Catholic University of Portugal (Portugal), the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain), the Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology of SS. Cyril and Methodius of Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain), and the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia). Sixteen staff members from international universities came to our university, including six who taught courses and ten who attended workshops. At our university, coursework was taught by professors from the following universities: Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania), the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), the University of Prešov (Slovakia), the Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovakia), and Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic). In turn, administrative employees, among others from Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovakia) and from the University of Prešov (Slovakia) benefited from training at our university.

However, in connection with the transition to the new Erasmus+ program (from the academic year 2021/2022) there is a need to renew agreements previously concluded with foreign universities. At present, we have agreements with 122 universities. Accreditation in Erasmus for 2021–2027 allowed all contracts to be extended for this 2020/2021 academic year only. In the described academic year 2019/2020, cooperation between faculties from universities such as: Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas (Lithuania), the University of Oviedo (Spain), Gál Ferenc College in Szeged (Hungary), the University of Trento (Italy), the University of Business in Prague (Czech Republic), Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Kosice (Slovakia), and UiT the Arctic University of Norway (Norway).³⁴

³⁴ For a detailed listing of international agreements that have been implemented as part of the Erasmus+ program as well as other bilateral agreements that were binding in the 2019–2020 academic year, see: J. Szczurek, *The Tenth Anniversary of Receiving the Status of a University. The 622nd academic year at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*, “*Analecta Cracoviensia*” 51 (2019), pp. 389–393 (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15633/acr.3648>).

In the context of inter-university cooperation, it is also worth mentioning the University's involvement in the forum of Polish secular universities. Our university is in regular contact with all the universities in Poland through its membership in the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland (CRUP). Since March 4, 2006, the rector of the Pontifical University of John Paul II is also a member of this conference, in accordance with its amended regulations, and actively participates in its activity.³⁵ On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the elevation of our university to the rank of Pontifical University, our Rector hosted this conference and its members participated in the inauguration of the academic year, which was mentioned above.³⁶

Guest lectures are also a form of academic cooperation and inter-university exchange. In the last academic year, from November 23 to November 29, 2019, fifteen two-hour (2 × 45 minutes) lectures entitled: *Od G. Courbeta do Y. Kleina. 100 lat sztuki nowoczesnej* (From G. Courbet to Y. Klein. One Hundred Years of Modern Art), which were conducted by an outstanding art historian and theorist from Paris, a specialist in modern art, Mr. Andrzej Nakov (of Bulgarian-Polish origin, born in 1941 in Sofia, Bulgaria and emigrated to France in 1963). The lectures were organized by the Institute of History of Art and Culture at our university's Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage.³⁷

The Church's Concern for Religious Unity

At a time when ecumenical aspirations seem to be weakening somewhat, our university does not cease to be active in efforts aimed at Christian unity. The popularization of inter-denominational dialogue is one of the main aims of our Institute of Fundamental Theology, Ecumenism, and Dialogue. Hence, each year the institute participates in the organization of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the accompanying Day of Judaism in the Catholic Church as well as the Day of Islam in the Catholic Church. Such was the case in the past academic year as well. The institute was the co-organizer of the above-mentioned Week of Prayer, which was held in Krakow, as in the universal Church, from January 18–25, 2020. The main theme of this edition consisted of the words: "Let Us Be Welcoming" (see Acts 28:2). As in previous years, the co-organizers

³⁵ "The membership of the conference includes the rectors of universities that function in the territory of the Republic of Poland as well as the Rector of the Pontifical University of John Paul II"; "Regulations of Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland," § 2 (<https://www.krup.edu.pl/konferencja/regulamin> (29.12.2020)).

³⁶ The Eighth Plenary Assembly of the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland for the 2016–2020 term was held on October 17, 2019 (see: <https://www.krup.edu.pl/dokumenty/archiwalne/2016-2020> (29.12.2020)).

³⁷ See: <https://oldwww.upjp2.edu.pl/konferencje-sesje/%E2%80%9Eod-g-courbeta-do-y-kleina-100-lat-sztuki-nowoczesnej-%E2%80%93-wyk%C5%82ady-wybitnego> (31.12.2020).

of the event were: our university, the Krakow Branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council, the Dialogue Council of the Archdiocese of Krakow, the Chemin Neuf Community, the Jesuit Academic Community, and the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia in Krakow. The ecumenical service of the Word of God was held in various churches and chapels belonging to the following communities: the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland, the Evangelical-Methodist Church, the Polish Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, and the Roman Catholic Church.³⁸

Krakow's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began earlier, with an ecumenical service at St. Clement's Church in Wieliczka (a Roman Catholic church) near Krakow on the Sunday before the Week began, (December 1, 2020). Members of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession took part in the service. The ceremonies began in Krakow on Friday January 18, 2019, with an ecumenical service in the Polish Catholic church at Miechowity Street in Krakow and ended with vespers in St. Barbara's Church (on the Small Market Square) in Krakow held by the Chemin Neuf Community. The central event of the week was an ecumenical service over which Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presided in the St. John Paul II Shrine in Krakow. The celebrations of the Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians were accompanied by two events: a lecture by Rev. Marek Blaza, SJ, titled: *Czemu służy dialog ekumeniczny? Oczekiwania – Rozczarowania – Nadzieje* ("What Is the Purpose of Ecumenical Dialogue? Expectations, Disappointments, Hopes"; January 21, 2020) and a screening of the film *Pielgrzymka do Rosji. Burzenie murów, wznoszenie mostów* (*A Pilgrimage to Russia: Tearing Down Walls, Building Bridges*). The latter event featured a meeting with the head of that pilgrimage, Rev. Dr. Manfred Deselaers from the Center for Dialogue and Prayer in Oswiecim as well as Mr. Krzysztof Żurowski, the film's screenwriter and director (January 22, 2020).

Whereas the twenty-third annual Day of Judaism in the Catholic Church in Poland was celebrated on January 17, 2020. The motto of that day consisted of words from the Book of Exodus: "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8). In Krakow, the ceremony began the evening before (January 16, 2020) with a meeting in the Auditorium of Blessed Jakub Strzemię at 4 Franciszkańska Street (the Franciscan Monastery) with the participation of Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz and the President of Krakow's Jewish community, Mr. Tadeusz Jakubowicz. The theme of the meeting was the motto of this year's Day of Judaism. The main event of the Day of Judaism was a service with the participation of the Archbishop of Krakow, Marek Jędraszewski, in our university chapel (in the building at 1 Franciszkańska Street). The accompanying

³⁸ For a program of the edition, see: <https://ekumenia.pl/content/uploads/2020/01/TMoJCh-2020-Krakow.pdf> (29.12.2020).

events included a meeting with Ms. Zofia Radzikowska, a member of Krakow's Jewish community, on January 13, 2020, in the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) of Krakow (24 Miodowa Street). Its topic was Jewish celebration and specifically the Biblical bases for celebration and what Christians and Jews can learn from each other in this regard. Another such event was the promotion of a book by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Łukasz Kamykowski titled: *Obraz Izraela i Żydów w myśli chrześcijańskiej. Perspektywy (Images of Israel and the Jews in Christian Thought. Perspectives*, [Kraków 2019, p. 167]), which took place at the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia in Krakow (5 Sienna Street) with the participation of Ms. Zofia Radzikowska, Prof. Aleksander Skotnicki, and Mr. Henryk Woźniakowski. The organizers of the Day of Judaism were our university's Institute of Fundamental Theology, Ecumenism, and Dialogue, the Dialogue Council of the Archdiocese of Krakow, the Jewish Community of Krakow, the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Krakow, the "Covenant" Club of Christians and Jews, our university's Patmos student ministry, and the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia in Krakow.³⁹

In turn, the Krakow celebration of the twentieth annual Day of Islam in the Catholic Church in Poland took place on Monday January 27, 2020. Its motto were the words: *Chrześcijanie i muzułmanie w służbie powszechnego braterstwa* (Christians and Muslims at the Service of Universal Brotherhood). The main event of the Day of Islam was a meeting at our university's Institute of Fundamental Theology, Ecumenism, and Dialogue (1 Franciszkańska Street), at which, after listening to the music of the Orient and the last "Message for the Month of Ramadan" of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Dr. Hab. Marcin Rzepka of our Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage gave a lecture. After the lecture, both Muslim and Christian prayers (Dua and the Lord's Prayer, respectively) were said, while fragments from the New Testament (John 13:34–35, Luke 10:25–37, 1 John 3:15–18, and 1 John 4:20–21) as well as the Koran (2:62; 2:208; 5:8–9; 49:13) were read. The celebration of the Day of Islam was organized by our university's Institute of Fundamental Theology, Ecumenism, and Dialogue; the Dialogue Council of the Archdiocese of Krakow; and the Common Council of Catholics and Muslims.⁴⁰

The Popularization of the Results of Research

In addition to teaching and scientific publications, which are the primary form of popularizing research results, conferences and scientific symposiums are also a form

³⁹ This information comes from: <https://sion.pl/xxiii-dzien-judaizmu-w-kosciele-katolickim-w-polsce16-17-01-2020/> (29.12.2020).

⁴⁰ Some information comes from: http://www.radawspolna.pl/index20DzIsl_lok.html#mo1 (29.12.2020).

of disseminating scientific achievements, during which our researchers can compare the results of their research with the results of other scientists, exchange views, experiences, discuss and establish personal relationships. During the previous academic year, thirty-four such events were independently organized by various organizational units of our university or in collaboration with other universities or non-academic institutions. Furthermore, our doctoral students organized three academic conferences during which they shared the results of their research (which will be discussed in the part of the *Chronicle* dealing with our students). Due to the pandemic, not all conferences were held on their original dates; some, in fact, were even canceled. Here are some of them presented in chronological order.

An academic conference that took place before the inauguration of the academic year was titled: *Pieśń i piosenka religijna w ujęciu lingwistycznym, teologicznym i artystycznym* (Religious Hymns and Songs from Linguistic, Theological, and Artistic Perspectives). It was held in Wambierzyce (the Lower Silesian Voivodeship) from September 24–26, 2019. The conference was organized by the Religious Language Group of the Polish Language Council at the Presidium of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Department of Grammar of Contemporary Polish Language and Onomastics at the Institute of Polish Studies at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan as well as our university's Liturgical Institute. Twenty-two papers were featured in the conference's program. The papers dealt with the theoretical and normative bases of the liturgical application of music from a Catholic perspective as well as various genres and forms of religious music, such as Psalms, medieval hymns, Easter and Marian songs, songs and hymns about the Holy Spirit, funeral hymns, pilgrims' songs, and religious songs for children. Apart from the organizers, the authors of papers represented the following research centers: the Jan Długosz University in Czestochowa, the University of Warsaw, the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, the Opole University of Technology, Jaén University (Spain), the Podhale State Higher Vocational School in Nowy Targ, the Academy of Technology and Humanities in Bielsko-Biala, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, the Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg (Germany), and the University of Gdansk.⁴¹

⁴¹ A. Sieradzka-Mruk, *Pieśń i piosenka religijna w ujęciu lingwistycznym, teologicznym i artystycznym (konferencja naukowa w Wambierzycach)*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 62–63. See: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/piesni-i-piosenka-religijna-konferencja-naukowa-w-wambierzycach-24-26-ix-2019-1360.html> (29.12.2020).

Bioethical concerns continue to be relevant and are often the source of “hot” topics for both scientific and journalistic discussions. This forum for academic discussion was the most recent academic conference titled: *Bioethics 4.0: The New Generation*, which took place on October 3–4, 2019, in Krakow at the Theological Institute of the Congregation of Missionaries (4 Stradomska Street). The conference was organized by the International Society for Clinical Bioethics, our university’s Inter-Faculty Institute of Bioethics, and the Polish Institute for Evidence Based Medicine. This conference is organized each year in different academic communities around the world. It was the sixteenth annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Bioethics. The society exists for educational and scientific purposes, one of which is the organization of such conferences. The reported conference was composed of four sessions: Session 1: *Global Bioethics and Industry 4.0, The 4.0. Impact on the Social Sciences, and Health Care*; Sessions 2–4: *Clinical Bioethics 4.0: The New Generation in Health Care*. The conference program consisted of four keynote lectures and more than twenty brief (fifteen minute) papers. The main lectures were devoted to the following topics: “Healing by Killing: How Doctors Paved the Way for the Holocaust” (Dr. Maria Ciesielska, Łazarski University in Warsaw); “The Psychology of the Human Embryo and the Interaction of the Embryo with Society” (Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala, a professor at our university); “The Ethical Problems of Artificial Intelligence and Bioethics” (Dr. Farida Nadgmi [Nezhmetdinova], Kazan State Agrarian University, Russia); and “Is Transhumanism a New Face of Bioethics?” (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Hołub of our university). Papers were presented by the representatives of such academic communities as: the Jagiellonian University, Jan Długosz University in Czestochowa, the Institute of Mother and Child in Warsaw, the Bioethics Center of the Supreme Medical Council (Warsaw), the University of Zagreb, the University of Rijeka (Croatia), Hamamatsu University School of Medicine (Japan), Tohoku University (Japan), Okayama University (Japan), Kyoto Women’s University (Japan), and Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University (Moscow, Russia).⁴²

Familiarity with the history of Russian philosophy facilitates the understanding of many cultural phenomena in contemporary Russia. An example of Russian philosophical historiography that is worthy of attention is the medievalist Myrrha Lot-Borodine (Ми́рра Лот-Боро́дина, 1882–1957), a Russian-French historian of medieval philosophy and the first female Orthodox theologian. “In her intellectual search, she sought to discover the truth that is inscribed in man’s structure and the reality that

⁴² Some of this information comes from: <https://xvi-iscb.webnode.com/program/> (29.12.2020).

surrounds him.”⁴³ Her life and work were the subject of another international conference in the series Krakow Meetings: Krakow Conferences on Russian Philosophy cycle titled: Myrrha Lot-Borodine – A Life and Works (Мирра Лот-Бородина – Жизнь и творчество). The conference took place on October 11, 2019, in the Benedictine Abbey of Tyniec on the outskirts of Krakow. It was organized by our university (the Chair in Russian and Byzantine Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy) and the Foundation of the Copernicus Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (as part of the Humanities in Dialogue project). The program of the conference consisted of five papers whose authors represented the following academic communities: our university, the University of Divinity (Melbourne, Australia), Durham University (England), the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Protestant Theological University (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), the Synodal Library of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow, Russia), and the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow).⁴⁴

Fierce criticism of the Church in the media, especially criticism that is directed toward children and young people, is a serious challenge for catechesis in schools in Poland. The international symposium titled: The Future of Catholic Religious Education: The Fortieth Anniversary of *Catechesi tradendae* (Polish title: *Co dalej z lekcją religii w szkole?*) tried to deal with this difficult topic. The symposium took place on October 15, 2019, at our university. Papers were presented in Polish and English. The program consisted of seven papers devoted to topics such as: John Paul II’s Concern for Catechesis, The Changes in the Attitudes of the Parents of Children Preparing for Their First Holy Communion, Being a Catholic in the Netherlands Today, Catholic Education in the Irish State, Catechesis and Openness to One’s Neighbor, Catechesis in the Greek-Catholic Church in Slovakia After 1989, and Multisensory Education in Catechesis. Papers were presented by scholars from our university as well as the Tilburg School of Catholic Theology (Netherlands), Pontifical University, St. Patrick College (Maynooth, Ireland), and the University of Prešov (Slovakia).⁴⁵

Pope John Paul II was aware of the great role the media plays in contemporary social and religious life. He was also aware of their potential as a source of evangelization. Thus, he was open to communication with the media. His approach to the media was

⁴³ K. Fiutak, *Międzynarodowe Sympozjum Naukowe 2019: Myrrha Lot-Borodine 1882–1957*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 55.

⁴⁴ For more information, see: <https://krakowmeetings.eu/symposium-october-2019> (29.12.2020). There, you can find information about the publication of materials from previous conferences.

⁴⁵ See: <http://oldwww.upjp2.edu.pl/konferencje-sesje/co-dalej-z-lekcj%C4%85-religii-w-szkole-%E2%80%93-mi%C4%99dzynarodowe-sympozjum-15-x-2019> (29.12.2020).

the subject of an international academic conference series *Edukacja medialna – IV* (Media Education: IV), which was titled: *Jan Paweł II. Kultura i Wyczenie Medialne* (John Paul II: Culture and Media Awareness). The conference took place on October 18, 2019, in the Lesser Poland Sound Word Center (4 Zamkowa Street) in Niepołomice outside Krakow. It was organized by the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication at our university as part of the preparations for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Polish pope. The conference's program consisted of fifteen brief (fifteen minute) presentations by representatives of the media, academic staff dealing with media studies, and even politicians.

The topics of the speeches were matters such as: Dialogue as a Means of Fulfilling the Mission of the Church, St. John Paul II's Impact on the World of Politics, Truth and Freedom in the Media, John Paul the Great as a Dynamic Icon of Modernity, Public Opinion and Its Role in Shaping Views and Attitudes, European Identity as Conceived of by John Paul II in the Media from 2004–2015, John Paul II and the New Media, The Flaws of the Contemporary Church's Information Policy, and Moral Culture as a Means of Communication. Those who spoke at the conference included the following: the Apostolic Nuncio to Poland Archbishop Dr. Salvatore Pennacchio, the Primate of Poland Archbishop Wojciech Polak, our university's Rector Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak, Mr. Jarosław Guguła (Polsat Television), and Mr. Marek Kęskrawiec (Editor-in-Chief of *Dziennik Polski*). The world of academia was represented by the academic and teaching staff from our university as well as the Medical College of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław, and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.⁴⁶

The anniversary of John Paul II's birth coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the Karol Wojtyła's philosophical work *Person and Act* in Polish. In relation to this fact, an international academic conference titled: *50 lat od ukazania się pierwszego polskiego wydania "Osoby i czynu"* (Fifty Years After the First Polish Edition of *Person and Act*) was organized. The conference took place on October 22–23, 2019, at our university and was organized by the Chair of the Department of Human Philosophy at our university's Faculty of Philosophy, the Knights of Columbus, and the Foundation of John Paul II–Center for Documentation and Research of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome. The honorary patron of the conference was the Archbishop of Krakow Marek Jędraszewski as well as the Marshal of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship

⁴⁶ For more information, see: <https://www.niepolomice.eu/wydarzenia/edukacja-medialna-jan-pawel-ii/> (29.12.2020). See: R. Nęcek, *Jan Paweł II. Kultura i Wyczenie Medialne. Podłże 2019*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), pp. 52–53.

Mr. Witold Kozłowski. The main partner of the conference was the Marshal's Office of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship. The program's conference consisted of sixteen lectures (ten on the first day and six on the second) in Polish, English, German, and French as well as two people who presented their memories from the period when the work was being written: by Cardinal Prof. Marian Jaworski (on the first day of the conference) and Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz (on the second day). Thanks to simultaneous translations, all the papers were accessible to the entire audience. The opening lecture on the topic: *Rok 1968: w poszukiwaniu prawdy o człowieku* ("1968: In Search for the Truth About Man") was given by the Archbishop of Krakow, our university's Grand Chancellor, Marek Jędraszewski. It is worth emphasizing the accomplishments of two of the lecturers, Prof. John Hittinger of the University of St. Thomas (Houston, United States), who presented a paper on the topic: "Moral Truthfulness and the Recovery of Conscience" as well as Prof. Rocco Buttiglione of the International University of Rome (Italy), who presented a paper on the topic: "Wojtyła and the Starting Point of Philosophy." The topics of the remaining lectures were, of course, the thought of Karol Wojtyła in relationship to topics such as: The Conception of the Person After Auschwitz, Classical Metaphysics in *Person and Act*, The Teleology of the Person and the Teleology of Human Nature, The Human Person: Substance or Relation?, The Dynamics of the Person and Its Dialogical Openness, Therapy and Leadership, The Philosophical Model of the Theory of Acting, Participation as an Important Dimension of the Philosophy of Education, Authenticity in the Community, The Conception of Consciousness Towards the Axiological "I", and The Spirit of Solidarity in *Person and Act*. Apart from our university, the lecturers represented the following academic communities: the Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, the University of Silesia in Katowice, the University of Warsaw, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Germany), the Catholic Institute of Toulouse (France), the University of Prešov (Slovakia), the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus (Ohio, USA), and Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. The general conclusion after the conference can be expressed by the statement that Karol Wojtyła's intellectual legacy has not been sufficiently assimilated or utilized.⁴⁷

Social exclusion is a phenomenon that requires greater sensitization of people in their immediate environment in order to combat it more effectively. Therefore, both local

⁴⁷ K. Trombik, *50 lat od ukazania się pierwszego polskiego wydania "Osoby i czynu" (międzynarodowa konferencja naukowa)*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 47–49; <https://wf.upjz.edu.pl/aktualnosci/miedzynarodowa-konferencja-naukowa---50-lat-od-ukazania-sie-pierwszego-polskiego-wydania-osoby-i-czynu-22-23-x-2019-70.html> (29.12.2020).

authorities and the Church are looking for effective ways to help people in this situation. In order to develop more effective methods, both theoretical and practical, to counteract this phenomenon, an international academic conference was organized in Tarnow titled: *Wykluczenie społeczne w przestrzeni publicznej* (Social Exclusion in the Public Sphere). The conference took place on November 7, 2019, at the Słoneczne Wzgórze Vocational Activity Centre in Tarnów. The conference was organized by the “Pro Bono Publico” Tarnow Association of Academic Staff in cooperation with the Mayor of Tarnow, Mr. Roman Ciepela, our university (the Institute of Social Work), the Jagiellonian University (the Department of Special Education and Social Work from the Institute of Sociology), and the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (Ukraine). The papers presented forms of social exclusion in various social groups, the methods of researching social activity, concern for inclusive education in public schools, the problem of consistency in social work, and social problems in the local environments of excluded persons (poverty, old age, participation, activation). The conference concluded with a discussion on the topic: *Pomysły – projekty – współpraca. Jak wygląda współpraca międzysektorowa?* (Ideas, Projects, Cooperation: What Is Cooperation Between Sectors Like?). In addition to academic members of the universities that co-organized the conference, lectures were delivered by the employees of the following universities: the State Higher Vocational School in Tarnow, the Krakow University of Economics, the Jan Grodek State University in Sanok, and the University of Prešov (Slovakia).⁴⁸

One of the effects of the reappraisal of individual freedom is the devaluation of parenthood, especially motherhood. In response to the resulting problems, the Institute for Family Studies and the Department of General Pedagogy at our university’s Faculty of Social Sciences organized a national conference on the topic: *Macierzyństwo i jego odslony* (Motherhood and Its Dimensions) on November 7, 2019. The aim of the conference and the subject of the papers was to help young people better prepare for fulfilling this extremely important and beautiful social role, which is being a mother. The organizers’ main objective was to present difficult and sad issues related to motherhood in a positive and cheerful way. Papers were presented by academic staff from our university as well as the following universities: the Pedagogical University of Krakow, the Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, and the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.⁴⁹

⁴⁸ This information comes from: <https://tarnow.pl/Dla-mieszkanow/Urzed-Miasta/Wspolpraca-z-NGO/Aktualnosc/Zapraszamy-na-Miedzynarodowa-konferencje-naukowa-Wykluczenie-spoeczne-w-przestrzeni-publicznej> (29.12.2020).

⁴⁹ See: <https://unikonferencje.pl/miniona/10932-macierzynstwo-i-jego-odslony> (29.12.2020).

The dominant process of globalization is not conducive to the preservation of patriotic attitudes. However, the history of our nation cannot be understood without considering patriotic attitudes, especially during periods of enslavement or in exile. In order to revive the concept of patriotism in the consciousness of Polish society, the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (the Commission on Media Studies) along with our university (the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication) and the Pedagogical University of Krakow organized an academic conference titled: *Rola medialnych i transmedialnych procesów narracyjnych w identyfikacji postaw patriotycznych Polaków* (The Role of Media and Trans-Media Narrative Processes in the Identification of the Patriotic Attitudes of Poles) with the financial support of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The conference was held on November 7–8, 2019, at the Academy in Krakow (17 Sławkowska Street) at Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University (15 Jagiellońska Street). The trans-media process is understood as the process consisting of the application of numerous means of communication: apart from language, they include sound (music), imagery (painting), or space (architecture). The conference program included two plenary sessions (at the beginning of each day) and six panels (two on the first day, four on the second day).

The papers were short (about 15 minutes) both in plenary sessions and in panels. A total of thirty-six papers were prepared, including one introductory paper entitled *Oblicza polskiego patriotyzmu* (“The faces of Polish patriotism”), which was delivered by Prof. Jerzy Bartmiński (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin). The following papers were presented during the first plenary session: *Patriotyzm, nacjonalizm, faszyzm w narracjach medialnych i dyskursach akademickich* (“Patriotism, Nationalism, and Fascism in the Media Narratives and Academic Discourses”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Jerzy Jastrzębski, *Patriotyzm czasów prymitywizmu* (“Patriotism in the Times of Primitivism”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Wolny-Zmorzyński, *Patriotyzm w publicystyce “Kultury” i postawie Jerzego Giedroycia* (“Patriotism in the Opinion Pieces in *Kultura* and in Jerzy Giedroyc’s Attitudes”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Iwona Hoffman, and *Myslenie o Ojczyźnie Jana Pawła II* (“John Paul II’s Thinking About the Fatherland”) by Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż, a professor at the Pontifical University of John Paul II. During the second plenary session, the following papers were presented: *Co robić z wolnością wypowiedzania się i coraz potężniejszymi mediami? Wskazania Jana Pawła II z czasu polskiego przełomu ustrojowego i medialnego* (“What to Do with the Freedom of Expression and an Increasingly Powerful Media? Indications of John Paul II from the time of the Polish political and media breakthrough”) by Rev. Prof. Dr. Wojciech Misztal of our university, *Piękne twarze i ponure gęby (patriotyzmu)* (“The Beautiful Faces and Sullen Mouths (of Patriotism)”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Godzic, the SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, *Oblicza patriotyzmu w narracji*

Ruchu Narodowego z perspektywy biegłego – lingwisty kryminalistycznego (“The Faces of Patriotism in the Narration of the National Movement from the Perspective of an Expert – Forensic Linguist”) by Prof. Dr. Hab. Jadwiga Stawnicka, University School of Physical Education in Katowice, *Patriotyzm Tuskolandu a patriotyzm Kaczystanu*⁵⁰, *czyli o redefiniowaniu i zawłaszczaniu pojęcia patriotyzmu przez tygodniki opinii* (“The Patriotism of Tuskoland and the Patriotism of Kaczystan, or About Redefining and Appropriating the Notion of Patriotism by Weekly Opinion Magazines”) by Dr. Hab. Anna Cegieła, a professor at the University of Warsaw, and *Ramowanie patriotyzmu. Jak narracje o dumie narodowej tworzą nam patriotyczne wartości?* (“Framing Patriotism: How Narratives of National Pride Create Patriotic Values for Us”) by Dr. Hab. Jacek Wasilewski, the University of Warsaw. In the panel discussions, the papers addressed the following issues: *Jak biegną drogi Ojczyzny?* (How Do the Paths of the Fatherland Run? Panel I); *Naród, Ojczyzna, patriotyzm, kosmopolityzm w świadomości społecznej Polaków. Z badań starszych i nowszych* (The Nation, Fatherland, Patriotism, and Cosmopolitanism in the Social Consciousness of the Poles: From Old and New Research, Panel II); *“Semper fidelis Poloniae” – Patriotyzm Polaków na obczyźnie* (*Semper fidelis Poloniae: The Patriotism of Poles Living Abroad*; Panel III); *Kultura jako paradygmat symboliczny patriotyzmu Polaków* (Culture as a Symbolic Paradigm of Polish Patriotism; Panel IV); *Konceptualizacje patriotyzmu w polskiej historii, języku i tradycji w epoce późnej nowoczesności* (The Conceptualization of Patriotism in Polish History, Language, and Tradition During Late Modernity; Panel V); and *Wartości polskie i uniwersalne jako determinanty patriotyzmu. Ojczyzna jako wartość* (Polish and Universal Values as Determinants of Patriotism: The Fatherland as a Value; Panel VI). During the conference, there was a great emphasis placed on the patriotism of Poles living abroad.⁵¹

Topics at the intersection of various disciplines are difficult to study above all because they require development of the appropriate methods that take into consideration the unique nature of these disciplines. Such methodological issues are addressed by the annual international Krakow Methodological Conference, now in its 23rd year. Its guiding theme was the question: *Czy logika jest zmienną fizyczną* (Is Logic a Physical Variable?). The conference was held from November 7–9, 2019, at the Jagielloonian University (12 Bracka Street) and was organized by the Copernicus Center for

⁵⁰ *Tuskoland/Kaczystan – złośliwie o koncepcji państwa według D. Tuska i J. Kaczyńskiego* (editor’s note: “Tuskoland/Kaczystan – maliciously about the concept of the State according to D. Tusk and J. Kaczyński”).

⁵¹ Most of this information comes from: <http://pau.krakow.pl/index.php/pl/aktualnosci-2/1567-konferencja-rola-medialnych-i-transmedialnych-procesow-narracyjnych-w-identyfikacji-postaw-patriotycznych-polakow> (29.12.2020).

Interdisciplinary Studies in Krakow, the International Center for Formal Ontology, and our university's Faculty of Philosophy. The 2019 Krakow Methodological Conference was financed from the funds of the Minister of Science and Higher Education allocated to the dissemination of science. The conference program consisted of eighteen papers (30-60 minutes each). All the papers were presented in English. They were devoted to the following topics: Mathematics as Love of Wisdom; Creating New Concepts in Mathematics: Freedom and Limitations; Bourbaki, Categories, and Structuralism; Ontology and Logic; Two Layers of Inference; Physics from Compositional Logic; No-Signaling in Categorical Formulation; The Robot Mind and Categorical Logic; Is There Any Place for Paraconsistent Logic in (Co-)Toposes?; Was Saunders Mac Lane a Platonic?; Quantum Contextuality as a Topological Property, and the Ontology of Potentiality; Yes, Information Is Physical – Landauer's Principle as a Special Case of Galois Connection; The Experiment Paradox; Riemannian Geometry on Boolean Algebras; Differentiability, Logic and Physics; Generic Mathematical Structures; and Intentionality, Invariance, and Univalence. The authors of the papers represented the following universities and research institutions: our university (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Michał Heller), Case Western Reserve University (Prof. Colin McLarty, PhD), the University of Warsaw (Prof. Dr. Hab. Zbigniew Semadeni), the University of Montreal (Prof. Jean-Pierre Marquis), the Warsaw University of Technology and Polish Academy of Sciences (Dr. Hab. Zbigniew Król), the University of Gdansk (Dr. Ryszard Kostecki and Dr. Michał Eckstein), Oxford University (Prof. Bob Coecke), the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Warsaw University of Technology (Prof. Dr. Hab. Marek Kuś), the Polish Academy of Sciences and Warsaw University of Technology (Dr. Bartłomiej Skowron), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Dr. Marek Woszczek), the Tadeusz Kościuszko Krakow University of Technology (Dr. Radosław Kycia), Queen Mary University of London (Prof. Shahn Majid), the University of Information Technology and Management (Dr. Hab. Jerzy Król), the Czech Academy of Sciences and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Prof. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Kubiś), and Carnegie Mellon University (Prof. Steve Awodey).⁵² Most of the presented papers were published in the academic journal *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce (Philosophical Problems in Science)* 69 (2020); the title of the issue was: "Is Logic a Physical Variable?"⁵³

Solidarity as a value turned out to be an exceptionally valuable and effective tool for the consolidation of the organized labor movement in Poland, which led to major changes in our Fatherland and the world. The Solidarity movement as a social phenomenon has become the subject of academic research led by the International Center for

⁵² Written on the basis of: <https://23kmc.copernicuscenter.edu.pl/> (29.12.2020).

⁵³ <https://zfn.edu.pl/index.php/zfn> (31.12.2020).

Study of the Phenomenon of Solidarity, which was created for this purpose. The center is a research unit of our university's Faculty of Philosophy. The international center officially inaugurated its activity on June 19, 2018, when an agreement on its creation was signed between the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow and the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union Solidarity. With the cooperation of our university, it organized the second academic conference titled: *Solidarność: od godności człowieka do ponadnarodowej współpracy* (Solidarity: From Human Dignity to Transnational Cooperation). It was held on November 8–9, 2019, in the BHP Hall of the Gdansk Shipyard (Jerzego Popiełuszki Street, Gdansk). Its main goal was to prepare a program resolution of the International Center defining the direction of its development for the coming years. The first, part of the conference began with a Mass in St. Brigid's Church (the center of ministry to the striking workers in August 1980), over which Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presided. Next, after the reading of letters from the President of Poland, Mr. Andrzej Duda, as well as the Prime Minister of Poland, Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki, and the chairman of Poland's ruling Law and Justice party, Mr. Jarosław Kaczyński, the following spoke: Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski; Archbishop Sławoj Leszek Głódź; the present Chairman of Solidarity, Mr. Piotr Duda; and Prof. Rocco Buttiglione of Italy. At the end of the first part of the conference, diplomas were granted to the members of the Research-Program Council of the International Center for Study of the Phenomenon of Solidarity. In the afternoon, after the formation of the Presidium of the Scientific and Program Council (Professor Rocco Buttiglione was unanimously elected as chairman) the working part of the conference began. This was done in three working sessions: 1) Human Dignity: The Post-Modern Society and the Church's Social Teaching, 2) The Ethics of Solidarity and the Universal Experience That Is Capable of Transforming Social Relations, and 3) The Culture of Solidarity: The Workers' Movement as the Source of a New Supra-National Culture. The second day of the conference was entirely devoted to the plenary sessions concerning the above-mentioned program resolution. Members of the Research-Program Council from Poland, Italy, Spain, Chile, and Hungary, as well as observers from Argentina, took part in the conference. The next meeting of the Research-Program Council is expected to take place within five years at the latest.⁵⁴

⁵⁴ See: J. Synowiec, *Rezultaty konferencji Solidarność: od godności człowieka do ponadnarodowej współpracy, Gdańsk 8–9 XI 2019*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), pp. 45–46; <https://gdansk.ipn.gov.pl/plz/aktualnosci/82536,Konferencja-Solidarnosc-od-godnosci-czlowieka-do-ponadnarodowej-wspolpracy-Gdansk.html> (31.12.2020).

Many nations in the world are struggling with the demographic changes. There is an urgent search for ways to support families that can help increase their fertility rates. Apart from that, the concept of the family itself is a problem, and it is being redefined. Rightly so, legal, economic, and sociological aspects of the family became the subject of scientific inquiry during a conference entitled: *Rodzina odkryta na nowo w prawie, ekonomii i socjologii* (The Family Rediscovered in Law, Economics, and Sociology). It took place on November 14, 2019, at our university, and was organized by the Department of Social Policy and the Department of General Standards and Theory of Law (our Faculty of Canon Law) in cooperation with the University of Silesia (Department of Civil Law and Private International Law) in Katowice and the University of Economics in Krakow (Department of Statistics). The papers dealt with the following topics: The Family From Social and Economic Points of View, The Dissolution of Marriage and Custody Over Children, The Situation of Elderly Persons, Inter-Generational Relations in the Family, The Cooperation of Youth Detention Centers with the Families of Minors, Pseudo-Family Relationships and Their Social as Well as Inheritance-Related Situation, Family Dysfunction and Forms of Aiding It, The Situation of Emigrant Families, and the Respect of Family Life in RODO. They were presented by staff from the universities organizing the conference as well as the Jerzy Kukuczka University School of Physical Education in Katowice and the Jagiellonian University in Krakow.

Increasing sensitivity with respect to the natural environment as our common home (Greek: *oikos*) is also a challenge facing our institution in its role as a Church university. A response to this challenge was one more international conference from the *Creatio Continua* cycle titled: "*Creatio Continua II*": *Ekologia integralna i wyzwania antropocenu* (*Creatio Continua II*: Integral Ecology and the Challenges of the Anthropocene), which was held on November 15–16, 2019, at our university's main library (10 Bobrzyńskiego Street). The Anthropocene is understood as "a geological era marked by man's significant impact on the ecosystem and geological system of planet Earth."⁵⁵ The *Creatio Continua* conference was organized by our university upon the request of Caritas Poland and the Global Catholic Climate Movement. It was part of the *Ekologia integralna encykliki "Laudato si" w działaniu wspólnot Caritas i społeczności lokalnych* (Integral Ecology in the Encyclical *Laudato si'* in the Activities of the Caritas and Local Communities) implemented by Caritas Poland. The subject of the conference was proposed by Caritas Poland. The conference program consisted of three sessions and six discussion panels. The subjects of the sessions were as follows: The Theology of the Anthropocene, The Anthropology of the Anthropocene, and

⁵⁵ *Antropocen*, in: *Wikipedia*, <https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antropocen> (29.12.2020).

The Economy of the Anthropocene. A panel titled: *Kreatywność i odpowiedzialność: Jan Paweł II i teologia antropocenu* (Creativity and Responsibility: John Paul II and the Theology of the Anthropocene) was devoted to the topic of the theology of the Anthropocene. The anthropology of the Anthropocene was the subject of two more panels titled: *Wyzwanie transhumanizmu* (The Challenge of Transhumanism) and *Powrót do teologii stworzenia* (A Return to the Theology of Creation). Finally, the economy of the Anthropocene was the subject of three more panels titled: *Nowa sprawiedliwa transformacja* (A New Just Transformation), *Ekologia dobra wspólnego* (The Ecology of the Common Good), and *Poza fatalizmem: kryzys klimatyczny i polityka wiary* (Beyond Fatalism: The Climate Crisis and the Politics of Faith). The entire conference consisted of fourteen brief (about 25 minutes) lectures and panel discussions. At the start of the conference, opening remarks were given by our university's Rector Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak, Bishop Michał Janocha of the Archdiocese of Warsaw, and Mr. Maciej Nowicki (former Minister of the Environment in Donald Tusk's first government) and the president of the Program Council of the Foundation of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. The authors of the papers and lectures were Prof. Rocco Buttiglione of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (lecture: "John Paul II: A Trans-Political Interpretation of the Ecological Crisis"), Prof. John Milbank of the University of Nottingham (lecture: "Natural Law and the Divine Government of Creation"); Prof. Władysław Stróżewski of the Jagiellonian University (lecture: "«Creatio continua» i «panowanie» człowieka w przyrodzie", "Creatio continua and Man's «Domination» in Nature"), Sister Prof. Alessandra Smerilli (the first woman in the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State, who gave the paper: "Economics and Finance Tailored to an Integral Ecology"), Prof. Marek Rymśza (a member of the National Council on Development of the President of Poland, who gave the lecture: *Jak wykorzystywać posiadane zasoby i kapitały? Rozwój endogenny jako rozwój ekologiczny* ("How to Make Use of the Resources and Capital we Have: Endogenous Development as Ecological Development"), and Prof. Luigino Bruno (Pope Benedict XVI's main economic advisor and the research director of the program "Francis' Economics"). Next, papers were presented by representatives of the following universities: our university, the University of Nottingham, the University of Prešov (Slovakia), the Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovakia), the University of Warsaw, LUMSA University in Rome (Italy), and Koźmiński University in Warsaw, as well as representatives of the following institutions that deal with pro-ecological activity: the Center for the Thought of John Paul II in Warsaw, the *Laudato si'* Institute in Granada, One of Us (European Federation for Life and Human Dignity), UK100, the Center for Just International Transformation of the ITUC Conference of Labor Unions, the Shipyard Research and Social Innovation Staff, the Polish Smog Alarm, and the Jagiellonian Club's Center

of Analysis. Upon the conclusion of the conference, a solemn Mass was celebrated in the Basilica Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow-Łagiewniki (Sunday November 17, 2019) in the intention of its participants.⁵⁶

Another academic event in favor of the family as well as the expression of the teaching of St. John Paul II was the national academic conference titled: *Wielcy obrońcy rodziny. Realizacja nauczania Jana Pawła II o rodzinie w działalności i nauczaniu Ks. Abpa Prof. K. Majdańskiego i Ks. Prof. J. Bajdy* (Great Defenders of the Family. The Implementation of John Paul II's Teaching About Family in the Activities and Teaching of Archbishop Prof. K. Majdański and Prof. J. Bajda.). It was held on November 16, 2019, at the Institute of Family Studies in Łomianki outside Warsaw (9 K. Baczyńskiego Street) and was organized by the above-mentioned institute, the Polish Family Association, and our university. The conference's program included papers on such topics as: The Basic Assumptions of the Papal Teaching on the Family, The Diversity of Conditions in Which the Modern Family Functions, The Contribution of Archbishop Kazimierz Majdański and Rev. Jerzy Bajda to the Development of Family Studies, Formation Towards Responsible Parenthood, and The Family from the Perspective of Anthropology. Papers were presented by the staff of the following universities (apart from the organizers): the State Higher Vocational School in Ciechanów, the State Higher Vocational School in Tarnow, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, and the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.⁵⁷

Dialogue as the most valued way of solving interpersonal problems has become the subject of philosophical studies primarily thanks to the Catholic thinker Ferdinand Ebner (1882–1931) from Austria, who is the creator of the philosophical current called the philosophy of dialogue (developed by F. Rosenzweig, M. Buber, E. Levinas, J. Tischner and others). In time, it became a response to the totalitarian regimes of the twentieth century as “a kind of intellectual balm to the experiences of the two world wars.”⁵⁸ As a philosopher, he is unfortunately often overlooked in studies on the history

⁵⁶ Source of information: <http://oldwww.upjp2.edu.pl/konferencje-sesje/mi%C4%99dzynarodowa-konferencja-creatio-continua-ekologia-integralna-i-wyzwania> (29.12.2020); <https://teologiapolityczna.pl/zapraszamy-na-konferencje-creatio-continua-ekologia-integralna-i-wyzwania-antropocenu-1> (29.12.2020). See: J. Brusilo, *Konferencja “Creatio continua” i ekologiczne studia na Uniwersytecie Papieskim*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 52–55.

⁵⁷ This information comes from: <https://duszpasterstworodziny.pl/wydarzenia/konferencja-wielcy-obroncy-rodziny-realizacja-nauczania-jana-pawla-ii-o-rodzinie-w-dzialalnosci-i-nauczaniu-ks-abpa-prof-k-majdanskiego-i-ks-prof-j-bajdy/> (29.12.2020).

⁵⁸ Quotation from: <http://www.jozefischtchner.pl/jt-aktualnosci/article/slowo-stulecie-slowa-i-realnosci-duchowych-ferdynanda-ebnera-miedzynarodowa-konferencja-naukowa/> (29.12.2020).

of philosophical thought in the twentieth century.⁵⁹ This gap in the historical literature was (partly) filled by the academic conference *Słowo – stulecie “Słowa i realności duchowych” Ferdynanda Ebnera* (The Word – 100 Years of *The Word and Spiritual Realities* by Ferdinand Ebner), which took place at our university on November 18–19, 2019. It was organized by the Department of Human Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy of our University as a gift to Rev. Prof. Bernhard Casper (1931–), professor emeritus of the University of Freiburg, a German philosopher and Catholic theologian, dealing precisely with dialogical thinking. The program of the conference consisted of twelve brief lectures (30 minutes) in German, English, and Polish (with simultaneous translations). After every two lectures, an hour-long discussion was held. Their subjects were the following topics: The Contexts of Ebner’s Work, The Presentation of the Second Edition of Ebner’s Most Important Work, Ebner’s Place in the History of Dialogical Thought, The Rejection of the Limits of Abstraction, The Word as a Place for What Is “In Between,” Research on the Relationship Between the Truth and TY, The Mediation of the Word (Including in the Relationship to Sound and Imagery), The Word and Loneliness, The Place of God in Dialogical Thinking, Ebner’s Theology and *Dei Verbum*, Ebner’s Understanding of Marital Bonds and Love, and The Relevance of Ebner’s Conception of the Word. Papers were presented by academic staff from our Faculty of Philosophy (Rev. Dr. Miłosz Hołda and Rev. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Jagiełło) as well as: the International Ferdinand Ebner Institute in Innsbruck (Internationale Ferdinand-Ebner-Gesellschaft, Dr. Herbert Limberger and Dr. Krzysztof Skorulski), the Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz (Dr. Przemysław Zientkowski), the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow (Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Gadacz), the University of Salzburg (Dr. Erich Hamberger), Seton Hall University (New Jersey, USA, Rev. Dr. Joseph Chapel), as well as those who are not affiliated with any university (Dr. Ewa Drzazgowska and Pastor Hal Green, PhD).

A unique form of the international promotion of our university’s research activity was the Polish-Italian academic conference in Calabria (Italy) titled: *Jan Paweł II. Komunikacja medialna w służbie Nowej Ewangelizacji* (John Paul II: Media Communications in the Service of the New Evangelization). The conference took place on November 19, 2019, in the conference hall of the Marian shrine of Our Lady on the Rock (Nostra Signiora dello Scoglio) in the tiny town of Santa Domenica di Placanica (Diocese of Locri-Gerace) and was combined with a painting exhibition entitled *John Paul II. People and Places* (Italian version), prepared by Joanna Sobczyk-Pająk, MA.

⁵⁹ K. Trombik, *Słowo – stulecie “Słowa i realności duchowych” Ferdynanda Ebnera (międzynarodowa konferencja naukowa)*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 57.

The conference began with presentations by the hosts Dr. Giuseppe Cavallo (the director of the conference), Mr. Antonio Condemi (Mayor of Placanica), and Rev. Raffaele Vaccaro (Rector of the shrine). At the end of the conference, Brother Cosimo Fragomeni (a mystic affiliated with the shrine) and Bishop Francesco Oliva (the Bishop of Locri-Gerace) spoke. The topics of the lectures were: “The Polish Press Release of the Beatification Process for John Paul II”, “Pastoral Care of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła in the Example of the Parish of Podłęże near Krakow”, “The Holiness of John Paul II”, “Mary in Media Coverage”, “The Importance of Praying the Rosary”, “The Image of St. John Paul II and Its Impact on Contemporary Religious Painting”, and “The Call to Holiness in the Life of John Paul II.” The conference was attended by representatives of our University (Rev. Dr. Robert Nęcek, Ms. Joanna Sobczyk-Pajak), the International Center “Studi Rosminiani” (Rev. Umberto Muratore), the University of Calabria (Rev. Prof. Giovanni Calcara), and the Congregation for the Causes of Saints (Vatican, Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Białowas). Approximately 1,500 persons participated in the conference.⁶⁰

The good name of every person is a value that is not always respected in social relations. In the Church’s pastoral activity, there are situations that particularly warrant caution in dealing with the good name of specific persons. The legal aspect of such activities was the subject of an academic symposium titled: *Co mówić i jak mówić? Ochrona tajemnicy, dobrego imienia oraz intymności w prawie Kościoła* (What to Say and How to Say It? The Protection of Secrets, One’s Good Name, and Intimacy in Church Law). It was held on November 21, 2019, in the auditorium of the Theological Institute of the Congregation of Missionaries in Krakow (4 Stradomska Street) and was organized by our university’s Faculty of Canon Law. The program of the symposium consisted of five papers, each dealing with the following topics: Protection of Pastoral Confidentiality, The Pre-Nuptial Protocol and the Protection of Personal Privacy, The Truth in Preaching the Word of God and the Respect of His Good Name, The Church’s Law and Practice Regarding the Duty to Report a Crime, and The Public Stigmatization of Apparent Sinners. Papers were presented by staff from the following universities: the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Lucjan Świto), the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Warsaw (Rev. Dr. Hab. Tomasz Jakubiak), our Faculty of Canon Law (Rev. Dr. Hab. Piotr Kroczek, prof. UPJPII), Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Borek), the John Paul II Catholic

⁶⁰ See: R. Nęcek, *Jan Paweł II. Komunikacja medialna w służbie Nowej Ewangelizacji (międzynarodowa konferencja naukowa w Kalabrii)*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 59–60.

University of Lublin (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wiesław Stanisław Bar, OFMConv), and the District Court in Olsztyn (Dr. Małgorzata Tomkiewicz).⁶¹

The vitality of the Church in difficult times depends on the openness of its members to the action of the Holy Spirit. In different historical circumstances, He speaks to the Church in different ways. The search for an answer to the question of how this was done at the very beginning of the history of the Church was the subject of the international biblical symposium entitled: *Duch mówi – Kościół słucha* (The Spirit Speaks – The Church Listens). It was held on November 21, 2019, at our university and was organized by our Faculty of Theology's Institute of Biblical Studies. The program of the symposium consisted of six lectures and concerned the following topics: The Relevance of the Prophet Elijah to the Spirituality of the Faithful, The Holy Spirit in Jesus' Farewell Discourse (John 13–17) from a Sociological and Anthropological Perspective, the Dove as a Symbol of the Holy Spirit, His Involvement in the Acts of the Apostles, and the Speaking of the Spirit in Revelation. Papers were presented by staff from our university (Dr. Anna Wajda) as well as the Catholic University in Ružomberok (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Anton Tyrol), Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Janusz Kręcidło, MS), Studium Biblicum Franciscanum – Flagellation Monastery (Jerusalem, Israel, Rev. Dr. Piotr Blajer, OFM), the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Mariusz Rosik), and the University of Silesia in Katowice (Dr. Beata Urbanek).⁶²

Image as the way a person is perceived by others has become one of the important aspects of community life. Through the Internet (especially social networks) anyone can become a public figure, including people with disabilities. Through the profiles of such individuals one can learn about their daily lives, their worries, their joys, their struggles, and their ways of coping with life in spite of their functional limitations. Studying them in this regard was the subject of a conference titled: *Wizerunek osób z niepełnosprawnościami – społeczny odbiór niepełnosprawności* (The Image of People with Disabilities – Public Perception of Disability), which was held on December 3, 2019, at the Regional Public Library in Krakow (1 Rajska Street). The organizers of the conference were our university (the Office for Persons with Disabilities), the Polish Association of Persons with Disabilities, and the Marta Dąbkowska Association for Students with Disabilities at the Pontifical University of John Paul II. The Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Teaching, Rev. Dr. Hab. Robert Tyrała, prof. UPJPII, spoke at the beginning of the conference. The conference featured speakers and students

⁶¹ See: <https://wpk.upjp2.edu.pl/konferencje/co-mowic-i-jak-mowic-ochrona-tajemnicy--dobrego-imienia-oraz-intymnosci-w-prawie-kosciola-1.html> (29.12.2020).

⁶² Archives of the Office of Promotion at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow.

from various Polish universities. The conclusions of the conference can be summarized in the following observation: “With all their resources and weaknesses, with passions, dreams, with green or blue eyes, with long or short hair, with disabilities... A person with a disability – is a person like everyone else.”⁶³

Communication in the world of digital media is becoming more and more challenging. The search for answers to these challenges was dealt with at the third International Scientific Conference in the Media for Man series, entitled *Real Values in the Virtual World*. It took place on December 4, 2019 at our university (ul. Franciszkańska 1) and was organized by our Institute of Journalism and Social Communication. The conference program consisted of eight short papers (10–20 minutes) in three sessions with a discussion after each session. The problems discussed in the presentations dealt with the following topics: Attractiveness in a Virtual World, Religious Messages in the Media (Case Study of the *Virtues and Vices* Gossip Column), The Convergence of Man and Machine in the Ethical Aspect, The Function of the Press Secretary in the Face of New Challenges, Instrumentalization of the Human Being in New Media, The *Sacred* and *Profane* on the Internet in Relation to Holidays, and Algorithms in Shaping Social Trust. Scholars who spoke during the conference represented our university (Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż, prof. UPJPII, Dr Hab. Krzysztof Gajdka, prof. UPJPII, Ms. Aleksandra Mirek, Ms. Katarzyna Dług, Ms. Klaudia Cymanow-Sosin, Rev. Dr. Sławomir Soczyński) College of Business and Law (Prague, Czech Republic, Dr. Ivana Bulanda, Mr. Vladimír Vavrečka, CSc.), Catholic University in Ružomberok (Slovakia, Dr. Terézia Rončáková).⁶⁴

In seeking ways to strengthen the vitality of the Church, plagued by contemporary problems, the appeal to Mary’s motherhood takes on a special meaning. The relevance of Mariology and its significance to ecclesiology was demonstrated at the national academic symposium titled: *Jasnogórska Matka Kościoła* (Jasna Góra Mother of the Church), which took place in Częstochowa at Jasna Góra (Chapel of the Rosary) on February 24–25, 2020. It was organized by our university (Department of Ecclesiology), Jasna Góra Marian Institute of the Pauline Order, and the Committee of Theological Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The symposium program included twenty short (15 min.) Papers on the following issues: Mary in the Apostolic Church Based on the Writings of Luke, Mary and the Mystery of Redemption, Mary’s Place in the History of Salvation According to the Greek Fathers, The Marian Ministry

⁶³ See: D. Nowak, *Wizerunek osób z niepełnosprawnościami – społeczny odbiór niepełnosprawności (ogólnopolska konferencja naukowa)*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 61.

⁶⁴ See: <http://oldwww.upjp2.edu.pl/konferencje-sesje/iii-mi%20dzynarodow%2085-konferencj%2099-naukow%2085-z-serii-media-man-real-values-virtual-world> (29.12.2020).

of the Pauline Fathers of Jasna Góra in the Period after the Council of Trent; Monastic Mariology in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries as a Challenge to the Church Hierarchy, Mary as the Mother of Christ in Evangelical-Reformed Theology, The Ancient East-Syriac (Nestorian) Tradition and the Question of Mariology Without the Mother of God (Θεοτόκος), The Mother of God in Monastic Spirituality and in the Everyday Piety of Orthodox Believers, The Great Millennium Novena and the Reception of Vatican II in Poland, Mariology – Between Myth and Theology, Contemporary Forms of Marian Devotion, A Presentation of German-Language Mariology in the Past Two Decades, The Impact of Faith on Life in the Example of Mary, Images of Mary in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries in the Polish Lands From the Perspective of Icons and Christology, The Influence of the Concept of the Church on Mariology and Mary, Mary's Motherhood in Polish Literature (Mary as the Mother of Polish Literature), Hans Urs von Balthasar's Attitude Towards the Separation of Dogmatics and Spirituality and the Example of Mary, Marian Images in the Digital Age (Transformations and Re-Interpretations in the Context of the Profanation of Images Using the Theses of Walter Benjamin), The Topic of Jasna Góra in Film and on the Screen From a Perspective of Theology and Film Studies, and Mary in the Life of Adrienne von Speyr. The authors of the papers represented the following universities: our university (Rev. Dr. Marek Chojnacki OCist, Rev. Dr. Damian Wąsek, Rev. Dr. Dariusz Tabor CR, professor UPJPII, Rev. Prof. Andrzej Napiórkowski OSPPE, Rev. Dr. Paweł Pielka, Rev. Dr. Michał Legan OSPPE, Ms. Magdalena Żyła MA, lic.), Catholic University of Lublin (Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Mielcarek, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Piotr Szczur, Prof. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Leśniewski), University of Silesia in Katowice (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Kempa), Christian Academy of Theology in Warsaw (Prof. Dr. Hab. Rafał Leszczyński), Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Kościelniak), Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule St. Pölten (Austria, Rev. Prof. Dr. Michael Stickelbroeck), University of Humanities and Life Sciences Jana Długosza in Częstochowa (Prof. Dr. Hab. Agnieszka Czajkowska), University of Szczecin (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Draguła, Prof. USz.), and other institutions: the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Rev. Dr. Michael Kahle), Higher Theological Seminary of the Pauline Order in Krakow (Rev. Dr. Grzegorz Prus OSPPE), the Jasna Góra Sanctuary (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Kozakiewicz OSPPE), Archdiocese of Krakow (Rev. Dr. Józef Morawa). The materials from the symposium were published in a book entitled *Kościół i Maryja, The Church and Mary* edited by A. A. Napiórkowski OSPPE, Kraków 2020, pp. 435 (series: Cracoviensis Cogitatio Ecclesialis, 11).⁶⁵

⁶⁵ For more details see: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/jasnogorska-matka-kosciola-ogolnopolskie-sympozjum-naukowe-24-25-ii-2020-1366.html> (29.12.2020); M. Żyła, *Jasnogórska*

The functioning of society in a wider dimension undoubtedly depends on a well-functioning family as the basic social "cell." Therefore, the effort of these scientists (familiologists), whose research is aimed at ensuring its best functioning, is extremely valuable. This was expressed by the most recent national academic conference titled: *Rodzina – Wychowanie – Przyszłość* (Family – Upbringing – Future), which was held on February 27, 2020, at our university. It was organized by the Polish Familiology Association (PFA) as well as our university. The program of the conference consisted of nine papers. They dealt with the following topics: Upbringing in the Family and its Anthropological Bases, The Cooperation of the Family with Schools in Light of Education Law, The Family and Children (Selected Topics), Home Education as the Determinant of Personal and Social Development, Means of Education for Life in the Family, Education in the Family According to St. John Paul II, Raising Man for Holiness, The Contemporary Family and Education for the Faith, and Contemporary Patriotic Education. Speakers represented the following universities: the State Higher Vocational School in Ciechanów (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Ireneusz Mroczkowski), the Board of Education Krakow (Dr. Barbara Nowak), the University of Silesia in Katowice (Dr. Hab. Ewa Budzyńska), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Pryba), the State Higher Vocational School in Tarnow (Dr. Hab. Elżbieta Osewska), and our university (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Borutka and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Stala), as well as the following institutions: the College of the Holy Family in Łomianki (Dr. Andrzej Mazan) and the Mission to Serve the Family Foundation (Dr. Piotr Wołochowicz). The conference concluded with a presentation titled: *15-lecie Familiologów w Uniwersytecie Rzeszowskim – wspieramy rodzinę* (The Fifteenth Anniversary of Familiologists at Rzeszow University: We Support the Family), which was prepared by Prof. Dr. Hab. Urszula Gruca-Miąsik, from Rzeszow University.⁶⁶

Art as an expression of human spirituality is particularly meaningful for religious life. Studying the relationship between religious art and spirituality was the subject of the academic conference titled: *Zmartwychwstańcy – estetyka i charyzmat: Odpowiedź Polskiej Wspólnoty na związki sztuki i duchowości w XIX i XX wieku* (The Resurrectionist Order – Aesthetics and Charism: The Response of the Polish Community to the Relationship Between Art and Spirituality in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries). It was held on March 3–4, 2020. The first day of the session was held at the

Matka Kościoła – ogólnopolskie sympozjum naukowe, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), pp. 46–49.

⁶⁶ Written on the basis of: U. Gruca-Miąsik, *Sprawozdanie z ogólnopolskiej konferencji naukowej „Rodzina – Wychowanie – Przyszłość”*. Kraków, 27 lutego 2020 roku, "Roczniki Pedagogiczne" 12 (48) 2020 nr 4, pp. 149–152 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18290/rped20124-12>).

Resurrectionist Theological Seminary in Krakow (1 ks. Stefana Pawlickiego Street) and the second took place at our university's Institute of History of Art and Culture (32 Sławkowska Street). It was organized by the UPJPII Institute of the History of Art and Culture and the Polish Province of the Resurrectionists. The conference program included fifteen short (25 min.) Papers, which focused on two main topics: the first day, *Sztuka w myśli oraz w praktyce misyjnej i społecznej zmartwychwstańców* (Art in the Thought, Missionary and Social Practice of the Resurrectionists) and the second day, *Sztuka wobec duchowości i doświadczenia mistycznego* (Art and Spirituality and the Mystical Experience). Individual papers were devoted to the following topics: "Beauty in the Resurrectionists' Philosophy of the Spiritual Life", "Beauty in the Liturgy and Spirituality of the Twentieth Century", "Mystical Experience in Contemporary Art (The Example of the Paintings in the Resurrectionist Theological Seminary in Krakow)", "Tapestries from the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord", "The Church of the Lord's Resurrection in Krakow from an Artistic Perspective", "Goldsmithery in the Collections of Krakow's Resurrectionists", "The Patronage of the Resurrectionists and the Renewal of Art", "Architecture's Dialogue with Contemporary Thought (The Example of the Resurrectionist Seminary)", "Christian Mysticism in Painting (The Example of Lucjan Wędrychowski's *Temptation of St. Anthony*)", "The Spiritual Transformation of Hugo von Hofmannstahl and His Journey to Greece", "Adam Chmielowski's *Cemetery (Stimmung or a Depiction of the Dark Night?)*", "Mysticism in Paintings", "Prayers Inscribed in Landscapes (Examples in the Work of Marzanna Wróblewska, Stanisław Białogłowicz, Leszek Misiak, and Tadeusz Witor)", "The Mystical Sources of Jerzy Tchorzewski's Painting", "The Painting of Julian Jończyk, Agnieszka Daca, and Łukasz Murzyn", and "The Mysticism and Aesthetics of Franciszek Siedlecki". Papers were presented by staff from the following: our university (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jacek Urban, UPJPII Prof. Rev. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Tabor, CR., and Dr. Barbara Ciciora-Czwornóg), the Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow (Dr. Adam Organisty), the Art Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Dr. Hab. Michał Myśliński, Dr. Dorota Kownacka-Rogulska, Dr. Joanna Stacewicz-Podlipska), the Polish Institute for Studies on World Art in Warsaw (Dr. Maria Nitka), Rzeszow University (Dr. Grażyna Ryba), the International Institute for Art History Research in Venice (Italy, Dr. Krystyna Czerni), the Pedagogical University of Krakow (Dr. Bernadeta Stano), the Higher Theological Seminary in Lviv (Ukraine, Rev. Dr. Kazimierz Mikucki, CR), the National Museum in Krakow (Dr. Joanna Regina Kowalska), and other institutions affiliated with the Resurrectionist Congregation.⁶⁷

⁶⁷ Written on the basis of: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosc/zmartwychwstancy---estetyka-i-charyzmat-konferencja-naukowa-34-iii-2020-1381.html> (29.12.2020).

In the jubilee year of St. John Paul II, various Church institutions have tried to refer to his teaching. On this occasion, Caritas Poland decided to take this opportunity to recall the pope's teaching on the family. Referring to his 1994 *Letter to Families*, it organized, along with our university's Institute of Social Work and the Janusz Korczak Pedagogical University in Warsaw, an academic conference that took its title from a quote from the above-mentioned letter: "Among these many paths, the family is the first and the most important..." The conference took place on April 27, 2020, online (as an e-conference) due to the pandemic (it was initially intended to take place at Caritas Poland in Warsaw, at 55 Okopowa Street). The main topic of the conference was the family as a community that was especially dear to the pope from both academic and pastoral perspectives. This was also an attempt at summing up various kinds of works of mercy in Poland that were responses to John Paul II's teaching. The program of the conference consisted of two sessions: *Troska o rodzinę i Ojczyznę w nauczaniu św. Jana Pawła II* (Concern for the Family and Fatherland in the Teaching of St. John Paul II) and *Dziedzictwo społeczno-kulturowe po św. Janie Pawle II* (The Socio-Cultural Legacy of St. John Paul II). During each session, six brief papers (20–25 minutes) were presented. They dealt with the following topics: "The Multidimensionality of Family Values"; "The Amorphous Nature of Universal Values in Contemporary Societies"; "Youths from Dysfunctional Families and Their Socio-Emotional Functioning; Support for Families with Terminally Ill Members"; "The Mystification of Gender Ideology; The Educational and Protective Function of the Family (The Perspective of a Family Assistant)"; "John Paul II's Childhood as a Model of Upbringing, The Contemporary Family's System of Values"; "The Charitable Function of the Parish in the Context of the Encyclical *Deus caritas est*"; "The Significance of the New Media to Families with Persons with Disabilities"; "Faith, Patriotism, and Love as Values in the Wojtyła Family"; and "The Works of Caritas of the Archdiocese of Katowice Inspired by the Teaching of St. John Paul II". Speakers represented the following academic communities: our university (UPJPII Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Leon Szot, UPJPII Prof. Dr. Hab. Stanisław Sorys, Dr. Łukasz Marczak; Dr. Barbara Sordyl-Lipnicka, and Ms. Karolina Pławny), the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Mirosław Kalinowski), Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Dr. Urszula Bejma), the Catholic University in Ružomberok (Prof. Dr. Hab. Tadeusz Bąk), and the following institutions: the State Archive in Czestochowa (Prof. Dr. Władysław Majkowski), Collegium Humanum (Dr. Bartosz Łukaszewski), Collegium Civitas (Dr. Piotr Kosiak), and Caritas of the Archdiocese of Katowice (Mr. Łukasz Stawarz, STL).⁶⁸

⁶⁸ Written on the basis of data from the archive of our university's Institute of Sociology and Social Work. See: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/posrod-tych-wielu-drog-rodzina-jest-droga-pierwsza-1383.html> (29.12.2020).

The progressing processes of globalization make us rethink the relationship between the humanities and the development of the economy and related technology. In order to support research on the relationship between scientific institutions and institutions of a socio-economic nature, our university has joined the “Dialogue” program, which was established by the Minister of Science and Higher Education in 2016, through a grant received for 2019-2021 to be implemented by our Theological Faculty. It consisted of the organization of an academic conference titled: *Synod Zamojski 1720–2020 “In Memoriam”* (The Synod of Zamość, 1720–2020: In Memoriam), which was held on September 17, 2020, in Zamość (Zamość City Hall, Consular room). The conference commemorated the 300th anniversary of the Synod of Zamość and was organized by the Department of the History of the Liturgy at our university’s Faculty of Theology in cooperation with the Museum of Zamość. The conference began with a solemn Mass in the Zamość cathedral, over which Bishop Dr. Marian Rojek presided. The program of the conference consisted of three sessions devoted to the synod itself, the presentation of the publication (*The Statutes of the Synod of Zamość of 1720*),⁶⁹ and a panel discussion. The first and second sessions each consisted of three brief presentations. During the first session, the following topics were discussed: Zamość as the Host of the Synod of the Ruthenian Church, The Synod of Zamość and the Greek-Catholic Church in Belarus, and The Significance of the Synod of Zamość to the Eastern Churches. The second session dealt with the following topics: The Synod of Zamość Three Hundred Years Later, The Legal Inspirations of the Synod of Zamość, and The Liturgy of the Greek-Catholic Church During the Times of the Synod of Zamość. The conference included the representatives of the following universities: our university (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Przemysław Nowakowski, CM, UPJPII, and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Marecki), the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Rev. Dr. Hab. Leszek Adamowicz), Rzeszow University (Rev. Prof. Stanisław Nabywaniec), the Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Dr. Hab. Łukasz Marzec), and the following institutions: the Museum of Zamość (Dr. Jacek Feduszka and Mr. Andrzej Urbański), the Belarusian Greek Catholic Church (Minsk, Belarus; Archimandrite Dr. Sergiusz Gajek, MIC), and the “Avalon” Publishing House (Mr. Piotr Bunar).⁷⁰

The centennial of the birth of St. John Paul II was an opportunity for cooperation between our university and the Center for the Thought of John Paul II in Warsaw,

⁶⁹ For a full description, see: *Statuty Synodu Zamojskiego 1720 roku. Nowe tłumaczenie z komentarzami*, red. P. Nowakowski, tłum. M. Grzelak, P. Nowakowski, Kraków 2020, pp. 431 (*Ecclesia Catholica. Metropolia Kijowska Obrządku Bizantyjsko-Ukraińskiego. Synod [1720; Zamość]*).

⁷⁰ Written on the basis of: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/synod-zamojski-1720-2020-in-memoriam---konferencja-z-okazji-300-lecia-synodu-zamojskiego-1536.html> (29.12.2020).

which organizes a cycle of seminars titled: *Kulturotwórcza rola Jana Pawła II* (The Culture-Creating Role of John Paul II). On September 24, 2020, an online seminar was held on the topic: *Kulturotwórcza rola Jana Pawła II. Oświęcim* (The Culture-Creating Role of John Paul II. Auschwitz). The partners of the event included our university. The program meeting consisted of representatives of the following institutions: the Auschwitz Institute of Human Rights (Dr. Alicja Bartuś), the Polish Council of Christians and Jews (Ms. Marta Titaniec), our university (Dr. Joanna Barcik), the Center for Dialogue and Prayer in Oswiecim (Rev. Dr. Manfred Deselaers), and the “Covenant” Club of Christians and Jews (Mr. Jakub Drath). The aim of the meeting was to search for answers to questions related to how the pope’s teaching about the experience of Auschwitz (suffering, martyrdom, human rights, and Christian and Polish-Jewish relations) can influence the shape and development of international and interreligious dialogue, and to what extent this place can, as a result of the reflection and prayer that takes place here, become an effective call to take responsibility for others, to care for peace, promote justice and strengthen general human solidarity.⁷¹

The richness of Central and Eastern Europe is expressed, among other things, in the diversity of its traditions and cultures. Becoming better acquainted with them was made possible, in part, by a grant that our university’s Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage received for the 2018–2020 period as part of the above-mentioned *Dialog* (“Dialogue”) program. One of the elements that made up the implementation of this grant was an international academic conference titled: *Jedność w różnorodności. Kultura – Historia – Sztuka* (Unity in Diversity. Culture – History – Art), which took place on September 28–29, 2020, at our university. It was organized by the Department of Landscape and Cultural Heritage of the above-mentioned Faculty of History, the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Kosice (Slovakia), the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), and Ferenc Gál College (Hungary). The program of the conference consisted of seventeen brief papers (20–30 minutes) that dealt with topics such as: “The Boglarczycy (Polish Refugees in Hungary in 1939)”; “Lutheran Church Communities of the Visegrad Group and Their Model Theological Cooperation”; “Devotion to the Saints as a Source of the Unity of East-Central Europe”; “The Post-War Political Emigration of Athletes, Cultural Figures, and Science”; “Dress as a way of Transmitting Tradition and Influence”; “The Role of Semantics in Creating a Country Brand in the Cultural-Tourist space”; “The Nationalist Legitimization of Power (in the Communist Bloc)”; “The Winter Landscape of Central Europe in the Medieval Accounts of Travelers”; “Contemporary Classical Music and its Challenges”;

⁷¹ See: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/kulturotworcza-rola-jana-pawla-ii-oswiecim---seminarium-online-1539.html> (29.12.2020).

“The Tendencies of Contemporary Medalists”; “Samizdat Publications in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary (Under Communism)”; “The *Pietà* as a Concept in the History of Central Europe”; “Postwar Detention Camps in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary”; “The Beginning of World War II in the Slovak Press”; “Franciscan Education and Spirituality in Krakow during the Reign of Báthory”; “Devotion to the Miraculous Image of St. Salvator of Chrudim (Chrudim, Czech Republic)”; and the results of surveys that were undertaken as part of the grant. During the conference, one of the results of the grant, the publication *The European Crucible of Diversities*, was presented.⁷² The authors of the papers represented the following universities: our university (Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Marecki, Dr. Andrzej Giza, Dr. Hab. Lucyna Rotter, Dr. Rafał Opulski, and Ms. Magdalena Ficoń), the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw (Bishop Dr. Hab. Marcin Hintz), the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow (Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Głowacki), the University of Navarra in Pamplona (Spain, Dr. Anna Moreno), the Academy of Music in Krakow (Dr. Ewa Siendaj), Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (Prof. Dr. Hab. Alicja Majewska), Ferenc Gál College (Hungary, Dr. Gábor Horváth, Dr. Endre Hamras), the University of Silesia in Katowice (Dr. Hab. Kazimierz Miroszewski), the Jozef Šafárik University in Kosice (Slovakia, Rev. Prof. Dr. Peter Borza, ThDr., Ms. Katarína Hromuláková), the University of Pardubice (Czech Republic, Dr. Karel Sládek), as well as the following institutions: the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Keszthely (Hungary, Dr. Cseby Geza) and the Krakow Branch of the Institute of National Remembrance (Dr. Hab. Cecylia Kuta).⁷³

At the end of this part of the presentation of the academic activity of our university, it should be noted that not all conferences took place because the COVID-19 pandemic broke out at the beginning of the summer semester, so all in-person events were canceled. Only after some time (several weeks, even months) was it possible to implement online connections that made it possible for various institutions to organize conferences. Our priority was to organize coursework for all our students. An example of a conference that was canceled for this reason or moved to a different date was the fourth interdisciplinary national conference from the *Człowiek a/i/lub maszyna* (Man and/or Machine) cycle titled: *Człowiek w świecie maszyn i algorytmów* (Man in the World of Machines and Algorithms), which was supposed to take place on April 17, 2020. Two conferences that were prepared for the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II and were moved to a different date were discussed above:

⁷² For a full description of the publication, see: *The European Crucible of Diversities*, red. C. Kuta, J. Marecki, Kraków 2020, pp. 188.

⁷³ See: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/jednosc-w-roznorodnosci---1544.html> (29.12.2020).

Godność – Wolność – Rozwój człowieka (Dignity – Freedom – and Human Development) and *The Dignity and Vocation of Woman*. There is no information about other conferences that were held at the end of the second semester; their organizers apparently had changed their plans before they were published.

Finally, at the conclusion of this part of the *Chronicle*, I must note with sadness, that because of the limited space, not all the important conferences could be mentioned here. This also concerns some annual conferences that were mentioned in previous *Chronicles*.

The Academic Activity of Undergraduates, Masters and Doctoral Students, and Seniors

Students and doctoral candidates also popularize their own research by organizing scientific conferences and symposia. Examples include the initiatives of students and doctoral candidates as well as the participants of the University of the Third Age.

Acquiring experience related to the organization of academic conferences is also an important element of preparing young scholars for their future work in academia, as is preparing and presenting papers. The following conferences are examples of the engagement of students and doctoral candidates in this activity.

The popularization of the thought of John Paul II is a natural aim of our university community's activity. To strengthen its effectiveness, the Academic Community of Personalistic Thought of John Paul II "Traditio" was established. This is an academic organization that was created as part of the Faculty of Theology for doctoral candidates, students, and academic staff from all of our university's faculties. Its aim is academic activity and the popularization of personalistic thought in various academic fields. The national academic conference titled: *Człowiek w relacji do... autorytetu* (Man in Relation to... Authority) was organized for this purpose; it was held on May 21, 2020, as an e-conference (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) using the Cisco Webex Events platform. This was a unique experience for the conference's organizers and participants, as it made it possible for them to see the flaws and advantages of such events. The conference program included sixteen short talks/presentations (15 or 10 minutes) covering three academic areas in relation to authority: philosophy, theology, and the social sciences. They dealt with the following topics: "The Authority of Jesus in the Gospels", "Man in Relation to God", "The Role of Authority in the Teaching of Philosophy", "Authority and Global Illusion", "The Son in Relation to the Father (the Contemporary Inter-Generational Conflict)", "The Role of Authority as Conceived by Arthur Schopenhauer", "The Authority of the Angel in the Bible", "The Catechist with a Voice", "Referring to the Word", "The Authority of Pope John Paul II in the Internet 'Forum of the Cross'", "Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and the role of his authority in creating the

idea of *diakonia*”, “The Authority of the Superior of the Religious Community in the School of Resurrectionist Spirituality”, “The Image of Vertical Relationships in Contemporary Psychology and the Idea of Fatherhood in the Personalistic Thought of Karol Wojtyła/John Paul II”, “The Authority of the Grandfather in the Family”, “Social and Moral Authorities in Twentieth-Century Poland”, and “Authorities on Family Affairs (John Paul II in the Adhortation *Familiaris consortio* and Francis in the Adhortation *Amoris laetitia*)”. Apart from our university, the speakers represented the following: the Jesuit University Ignatianum, the University of Gdansk, the University of Silesia, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, and the Jagiellonian University. There are plans to publish conference materials in book form.⁷⁴

It is understandable that proficiency in foreign languages, especially English, facilitates international academic cooperation, especially with regards to sharing the results of research. In order to perfect this ability, another conference from the Doctoral Research Conference 2020: Share and Inspire titled: Join Us: Communicate Science Internally – Build Bridges, Not Walls was organized. The conference was organized by the Department of Foreign Languages (Dr. Anna Majdanik) and was planned for May 28–29, 2020. In accordance with the organizer’s intention, “Share and Inspire” is an interdisciplinary event for young academics (doctoral students, advanced master’s students, or recent PhD graduates) from Poland and abroad who wish to share their perspectives and present their research, ranging from humanities to hard sciences.”⁷⁵ Unfortunately, the conference could not be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Art, politics, and economy are the main areas of human activity, where competition is the driving force of development, but at the same time generates many conflicts. An attempt to take a comprehensive look at these processes in the past was the third National Doctoral Students’ Academic Conference titled: *Sztuka, polityka, gospodarka – konflikty na przestrzeni dziejów* (Art, Politics, Economics – Conflicts Throughout History). It took place at our university (online) on June 4–5, 2020, and was organized by the “Onyx” Research Group of Doctoral Candidates in History at our university’s Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage. Its aim was to search for answers to the questions: What were the causes of conflicts, the mechanism of their course, and their effects? Can artistic, political, and economic rivalry lead to the mitigation of conflict

⁷⁴ A. Chrapusta, *Ogólnopolska konferencja naukowa “Człowiek w relacji do... autorytetu” w formie e-konferencji!* (21 V 2020), “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), pp. 56–57; <https://anthropos.pl/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Program-konferencji.pdf> (29.12.2020).

⁷⁵ <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/doctoral-research-conference-2020-share-and-inspire-doktorancka-konferencja-naukowa-1411.html> (29.12.2020).

and ultimately to agreement, or does it instead lead to the ultimate elimination of one side? The program of the conference consisted of an opening lecture titled: *Konflikty dyscyplinarne w Kościele Afryki Północnej doby Tertuliana* (“Disciplinary Conflicts in the Church of North Africa in Tertullian’s Day”, by Dr. Józef Cezary Kałużny of our university, the academic advisor of this group) and four sessions (two each on the first and second days of the conference) that were divided into seven panels devoted to various themes. The conference dealt with the following topics: Conflicts in the Ancient World (“Jewish Monetary Policy”, “The Struggle for Power in Macedonia in the Early Third Century B.C.E.”), Conflicts in the Middle Ages and Early Modernity (“Trade and War in Ireland Under the Vikings”, “The Invasion of Grodków by Duke Bolko II the Small in the Winter of 1360”, “The Conflict Between the King and Nobility in the Poetry of the Zebrzydowski Rebellion”), Conflicts in the Twentieth Century (“The People’s Republic of Poland and the Palestinian Question”, “Internal Conflicts in the Commission of Clergy and Lay Catholic Activists in 1953–1956”, “The ‘June Events’ of 1956”), Conflicts in the World’s Peripheries (“The First Contacts Between Europe and Africa in the Second Half of the Fifteenth Century”, “The Conflict Between North and South: The Rally of North Korean Commandos in the ‘Blue House’”, “The Peace Process in Mozambique”), Conflicts in Art and Art in Times of Conflict (“The Cultural Activity of Imprisoned Members of the Ukrainian Army of Halich, Tuchola, 1920–1922”), The “Neo-Barbarians” (“Against the Old Order in Postwar Polish Painting”, “The War Over Kashmir in Hindi Cinema”), and Socio-Political Conflicts (“The Eastern Borderlands of the Second Polish Republic”, “The Act of Unification in London”, “March 1954”, “Gdansk Ticket Inspectors from 1945–1951”). In total, fourteen brief papers (20 minutes) were presented. Speakers represented the following universities: our university, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, the Jagiellonian University, the University of Warsaw, the Pedagogical University of Krakow, the Jesuit University Ignatianum, the University of Gdansk, and the Historical Museum in Bielsko-Biala.⁷⁶

The integration of the community of young scholars is one of our university’s most cherished values. This is one of the aims of academic efforts such as the organization of academic conferences. Likewise, in the past academic year our young theologians who belong to the Academic Group of Theologians organized the sixth National Academic Conference of Students and Doctoral Candidates titled: *Newmanalia – odkrywając ortodoksję* (Newmanalia – Discovering Orthodoxy). The subject of this

⁷⁶ <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/sztuka--polityka--gospodarka-konflikty-na-przestrzeni-dziejow---iii-ogolnopolska-doktorancka-konferencja-naukowa-45-v-2020-1476.html> (29.12.2020). See: <https://unikonferencje.pl/miniona/11402-iii-doktorancka-konferencja-naukowa-sztuka-polityka-gospodarka-konflikty-na-przestrzeni-dziejow> (29.12.2020).

year's conference was: *Teologia papieża Franciszka* (The Theology of Pope Francis). It took place online due to the pandemic on June 9, 2020. It was organized by the aforementioned academic group at our university, the Doctoral Students' Union, and the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation. The conference dealt with new and old theological questions posed by Pope Francis as well as his responses to them, which some welcome with enthusiasm while others respond to with anxiety. The program of the conference consisted of an opening lecture by Rev. Dr. Hab. Damian Wąsek of our university as well as four sessions, the first three each consisted of four papers, while the last consisted of five papers for a total of seventeen brief papers (20-30 minutes). The topics of the sessions and papers were: "INTRO" (The Biographic Context of Pope Francis' Theology, His Form of Presenting the Mystery of the Sacred Trinity, His Ecology, and His Theology of the Media), Building Bridges (Dialogue and Interreligious Dialogue in *Evangelii gaudium*, Religious Pluralism in the Abu Dhabi Declaration, The Relationship Between Theology and Anthropology, Christ as *Pontifex: Akathist* and the Encyclical *Lumen fidei*), The Formation of Consciences (Morality According to Pope Francis, The Sinner in His Teaching, Listening as a Means of Accompanying the Young, The Theology of Marriage in the Adhortation *Amoris laetitia*), Inspirations (Pope Francis' Ecology and the Ecology of Selected Christian Literary Works, His Ecology in Confrontation with that of Timothy Morton, Newman's Struggle with the Idea of the Papacy and Their Contemporary Analogies [Antichrist – *Pontifex*], and Traces of Fyodor Dostoevsky's Existential Thought in Pope Francis' Teaching). The authors of the papers represented the following universities: our university (six), the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (three), the Jagiellonian University (two), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (two), and the University of Szczecin, the University of Warsaw, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, and the University of Silesia (one from each).⁷⁷

Popularization of knowledge at the university level among non-traditional students is carried out by a special department called the University of the Third Age (U3A), intended for people over the age of 50. Active at our university since the 2011–2012 academic year, the University of the Third Age has been dynamically expanding its activity. It consists mostly of providing two-year programs of study (four semesters) as well as the organization of other activities (trips, pilgrimages, computer and language courses). Classes are held on Mondays and Tuesdays and include lectures on theology, philosophy, history, and the social sciences; they are led by our lecturers as well as by invited guests. Students at the University of the Third Age receive a diploma at the end of the program. Graduates can continue their studies in a major of their choice and gain

⁷⁷ See: <https://newmanalia.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/newmanalia-program.pdf> (29.12.2020).

a Master of Arts degree.⁷⁸ In the 2019–2020 academic year, 501 students participated in courses offered by the University of the Third Age. It is especially worth noting the *Aktywny senior z przyszłością!* (An Active Senior Citizen with a Future!) project, which has received financing from the European Union as part of the European Social Fund. The project will last until December 31, 2021 and will ultimately include 450 students at this university.⁷⁹

Distinctions

The above-described activity of our university has not remained unnoticed in the Polish academic community. It is expressed by numerous awards given to our students, staff, and graduates, as well as the functions they exercise. Here are some of them.

After the Polish Episcopal Conference appointed the Primate of Poland, Archbishop Wojciech Polak, as delegate for the Protection of Children and Minors (September 2, 2019), an office for him was established. This decision was the response of the Church in Poland to the problem of the sexual abuse of children and youths. One of our employees, Rev. Dr. Piotr Studnicki, became the Director of the Office of the Delegate of the Polish Episcopal Conference for the Protection of Children and Minors. Rev. Dr. Studnicki lectures at the Department of Media and Social Communication at the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication at our university's Faculty of Social Sciences.

UPJPII professor Rev. Dr. Hab. Piotr Skonieczny, became employed in the legal department (Ufficio Giuridico) of the First Section for General Affairs of the Secretariate of State of the Holy See. On November 4, 2019, he gave his profession of faith and promise of fidelity. Rev. Prof. Skonieczny is a staff member at our university's Faculty of Canon Law.

Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Władysław Zuziak became a member of the Council of the Institute for the Legacy of Solidarity in Gdansk, which was brought into existence on August 31, 2019, and consists of twenty-one members (the same as the number of Solidarity's demands in 1980). The act of nomination to the council was presented by the Vice-Minister of Culture Mr. Jarosław Sellin and the President of Solidarity, Mr. Piotr Duda, on November 5, 2019. The institute's task is to promote the true idea of Solidarity (which the European Solidarity Center does not do) and prepare the

⁷⁸ <http://oldwww.upjp2.edu.pl/node/739> (29.12.2020).

⁷⁹ For more details, see: <http://oldwww.upjp2.edu.pl/universytet-trzeciego-wieku/projekt-%E2%80%99Aktywny-senior-z-przysz%C5%82o%C5%9Bci%C4%85%E2%80%9D-dla-student%C3%B3w-uw-upjpii> (29.12.2020).

celebration of the fortieth anniversary of August 1980.⁸⁰ Rev. Prof. Zuziak is the director of the Ethics Department at our university's Faculty of Philosophy.

An award was given to one academic publication that was written at our university, the book by Dr. Hab. Marcin Majewski of our Institute of Biblical Studies titled: *Pięcioksiąg odczytany na nowo. Przesłanie autora kapłańskiego (P) i jego wpływ na powstanie Pięcioksięgu* (The Pentateuch Read Anew. The Message of the Priestly Author (P) and his Influence on the Creation of the Pentateuch; Kraków 2018, pp. 393). The book received third place in the contest of the Polish Academy of Sciences for the Best Theology Book of the Month.

In 2014–2016, our university implemented the TIME (Train Intercultural Mediators for Multicultural Europe) program. It was recognized by the European Commission as one of the three best projects in the Social Inclusion Award. The aim of the project was to study the implementation of workshops and employment of intercultural mediators in Europe. During its implementation, the exchange of good practices related to intercultural mediation was promoted. Furthermore, models of workshops for intercultural mediators and workshop leaders were developed. Eight institutions from seven countries participated in the project: two universities (our university and the Hellenic Open University in Greece), two institutions of vocational education (Olympic Training in Greece and BEST – Beratung, Entwicklung, Strategie & Training [Consultancy, Development, Strategies & Training of Austria), one social institution (Programma Integra, Italy), one public institution (the Belgian Ministry of Health's institution of intercultural mediation), one international organization (BGZ Berlin International Cooperation Agency of Germany), and one institution of public security (the Lisbon Municipal Police, Portugal).

Doctoral candidates in Poland have a Doctoral Students' Forum of Polish Universities, which is made up of doctoral students' unions affiliated with the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland. The forum represents doctoral students in Poland and abroad and organizes a contest in three categories: The Activity of a Doctoral Students' Union, Academic Events, and Union Events. Our doctoral candidates came in second place in the second category and third in the third category.

We are also proud of the ecclesiastical promotion of our graduates. The most recent example is the episcopal appointment of Rev. Zdzisław Błaszczyk (a priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow), who is a graduate of our university's Faculty of Theology (then the Pontifical Academy of Theology). He worked as a priest in the Archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil; on December 12, 2019, Pope Francis appointed him an auxiliary

⁸⁰ See: <https://www.gdansk.pl/wiadomosci/institut-dziedzictwa-solidarnosci-21-osob-z-nominacjami-do-rady-programowej,a,158185> (29.12.2020).

bishop of that see. His episcopal ordination took place on January 25, 2020, in St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Rio de Janeiro.

An example of the recognition of our academic community by state authorities is the re-appointment of Prof. Dr. Hab. Małgorzata Duda, UPJPII, to the Council for Policies on Senior Citizens for the 2020–2024 term. The Council was established by order of the Minister of Family, Labor and Social Policy on February 17, 2016 and is an opinion-making and advisory body.

An expression of recognition by state authorities is, undoubtedly, the award received by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Józef Marecki of our university's Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage from Dr. Jarosław Gowin the Minister of Science and Higher Education, for the entirety of his academic work. The laureate of the award is the Director of the Department of Archival and Auxiliary History Studies and one of the first graduates of the aforementioned Faculty of History. The scope of his academic and research activity encompasses the broadly understood cultural heritage of Europe, especially heraldry, numismatics and vexillology, phaleristics, and Christian symbolism. The presentation of the award took place during a gala at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun on February 19, 2020, on the anniversary of the birth of the patron of the university. At the same time, this was Polish Science Day, a new state holiday that will from this point be celebrated on February 18. Our Rector, Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Zyzak, was present at the gala (henceforth the "Gala of Polish Science").

Another example of the recognition of our professors in national academic bodies was the appointment of Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Arkadiusz Baron; Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Janusz Królikowski; Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Napiórkowski, OSPPE; and Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Henryk Sławiński to the Committee of Theological Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences for the 2020–2023 term as well as the very prestigious appointment of Prof. Dr. Hab. Paweł Polak, Director of our university's Department of the History and Philosophy of Science as an expert member of the Committee on the History of Science and Technology of the Polish Academy of Sciences for the 2020–2023 term.

Our staff's strictly academic accomplishments are not the only accomplishments recognized. The presentation of the medal In Service of God and the Fatherland to Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Bednarz is an example of this. He is a priest of the Diocese of Tarnow, a member of our university's staff, and Biblical scholar, as well as an ardent patriot with great contributions to our Fatherland's independence. The Local Government of Tarnow County honored him with a medal for the defense of human dignity based not only on the Bible but also in relation to Polish history, to the well-known figures in our history and their noblest deeds, and the promotion of patriotic and Christian values. The ceremony of the presentation of the medal took place on January 28, 2020, in the Starostwo Powiatowe in Tarnow.

Likewise, in the previous academic year our students have also had successes. Students from the Faculty of Canon Law took part in the Tenth National Competition of Canon Law as a three-person team. The topic of the competition was Catholic Education (the third book of the Code of Canon Law, Title III). Our team came in second place in this contest, while individual participants came in second and fourth.

One of our graduates, Mr. Łukasz Rzepka, who currently works at our Universities' Office of Promotion, was nominated for the: The Krakow Ambassador of Multiculturalism, 2019 award, which signifies participation in the contest for this award. Mr. Rzepka is engaged in the organization of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as well as the Day of Islam in the Catholic Church in Poland. The title of the Ambassador of Multiculturalism is awarded to persons or institutions involved in promoting cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, and supporting the integration of Krakow residents and foreigners. The Department of Social Policy and Health of the Krakow Municipal Government is responsible for the organization of the contest.⁸¹

Some Numbers

In order to get a fuller picture of our university, it is worth quoting several statistics. In the 2019–2020 academic year, 1,993 students, 391 doctoral candidates, and 259 postgraduate students studied at our university. A total of 922 students were admitted to the first year of undergraduate and master's degree programs. In sum, 454 staff members were employed (as of October 31, 2020). They included 282 academic staff: forty-seven professors, eighty-three habilitated doctors, 114, doctors, thirty-eight recipients of M. A. degrees, and 172 remaining staff (115 administrative and twenty-eight library staff). Twenty-nine people were employed in academic and research projects.

In the past year, 128 bachelor of arts degrees were granted at our university (six at the Faculty of Theology, four at the Faculty of Philosophy, twenty-six at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, and ninety-two at the Faculty of Social Sciences), as were 256 master of arts degrees (112 at the Faculty of Theology, seven at the Faculty of Philosophy, sixteen at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, eighty at the Faculty of Social Sciences, and thirty-eight at the Faculty of Theology – Theological Section in Tarnow) and seventy-four licentiates in sacred theology (fifty-four at the Faculty of Theology, twelve at the Faculty of Canon Law, and eight at the Faculty of Theology – Theological Section in Tarnow). Twenty-one persons received doctoral

⁸¹ Information from this section has been written on the basis of: "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2019 nr 4 (101), pp. 86–88; "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), pp. 73–76.

degrees (ten at the Faculty of Theology, five at the Faculty of Philosophy, two at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, and four at the Faculty of Social Sciences), while three people received the title of professor (one at the Faculty of Theology and two at the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage).

In order to avoid misunderstandings, it should be noted that the numbers quoted do not coincide with those for ceremonial promotions. This is because it usually takes several months from the end of all proceedings (doctoral [dissertation publication], habilitation, and professorship) to the ceremonial promotion. Thus, it sometimes happens that a proceeding concludes during one academic year, while the promotion occurs in the next one. Furthermore, in a given academic year, persons who received their degrees or academic titles at different institutions are hired.

The number of areas of study at our university, which is significant for an ecclesiastical university, can be a supplement to the above-cited numbers. Six faculties (including two theological faculties) offer a total of twelve areas of study.⁸²

Promotion of Our University

Aware of the importance of the transferred values and the quality of education and research, our university also cares about its own promotion. Appropriate institutions (organizational units) have been established for this purpose. They include the Office of Information and Promotion, which has been active since the 2004–2005 academic year. In the previous academic year, it also engaged in promotional activity, which included participation in the organization of the *Festiwal Nauki i Sztuki w Krakowie* (Festival of Science and Art in Krakow). The main site where the festival is held is on Krakow's Main Square. In the previous year, the festival was planned for May 14–16, 2020 (twentieth year of the festival) under the slogan: *Wartość nauki* (The Value of Science). The main organizer of the jubilee edition of the festival was the Krakow University of Economics. Our university also participated in its preparation. Unfortunately, due to pandemic-related sanitary restrictions, the festival has been postponed indefinitely.

Radio Bonus, which since 2010 has been continuously broadcast online twenty-four hours a day, is the media sponsor of various events at our university, including symposia and academic conferences. Currently, its program consists of the following broadcasts: *Poranek w Radiu Bonus* (Morning at Radio Bonus), *BoNews* (a news program), *Wiadomości Sportowe* (Sports News), *Usłyszeć historię* (Listening to History), *Rozmowy*

⁸² For a list of study programs offered by our university, see: the previous *Chronicle* for the 2018–2019 academic year (J. Szczurek, *The Tenth Anniversary of Receiving the Status of a University. The 622nd academic year at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*, “*Analecta Cracoviensia*” 51 (2019), pp. 433–432).

damsko-męskie (Talks Between Men and Women), and *Rock for Christ*. The *BoNews* and *Wiadomości Sportowe* broadcasts take place three times a day. Radio Bonus also prepares broadcasts devoted to specific events (such as from the life of the Church or the university) that are accessible on its website. Radio Bonus is also a part of the Academic Media Center that functions at our university.⁸³

The above-mentioned Center also includes Internet TV (JP2TV, operating since 2014), which is created by students and lecturers at the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication at the Faculty of Social Sciences of our university. Of its broadcasts, it is worth mentioning at least two that are related to the figure of St. John Paul II. One was coverage of the fourteenth Day of John Paul II (which was published on November 22, 2019) and was titled: *Dni Jana Pawła II 2019* (The Days of John Paul II, 2019).⁸⁴ The second was coverage of the preparations for the Centennial Kayaking Trip organized by the student ministries of Krakow on the occasion of the centennial of the birth of St. John Paul II and consisted of visiting places dear to the pope. The material is titled: *Wyrusz na Stulecie – spacer śladami Karola Wojtyły* (Go Out on the Centennial – A Walk in Karol Wojtyła’s Footsteps. It was published on March 13, 2020).⁸⁵ The trip was planned for July 9–15, 2020; unfortunately, it was canceled due to the pandemic.

An important means of promoting a university are its academic publications. These are handled by the Academic Publishing House, which publishes journals and dissertations primarily by our academic staff. A university-wide publication that has been regularly published since 1969 is *Analecta Cracoviensia*, which contains studies in the areas of philosophy, theology, Church history, canon law, and the social sciences. To date, forty-eight volumes (fifty-one annual editions, including three double volumes) of this periodical have been published. In addition to *Analecta Cracoviensia*, each faculty publishes its own journal: *Polonia Sacra* is a journal of the Faculty of Theology (so far, twenty-four volumes have been published), and, since 2013, has also published the English-language journal *Theological Research: A Journal of Systematic Theology* (six volumes have been published). *Logos i Ethos* (*Logos and Ethos*) is the Faculty of Philosophy’s periodical which has published fifty-five volumes since 1991. Additionally, this faculty publishes “Racjonalia. Z punktu widzenia humanistyki” (*Rationalia. From the Perspective of the Humanities*, which consist of dissertations by students as well as staff from post-secondary institutions of education. Seven volumes have been published since 2011). The Center for Interdisciplinary studies at the Faculty

⁸³ For more information, see: <http://radiobonus.pl/wiadomosci/> (29.12.2020).

⁸⁴ <http://nowetv.upjp2.edu.pl/materialy/dni-jana-pawla-ii-2019/> (29.12.2020).

⁸⁵ <http://nowetv.upjp2.edu.pl/materialy/wyrusz-na-stulecie-spacer-sladami-karola-wojtyly/> (29.12.2020).

of Philosophy publishes “Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce” (*Philosophical Problems in Science*). This is a semi-annual journal that deals with the discovery and analysis of philosophical problems intertwined with the natural sciences (so far, sixty-seven volumes have been published). *Semina Scientiarum*, initially published as a supplement to the aforementioned *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce*, is a similar journal. It is edited by participants of the Academic Seminar on the Philosophy of Nature and is devoted to topics at the intersection of philosophy and the natural sciences (sixty-eight issues have been published). *Folia Historica Cracoviensia* (twenty-six volumes), *Pro Musica Sacra* (eighteen volumes since 2004), and *Orientalia Christiana Cracoviensia* (eleven volumes since 2009) are publications of the Faculty of Church History. The Faculty of Social Sciences publishes *Studia Socialia Cracoviensia* (since 2009, eleven volumes have been published). The Institute of Canon Law publishes *Annales Canonici*. This is a yearly legal publication addressed to academic communities, practitioners of the law, and all who are interested in Church law (sixteen volumes have been published). The Faculty of Theology – Theological Section in Tarnow publishes two journals: *Tarnowskie Studia Teologiczne* (*Tarnow Theological Studies*; thirty-seven volumes have been published since 1938) and *The Person and the Challenges* (eleven volumes have been published since 2011). Thanks to an agreement with the Diocesan Publishing and Printing House in Sandomierz, our Academic Press has for two years also been publishing *Studia Sandomierskie. Teologia – Filozofia – Historia* (*Sandomierz Studies: Theology – Philosophy – History*), which has been published since 1980 (two volumes have been published by our press). With the exception of *Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce* (*Philosophical Problems in Science*), which has its own platform,⁸⁶ the remaining above-mentioned journals are published on our university’s digital platform.⁸⁷

Another all-university publication, albeit not academic in nature, is *Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie* (*Vita Academica: The Information Bulletin of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*), which is published every three months and contains information related to the most important events in our university’s life. Students studying for the priesthood also have their own journal: *Novum Tempus Liberum* (*NTL*), which is edited by students of the Higher Theological Seminary of the Archdiocese of Krakow. Currently, it is published as a yearbook and contains information about the seminary and the student life of the seminarians.

Traditio. Przestrzeń Cywilizacji Łacińskiej (*Traditio: The Sphere of Latin Civilization*) is an Alumni journal for graduates from UPJPII and other universities that has been

⁸⁶ <https://zfn.edu.pl/index.php/zfn> (29.12.2020).

⁸⁷ <http://czasopisma.upjpp2.edu.pl/> (29.12.2020).

published since 2015. It is dedicated to cultivating what is most noble in our tradition. *Traditio* is a popular academic publication published by our community as well as all those that cherish such values as: patriotism, Christianity, the family, science, culture, and language.⁸⁸

The university's regular publications also include book series. Of those that are published regularly, it is especially worth mentioning *Studia nad Myślą Jana Pawła II* (*Studies on the Thought of John Paul II*), published by the Center for Studies on the Thought of John Paul II. So far, the center has published nineteen volumes in this series. During the 2019–2020 academic year, our university's Academic Publishing House published sixty-five publications, including sixteen issues of academic journals as well as the *Biuletyn informacyjny «Vita Academica»* (*Vita Academica Information Bulletin*). Several book items were also subsidized and published by outside publishers with a subsidy from our university. An important achievement of the Publishing House was the above-mentioned book by Mr. Marcin Majewski titled: *Pięcioksiąg odczytany na nowo...* (*The Pentateuch Read Anew...*).

In addition, our Academic Publishing House systematically increases the number of publications available online in the "dLibra" digital library (containing almost five thousand publications, including, among others, the university's repository).⁸⁹ There is also the already-mentioned journal platform,⁹⁰ where journals published by our university (at present, a total of fourteen) are made available.

In addition to the dissemination of research results, the university also promotes its artistic activities by promoting sacred music. Since 1988, this has been the activity of the Psalmodia Choir under the direction of Prof. Dr. Hab. Włodzimierz Siedlik, who has directed it since the very beginning. The singing of the Psalmodia Choir graces diverse academic ceremonies, such as the solemn inauguration of the academic year, celebrations of the university's anniversary, university promotions, and Church or patriotic ceremonies. The Choir promotes Polish culture abroad.

Thanks to its collaboration with the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation, it can participate in various artistic events both across Poland and internationally.⁹¹ Since 2009, there have been two separate choirs attached to the Psalmodia Choir: the Krakow Women's Choir and the Krakow Men's Choir, which perform works written for universal choirs but also perform their own concerts and receive recognition. Singers

⁸⁸ For more information, see: <https://traditio.pl/> (29.12.2020).

⁸⁹ <http://bc.upjp2.edu.pl/dlibra> (29.12.2020).

⁹⁰ <http://czasopisma.upjp2.edu.pl/index/index> (29.12.2020).

⁹¹ For more on the Psalmodia Choir, see: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/studenci/organizacje-studenckie/chor-psalmodia> (29.12.2020).

from both choirs are members of the Psalmodia Choir. The dynamic activity of the aforementioned choirs during the past academic year (second semester) was severely limited by the pandemic. An example of the Psalmodia Choir's activity was its participation in the Krakow- Frankfurt Concert, which was held on December 6, 2019, in the Imperial Cathedral of Saint Bartholomew in Frankfurt am Main (Germany). The concert celebrated the anniversary of the partnership of both cities, which was established on December 6, 1991. The choir performed works by Henryk M. Górecki (*Hail Mary, O Merciful Mother*); David Kusz, OP (*Ave Maria, Rorate Caeli*); Romuald Twardowski (*Magnificat*); and Stanisław Moniuszko (*A Mass in D-Flat Major*). It was directed by Prof. Dr. Hab. Włodzimierz Siedlik. The concert was attended by our Vice-Rector Rev. Dr. Hab. Robert Tyrała, prof. UPJPII; Dr. Hab. Witold Zalewski, Director of the Inter-University Institute of Church Music; and representatives of the Krakow Municipal Government.⁹²

Concern for Students and Doctoral Students

Concern for our students and doctoral candidates encompasses the following areas: student ministry, the development of entrepreneurship, assistance to persons with disabilities, and financial assistance (social and academic scholarships).

As a Church university, our institution is concerned not only about the high quality of education at the intellectual level but also the spiritual formation of its students, doctoral candidates, and staff. It is provided by the Patmos Student Ministry, which offers Masses, ascetic conferences, individual talks with priests, and Advent as well as Lenten retreats. All these pastoral activities are coordinated by Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Porosło.

Several pastoral groups with their own pastors or chaperones function as part of the ministry. These are: the Nikodem (Nicodemus) group of Bible study circles (Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Porosło); the Jeremiasz (Jeremiah) theological group (Rev. Dr. Robert Woźniak, prof. UPJPII); the Bure Misie (Gray Bears) group that takes care of people with disabilities (Ms. Monika Hemon, who is from outside the university); the University Christian Outreach charismatic community (Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Porosło); the Ogród Maryi (Mary's Garden) community for women (Rev. Łukasz Preising, TDŚ, from outside the university); the Pustelnia (Hermitage) prayer group (Rev. Dr. Hab. Andrzej Muszala, prof. UPJPII); and the Liturgical Service and Church Choir (Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Porosło).

⁹² M. Mastyló, *Koncert Kraków – Frankfurt z udziałem chóru UPJPII “Psalmodia” (6 XII 2019)*, “Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie” 2019 nr 4 (101), p. 38.

Last year's Advent Academic Retreat for students took place from December 8–10, 2019 (Sunday–Tuesday) at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Krakow. Its slogan came from the Book of Job: “For a tree there is hope, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again and that its tender shoots will not cease” (Job 14:7). These were Advent reflections on the following topics: On Hope of Man and the Hope of God, On whether God Listens to Us and if We Listen to God, and On Who God Is. The retreat was led by Rev. Krzysztof Porosło, our new student minister. During Advent, Academic Roraty services took place on Mondays through Thursdays in our university Chapel of St. John Paul II (1 Franciszkańska Street, 6:30 AM).

On the other hand, due to the pandemic and the resulting restrictions (only five persons could participate in the liturgy regardless of the size of the church), the Lenten Academic Retreat for students took place online only; it was titled: *Rekolekcje na dwa głosy* (A Retreat for Two Voices). It began on March 15, 2020 and was led by Rev. Dr. Wojciech Węgrzyniak and Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Porosło.

One form of shaping Catholic attitudes is the organization of meetings with people who are engaged in public or economic life. In the previous academic year, meetings and discussions sponsored by the GoodLood ice cream company took place. This was a series of meetings titled: *Inspiracje z GoodLood* (Inspirations with GoodLood), whose guests were: Ms. Katarzyna Olubińska (a journalist for TVN; October 16, 2019), Mr. Krzysztof Skórzyński (a journalist for TVN, November 27, 2019), Ms. Ida Nowakowska (a dancer and journalist for TVN; December 11, 2019), and Marcin and Monika Gomułka (Internet personalities known for their *Początek wieczności* [The Beginning of Eternity] channel on YouTube, March 11, 2020). The meetings were led by Dr. Paulina Guzik of our university (who is also a journalist for TVP).

Upon completing their studies, members of the University Christian Outreach (UCO) community, which functioned as part of our Student Ministry since December 2016, have moved to the *Latorośl* (Vine) community. It has two main goals: to create a mature charismatic community and the evangelization of its own surroundings. It does this through regular meetings for prayer and sharing of the Word, during which the members of the community are formed, and authentic relationships of mutual brotherly love are built. The community's pastor is Rev. Dr. Krzysztof Porosło.⁹³

Students studying for the priesthood receive spiritual and pastoral formation in their seminaries. Lay students meet for prayer in the Chapel of St. John Paul II, which

⁹³ For more on the *Latorośl* community, see: <http://latorosl.pl/> (29.12.2020).

is in the university's building at 1 Franciszkańska Street, and in the building chapel on 3 Bernardyńska Street.⁹⁴

Since the 2014–2015 academic year, the development of entrepreneurship among our students and doctoral candidates has been supported by the Business Starter program, which is active at our university's Career Office. The Business Starter program offers specialized legal, training, and accounting assistance and teaches how a business is run in actuality. It offers the support of specialists who help to evaluate and test students' own business ideas at minimal costs. An example of such activity in the previous academic year was, despite the coronavirus pandemic, the participation of our university in the national project: Gra o karierę – Biura Karier dla Ciebie (Career Game – Career Offices for You). On May 25–29, 2020, Career Offices across Poland organized workshops, trainings, and other events for entrepreneurial students. Staff from our Career Office organized workshops titled: Projektowanie profesjonalnego CV (Designing a Professional Resume) and the consultation: Symulacja rozmowy kwalifikacyjnej (Job Interview Simulation). The workshops were held online.⁹⁵

Assistance to persons with disabilities is provided by the Office for Persons with Disabilities, which organizes various meetings and workshops for students with disabilities. During each academic year, the office organizes annual integration events along with other Krakow universities that signed an agreement on the topic in past years.⁹⁶ They include the inter-university Christmas Eve celebration and the "Integration Days." As in previous years, the thirteenth annual Krakow Integration Days was supposed to take place in April 2020. Unfortunately, it was canceled due to the epidemic situation.⁹⁷ Towards the end of the spring semester (June 19, 2020), an online meeting of the Plenipotentiary of the Government for People with Disabilities, Mr. Paweł Wdówik, was held with the plenipotentiaries of university rectors for persons with disabilities representing the Krakow Agreement. The meeting dealt with a strategy for persons with disabilities from 2020–2030. Our university was represented by Dr. Katarzyna Kutek-Sładek (the Rector's Plenipotentiary for Persons with Disabilities).⁹⁸

⁹⁴ For more on relevant information about our "Patmos" Student Ministry, see: <https://patmos.upjp2.edu.pl/> (29.12.2020).

⁹⁵ A. Madetko, *Gra o karierę – Biura Karier dla Ciebie, działalność Biura Karier UPJPII*, "Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie" 2020 nr 1–2 (102–103), p. 37.

⁹⁶ In 2019, the City of Krakow joined the Understanding of Krakow Universities.

⁹⁷ For more information on the Krakow Integration Days, see: <https://bon.upjp2.edu.pl/krakowskie-dni-integracji> (29.12.2020).

⁹⁸ <https://upjp2.edu.pl/aktualnosci/na-upjpii-trwa-spotkanie-dot-strategii-na-rzecz-osob-niepelnospprawnych-1504.html> (29.12.2020).

Financial assistance for students and doctoral candidates takes on diverse forms. They can apply for social stipends (for people with disabilities) and academic ones (for students who excel academically) as well as numerous forms of one-time assistance. In accordance with the obligatory legislation, students and doctoral candidates who are Polish citizens make use of the general national stipend program. While other persons (especially those from the republics of the former Soviet Union and countries in Eastern Europe not belonging to the European Union) are eligible to apply for stipends from the John Paul II Foundation in Rome (Italy).⁹⁹ On the basis of specific rules adopted by our university's Senate, the Stipend Commission deals with the granting of stipends.¹⁰⁰

Concern for our students and doctoral candidates does not end once they finish their studies. Meetings with graduates serve to preserve their relationship with the university. Regularly held meetings of lay graduates of the Faculty of Theology, which in recent years have taken place every January in the form of a Christmas *opłatek* gathering (a special Polish tradition of sharing a wafer and good wishes), is an example of the keeping up of such traditions. The most recent meeting took place on January 18, 2020, in the Kordelianum at the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Krakow. After the Mass, an informal meeting along with the singing of Christmas carols and the exchange of opinions about the most recent events in the life of the Church was held. Since 2016, there has been an association of the graduates of all the faculties called the Association of the Graduates and Friends of the Pontifical University of John Paul II. Its aim is to support the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow through promoting knowledge about it and the programs of study that are currently offered there. The association can support the organization of various readings, conferences, seminars, academic camps, days of reflection and pilgrimages, and even publishing activity. Another statutory aim of the association is to gain financial resources for the university.¹⁰¹

Supporting Academic Activity

Teaching courses and engaging in research requires the appropriate facilities. In our case, this is above all a well-stocked library. Our university's Main Library is a specialist library. Our library participates in the creation of the National Library Information Exchange System as well as in the work of the Krakow Library Group, the Central

⁹⁹ <https://fjp2.com/pl/fundacja-jana-pawla-ii-2/> (29.12.2020).

¹⁰⁰ Detailed information about financial assistance and the appropriate rules can be found on our university's website: <https://upjp2.edu.pl/studenci/pomoc-materialna-studenci> (29.12.2020); <https://upjp2.edu.pl/studenci/pomoc-materialna-doktoranci> (29.12.2020).

¹⁰¹ The association website: <http://saip.upjp2.edu.pl/> (29.12.2020).

Catalog of Polish Academic Libraries NUKAT, and the Federation of Polish Church Libraries “FIDES.” The library continues to expand its catalog thanks to the integrated Virtua computer system. The numerical data for the previous academic year (as of October 1, 2020) are as follows. The number of volumes was 265,395, while the number of records of continuously published publications was 18,105. This catalog is available online as a database. The number of regular readers was 7,953. In the 2019–2020 academic year, the Main Library of the Pontifical University of John Paul II gained 14,882 volumes of books, 215 inventoried units of the multimedia collection, and 1,238 inventoried issues of journals. At the end of the 2019–2020 academic year, our main library’s book resources consisted of 189,226 inventoried items. During the 2019/2020 academic year, the Main Library of the UPJPII purchased 754 journal titles, including a subscription to 298 current periodicals (including 133 foreign language titles). Furthermore, as part of inter-library loan our library acquired 157 domestic and international journals. Most of the international journals receive *Analecta Cracoviensia* in return.

Our university’s Main Library systematically collects digital information resources and makes them available. They are above all textual, bibliographic, and factual databases, as well as the digital versions of journals and books and information from websites. From the perspective of their accessibility, they can be divided into those that are available to all and those that require licenses. Access to the latter is available for our staff, undergraduates, and graduate and doctoral students not only from the computers of the main library, but also at home after logging in.

More specifically, our Main Library offers access to electronic resources thanks to the Virtual Library of Science (including the Web of Science, Springer, Scopus, Wiley-Blackwell, and the EBSCO database) and buys access to the databases that are most important to both students and academic staff (ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials, Communication & Mass Media Complete, Cambridge Journals – Kolekcja HSS, JSTOR; the collections Arts & Sciences III, Arts & Sciences XIII and Religion & Theology, Academic Research Source eBooks, Academic Research Source eJournals and IBUKLibra). Thanks to an agreement with the National Library, it is possible to make use of the Academic Digital Library of Academic Publications. Both academic staff and students at the Pontifical University of John Paul II can make use of all the digital resources via the Internet thanks to the specialist HAN system, which facilitates access to information especially in the time of online learning.¹⁰²

¹⁰² For more on the Main Library of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, see: <https://biblioteka.upjp2.edu.pl/> (29.12.2020).

A major asset of the Main Library of the Pontifical University of John Paul II is the Digital Library, which was launched in 2012 and contains 4,923 publications. Since then, more than 10 million users have visited it.¹⁰³

Understandably, the development of academic activity is dependent on access to financial resources. The activities of the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation serves to increase these funds for the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. Although the university receives funds from the state budget, which covers nearly three-quarters of the university's expenses, this does not include the costs of investment. The remaining financial resources must therefore be covered by other sources. Thus, the foundation promotes the university through various means at its disposal, encouraging donors to assist it and gathering funds for its activity. Its main statutory aim is to support it "in its academic and creative activity."¹⁰⁴

The foundation provides financing for organized students groups or groups of students that are not organizations as understood in the "Rules for Providing Subsidies to Students' Initiatives and Undertakings" (from October 24, 2013), thus supporting their research projects. Units of the Students' Union, the Doctoral Candidates' Union, study, theater, athletic, and music groups, the "Patmos" Student Ministry, and other student organizations at our university are eligible to apply for such funding.

Thus, in the previous academic year the foundation financed or helped to finance such projects as: the *Nadzieja zawieść nie może* (Hope Cannot Disappoint) Jubilee Concert on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the elevation of the Pontifical Academy of Theology to the status of the Pontifical University of John Paul II (Wawel Cathedral, October 16, 2019); the fourteenth annual Days of John Paul II: The University (Krakow, November 5–7, 2019); the Walk in the Footsteps of John Paul II, in which more than 150 students and doctoral candidates participated (Krakow, December 7, 2019); the performance of the play *Lilia (Lily)* in the parish of St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland (April 4, 2020); the #CordCordi Campaign on the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II, which consisted of donations from lecturers and staff, students, and doctoral candidates from our university with the assistance of the foundation in order to purchase personal protective equipment that was necessary during the pandemic (Krakow, April 16 – May 15, 2020); and the third annual Doctoral Students' Academic Conference *Sztuka, polityka, gospodarka – konflikty na przestrzeni dziejów* (Art, Politics, Economics – Conflicts Throughout History; online, June 4–5, 2020). The foundation also supports the preparations for a new play about St. Jadwiga, Queen

¹⁰³ <http://bc.upjp2.edu.pl/dlibra>(29.12.2020).

¹⁰⁴ *Statut Fundacji im. Świętej Królowej Jadwigi dla Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie*, § 6, <https://fundacja.upjp2.edu.pl/fundacja/statut2> (29.12.2020).

of Poland modeled after *Lilia (Lily)*. Unfortunately, the pandemic made it impossible to continue rehearsals. Furthermore, the foundation has financed the following publications: K. Mazur, *Zadania oraz rola adwokata we współczesnym kanonicznym procesie małżeńskim. Studium teologiczno-prawne* (The Tasks and Role of an Advocate in the Contemporary Canonical Marriage Proceedings. A Theological-Legal Study; Kraków 2019) and helped to finance: J. Jastrzębski, *Przestrzenie mediów i dziennikarstwa* (The Sphere of the Media and Journalism; Kraków 2019); S. Łastowska, *Rodzina jako wspólnota życia i miłości wobec wyzwań współczesności. Krytyczna analiza wybranych materiałów dydaktycznych do nauczania religii w gimnazjum i liceum powstałych po 2001 roku* (The Family as a Community of Life and Love Amidst the Challenges of Modernity. A Critical Analysis of Selected Educational Materials for the Teaching of Religion in Middle and High Schools Established After 2001; Kraków 2019); K. Cymanow-Sosin, *Lokowanie idei w reklamie. Studium analityczno-badawcze na podstawie polskiej wersji serwisu youtube* (Idea Placement in Advertising. An Analytical-Research Study Based on the Polish Version of YouTube; Kraków 2020). In the previous academic year, a total of nineteen different projects received financing.¹⁰⁵

On this occasion, the board of the foundation expresses its gratitude to all its benefactors for the support, kindness, and readiness to assist it. Mass is celebrated in St. Mark the Evangelist's Church in Krakow for all benefactors.¹⁰⁶

In Loving Memory

Prayer for its deceased employees and for all deceased employees of universities and colleges in Kraków and Lesser Poland is also a constant event in the life of the University. For many years, a special Mass has been held in St. Anne's Collegiate Church in Krakow in November, during which we pray for those who left this world in the preceding academic year. Since 2015, the November prayer for the dead has been linked to the commemoration of the professors of the Jagiellonian University who were arrested by the German Nazis on November 6, 1939 (*Sonderaktion Krakau*). Last year, on the 80th anniversary of *Sonderaktion Krakau*, the Academic Remembrance Day was celebrated on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Part of it was a solemn Mass celebrated for deceased academic staff and students at Krakow's universities, which was celebrated at St. Anne's Collegiate Church in Krakow in the late afternoon by Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab.

¹⁰⁵ For more on the projects and publications supported by the foundation, see: <https://fundacja.upjp2.edu.pl/fundacja/projekty-fundacji> (29.12.2020); <https://fundacja.upjp2.edu.pl/fundacja/nasze-publikacje/dofinansowane-publikacje> (29.12.2020).

¹⁰⁶ More details on the foundation can be found (in Polish) at: <https://fundacja.upjp2.edu.pl/> (29.12.2020).

Tadeusz Panuś, who was accompanied by the singing of our Psalmodia Choir. This ceremony was attended by our university's Rector Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. W. Zyzak as well as many of our academic staff and students.

In the previous academic year (2019–2020), we bid farewell to eleven people affiliated with our university (in chronological order): Rev. Zdzisław Hopciaś (1947–2019); Ms. Monika Wiertek (1984–2019), Rev. Canon Jan Rajda (1955–2019), Rev. Antoni Okrzesik (1936–2020), Rev. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Życiński, SDB, prof. UPJPII (1953–2020), Mr. Kamil Cierniak (1994–2020), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Jan Związek (1937–2020), Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski (1939–2020), Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Henryk Szmulewicz (1963–2020), Cardinal Marian Jaworski (1926–2020), and Rev. Dr. Hab. Michał Bednarz (1939–2020).

Rev. Zdzisław Hopciaś fell asleep in the Lord on November 10, 2019, at the age of seventy-two in Krakow. For many years, he served as an administrative member at our university and the Treasury of the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. Previously, he was the vicar of the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Jaworzna-Byczno and for many years he was the treasurer of the Higher Theological Seminary of the Diocese of Sosnowiec. His funeral took place in the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Toporzysko (outside Jordanów) on November 13, 2019. After the funeral Mass, the body of the deceased was brought to the place of its eternal rest in the parish cemetery.

Ms. Monika Wiertek died on November 27, 2019, at the age of thirty-five in Krakow (the Parish of the Sending of the Holy Spirit in Krakow-Ruczaj). She worked as our university's press secretary from 2011–2016, and during this time she edited the university quarterly: *Vita Academica. Biuletyn informacyjny Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie* (*Vita Academica: The Information Bulletin of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*). She was also the vice-president of the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation for the Pontifical University of John Paul II from 2013–2016. The funeral ceremony was held on December 4, 2019, at the Rakowicki Cemetery, where her mortal remains were laid to rest.

Rev. Canon Jan Rajda went to his Father's house on November 29, 2019, at the age of sixty-four in Roczyny outside Andrychów. He was a distinguished employee of our university. From 1992–2006 he was the assistant administrative director of the university (then the Pontifical Academy of Theology). He was a board member of the St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland Foundation for our university. He was very engaged in the building of the academic campus in Ruczaj, where the building of the Main Library was built. Along with the administrative director at the time, Rev. Franciszek Motyka, he visited the parishes of our archdiocese (and other sees), collecting funds for the construction of the campus. To a large extent, it was thanks to his efforts that we can enjoy the modern building of the Main Library at 10 Bobrzyńskiego Street

in Krakow. From 2006–2015, he was the vicar of the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Krakow-Mydlniki). His funeral took place on December 2, 2019, in Roczyny, while his mortal remains were laid to rest in the parish cemetery there.

Rev. Canon Antoni Okrzesik passed away on January 4, 2020, at the age of eighty-four in Krakow. For many years, he was a notary of the Metropolitan Court of the Archdiocese of Krakow. He also lectured in canon law at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Krakow (presently, our university's Faculty of Theology) and later served as rector of St. Wojciech's Church at the Main Market Square in Krakow. The funeral ceremony took place on January 7, 2020, with a prayer ceremony by the coffin of the deceased in the Church of St. Wojciech at the Main Market Square in Krakow and a requiem Mass at St. Mary's Basilica. A funeral Mass was also held at the Parish of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Zywiec's co-cathedral on January 8, 2020, after which the body of the deceased was brought to the cemetery there.

Rev. Prof. Wojciech Życiński, SDB, went to his Father's house on April 7, 2020, at the age of sixty-seven in Krakow. He was a distinguished member of our Faculty of Theology's academic and administrative staff. From 1994–1997, he was the Vice-Rector of the Faculty of Theology at our university (then the Pontifical Academy of Theology), from 1997–2000 he was the Dean of that faculty, and from 2000–2006 he was the Vice-Rector for Academic and National and International Cooperation at our university. From 1995 to 2017, he served as Head of the Second Department of Dogmatics and, later, the Department of Mariology. Beginning in 2012, he was an ordinary member of the Pontificia Accademia Mariana Internationalis. He published many articles and books, particularly on the subject of Mariology, including: *Johna H. Newmana teoria rozwoju doktryny mariologicznej* (John H. Newman's Theory of the Development of the Doctrine of Mariology; Lublin 2010) and *Matka, która pozostała Dziewicą* (The Mother Who Remained a Virgin; Kraków 2017; in the series: *Horyzonty Dogmatu* [*The Horizons of Dogma*]).

Mr. Kamil Cierniak fell asleep in the Lord on April 18, 2020, in Krakow at the age of twenty-six. He had a major physical disability (spinal muscular atrophy). He was a graduate of our university's Faculty of Philosophy. Despite his disability, Mr. Cierniak studied three concentrations at three different Krakow universities (our university, the Jagiellonian University, and the Jesuit University Ignatianum, where he was a doctoral candidate). He was exceptionally gifted and had a very strong character. His unique accomplishment was the creation of the short documentary: *Lourdes. Kamil kręci film* (Lourdes: Kamil Is Shooting a Film), which premiered on TVP1 in 2016. The requiem Mass was held in the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Okulice on 22, 2020, after which the body of the deceased was brought to its final resting place at the parish cemetery.

Rev. Professor Jan Związek passed away on July 8, 2020, in Czestochowa at the age of eighty-three. He was a distinguished member of the academic and administrative staff at our university's Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage (then the Pontifical Academy of Theology) beginning in the 1986–1987 academic year (then, it was the Faculty of Church History). For two terms, he served as Associate Dean of that faculty. The professor also performed many other functions. For example, he was the Rector of the Higher Theological Seminary of the Archdiocese of Czestochowa, where he also lectured for many years, as he did at the Higher Theological Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Czestochowa, our university, and the Jan Długosz University in Czestochowa. He was a respected educator and mentor to many generations of priests, consecrated persons, and lay people. His funeral ceremonies took place in the seminary church in Czestochowa on July 11, 2020, and the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Działoszyn on July 12, 2020 (funeral Mass). The body of the deceased was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski died on July 17, 2020, in Rome at the age of eighty-one. The cardinal held an honorary doctorate from our university (2019). This was the last honorary doctorate of the twenty-five he received from various universities around the world. He was an outstanding canon lawyer who lectured at the Pontifical Gregorian University (1975–1999) and the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome (1980–1984). He held a variety of very responsible functions in the Church. He became a bishop in 1983, an archbishop in 1991, and a cardinal in 2001. From 1982–1998, he was the Secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, was the Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura from 1998–1999, and from 1999–2015 served as the Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. Funeral ceremonies were held at the Vatican and in Poland. On July 18, 2020, in the presence of Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica, a Mass was celebrated for the late cardinal, over which Cardinal Leonard Sandri, Vice-Dean of the College of Cardinals, presided. The Eucharist was also attended by Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, President of the Polish Episcopal Conference. On July 25, 2020, a funeral Mass was held in the Poznan Cathedral, over which the papal almoner Cardinal Konrad Krajewski presided in the name of Pope Francis, while the homily was given by Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski, our Grand Chancellor. Pope Francis sent a condolence letter, which was read during the Mass. The Mass was attended by participants of the Polish episcopate, state and local authorities, and the world of academia. After the Mass, the body of the deceased was laid in the crypt of the Poznan bishops.

Rev. Prof. Henryk Szmulewic died on August 7, 2020, in Tarnow at the age of fifty-seven. He was a member of the research and teaching staff of the Faculty of Theology Section in Tarnow, which is part of our university. The professor exercised various

functions in the Diocese of Tarnow. From February 1, 1996, he was the Academic Secretary of the then-Bishop of Tarnow, Archbishop Józef Życiński. From March 10, 1997, he was the Delegate for Ecumenism of the Diocese of Tarnow. Apart from that, he was the Prefect and Spiritual Director of the Major Seminary in Tarnow, Vice-Director of the Seminary Library, a member of the Diocesan Preaching Commission, and the Diocesan Censor. In 2001–2002, he was the Spiritual Father in the Missionary Formation Center in Warsaw, while in 2002–2003 he was also the Administrative Director of the Catholic Center of Social Studies in Lipnica Murowana. On August 26, 2003, he became an exorcist, a function he performed until 2013. His last function was membership in the Theological Commission of the Fifth Synod of the Diocese of Tarnow (which began on December 1, 2019). The funeral Mass was celebrated in the Cemetery chapel of Divine Mercy at the cemetery in Szczucin on August 10, 2020. Upon its completion, the body of the deceased was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

Cardinal Marian Jaworski, the first Rector of our university, went to his Father's house on September 5, 2020, in Krakow at the age of ninety-four. Born in Lwów (today, Lviv, Ukraine), the cardinal had close ties to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, because upon entering the Major Seminary in Lviv in 1945 it was dissolved, while he along with fifty other seminarians ended up in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. It was there that he prepared for the priesthood and was ordained a priest (June 6, 1950). The cardinal exercised numerous important and responsible functions in the Church. He was a member of our university's academic and administrative staff, lectured in philosophy, and specialized in the philosophy of religion. Furthermore, he lectured at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and the Academy of Catholic Theology (presently, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw) in Warsaw as well as the Major Seminary in Lviv-Bryukhovychi (Ukraine) and many other seminaries. From 1974–1982, he was the Dean of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Krakow (presently, our university's Faculty of Theology). Jaworski was ordained a bishop at Wawel Cathedral in Krakow in 1984. In 1998, Pope John Paul II named him a cardinal *in pectore*, which was revealed on January 28, 2001. From 1982–1988, he was the Rector of the Pontifical Academy of Theology (presently, the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow), was the apostolic administrator in Lubaczów from 1984–1991, and the Metropolitan Archbishop of Lviv of the Latin Rite from 1991–2008, as well as the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Łuck from 1996–1998. At the same time, during the years 1997–2008, he was the rector of the Higher Theological Seminary of the Lviv Archdiocese in Lwów-Brzuchowice. As the Metropolitan Archbishop of Lviv, he was the President of the Episcopal Conference of Ukraine from 1992–2008. In 2008, as Archbishop-Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Lviv, he settled in Krakow. He received numerous awards, both in Poland and Ukraine. The President of Poland, Mr. Andrzej Duda, honored him with the Order

of the White Eagle (which was announced on January 19, 2017, while the award was presented on March 13, 2017). The ceremony preceding the funeral took place on September 8, 2020, in the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace in Lubaczów. The funeral ceremony by the coffin of the deceased was held in Krakow on September 10, 2020, at St. Anne's Collegiate Church. During the Mass, over which Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski presided, the academic community along with our university's authorities bid farewell to our university's first Rector. The funeral Mass over which Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki, the cardinal's successor in Lviv, was celebrated on September 11, 2020, in the Basilica of the Angelic Mother of God in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. The homily was preached by Rev. Dr. Hab. Romuald Kośła, OFM. The Mass was concelebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to Poland Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, who read Pope Francis' telegram of condolences. After the Mass, the body of the deceased was laid in the crypt of the chapel of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Kalwaria. Another ceremony was held in Lviv (Ukraine) on September 12, 2020, in the Lviv cathedral, by the relics of Blessed Jakub Strzemię and the portrait of Cardinal Marian Jaworski. Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki presided over the Mass that was concelebrated for the deceased cardinal.

Rev. Michał Bednarz died on August 29, 2020, in Tarnow at the age of eighty-one. He was a habilitated Doctor of Theology who specialized in the exegesis of the New Testament and worked as researcher and lecturer at our university's Faculty of Theology – Theological Section in Tarnow. From 1998 to 2015 he taught Scripture in the department, where he most recently served as head of the New Testament department. At the Higher Seminary in Tarnow, he taught New Testament exegesis, salvation history, biblical theology, and archaeology and geography of Palestine (1971-2015). He also lectured in other seminaries: in the Major Seminary of the Redemptorists in Tuchów (1984–2000), the Major Seminary in Rzeszow (1993–2012), and the Major Seminary in Gródek Podolski (Ukraine, 2002–2012). In the Diocese of Tarnow, his duties included working as the minister to healthcare professionals, the Church assistant of the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia in Tarnow, chairman of the Commission for the Apostolate of Laypeople at the Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Tarnow, editor of *Tarnowskie Studia Teologiczne* (Tarnow Theological Studies), a Church censor, and chaplain to underground Solidarity movement. He was also engaged in social affairs, bringing assistance to many individuals. The funeral ceremony was held in Tarnow, where a Mass was celebrated for him on September 1, 2020. Another funeral Mass was celebrated on September 2, 2020, in the St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr parish church in Skrzyszów (outside Tarnow), where he was from. His remains were interred in his family grave at the cemetery in Skrzyszów.

We commend the deceased employees of the University and all the above-mentioned deceased to God's mercy and keep them in grateful remembrance, trying to follow their example of scientific integrity and human kindness.

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The facts described in this *Chronicle*, as well as many others that are not mentioned here, attest to the constant development of our university, its sensitivity to current academic, social, and religious problems, and the needs of both the universal and local Church. Every form of supporting the university's activities simultaneously bolsters the promotion of Christian values and the teaching of St. John Paul II. It is also a service to the Truth, and ultimately participation in the implementation of Christ's missionary command: "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

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