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St. John Paul II, Pope

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, the youngest of three children. Before he turned 9 years old, his mother, older sister and brother had all died. His father died when he was a young man. He grew up deeply faithful, inspired to be a priest.

But World War II began, and he was forced to work in a salt mine. He entered the seminary in secret and was ordained a priest in 1946. He served as a parish priest, and he became the bishop of Krakow as well. He loved poetry and theater. He took young people on camping trips and loved to ski.

Bishop Wojtyła loved to teach the Catholic faith and help others see the beauty and truth of Catholic doctrine. He went to the Second Vatican Council and helped write some of the documents. He was named a Cardinal of the Church.

After the death of Pope John Paul I 33 days after his election, Cardinal Wojtyła was named pope on October 22, 1978. His first words were, "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!" He had a special devotion to Mary, Our Blessed Mother.

During his long reign as pope, he went on 104 apostolic journeys to 129 different countries. He wrote many encyclicals and other works to guide the Church. He began World Youth Day and the World Day for Families. He arranged for the writing and publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During his long reign as pope, he beatified and canonized almost 2,000 saints.

He survived an assassination attempt in 1981 and met with his would-be killer and forgave him. He urged all people to forgive and offer mercy; he worked hard to unite all Christians and to heal the divisions between people of different faiths. Pope John Paul II grew weak and sick with Parkinson's Disease. He died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (a feast day he began) on April 2, 2005.

Pope John Paul II was beatified by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI on May 1, 2011 and Pope Francis celebrated his canonization (along with Pope John XXIII) on April 27, 2014.

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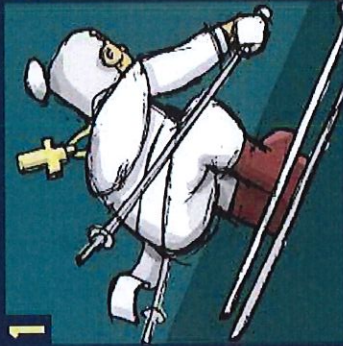
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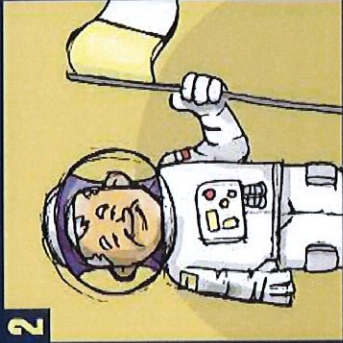
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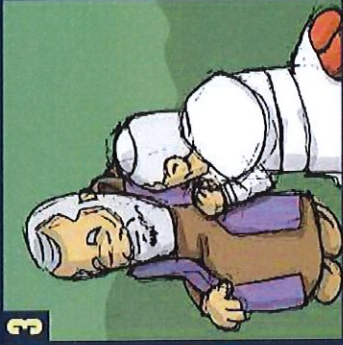
HE LOVED SKIING AND HE CONTINUED DOING IT UNTIL HE WAS 73 YEARS OLD.

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HE VISITED 129 COUNTRIES AS POPE! HE TRAVELED SO MUCH, IT WOULD EQUAL 3 TIMES THE DISTANCE FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON.

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HE RECEIVED CONFESSION FROM PADRE PIO IN 1947. HE WOULD CANONIZE HIM 55 YEARS LATER.

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IF YOU PUT TOGETHER EVERYTHING HE WROTE, IT WOULD EQUAL THE LENGTH OF 20 BIBLES.

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HE WAS THE FIRST POPE TO SET FOOT IN A MOSQUE.

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HE KNEW ALL 2,000+ BISHOPS OF THE WORLD BY NAME AS HE KEPT A MAP WITH EVERY DIOCESE.



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Follow Jesus Christ who is the source
of freedom and light.
Be open to the Lord
so that He may lighten
all your ways.

Pope John Paul II

