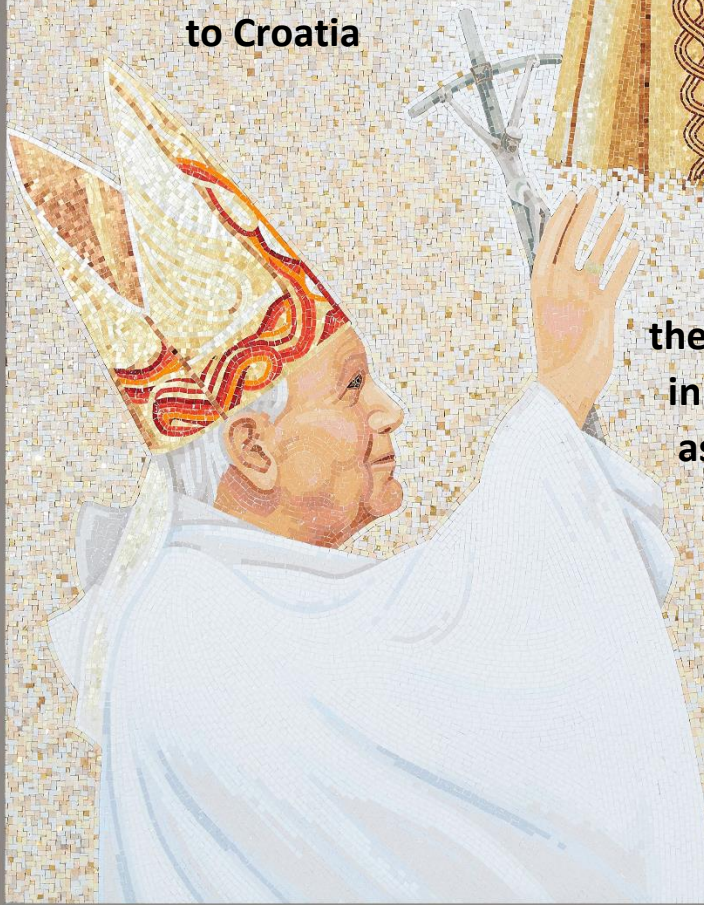
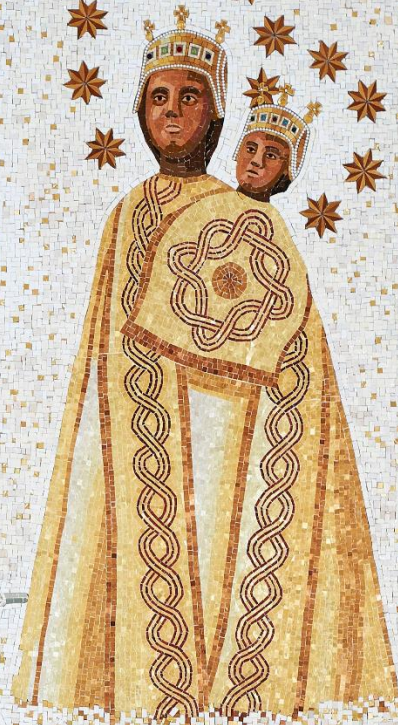


POLISH-CROATIAN CONFERENCE - INVITATION

**Croatian relations
of John Paul II in memories**



**on the 20th anniversary
of the third pilgrimage
to Croatia**



**and
the hundredth
in the world
as a pilgrim
pope**

Cracow, October 23, 2023

Conference Program

09:00 am Opening of the conference,

Welcome and Speeches from the organizers,

09:30 am John Paul II's perception of Croatians through the eyes of his personal secretary,

- Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Personal Secretary of JP II,

09:50 am Memories from the preparation of the third visit of John Paul II to Croatia

- Tomislav Vidošević, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia I Poland, Secretary of the Committee for the preparation of JP II's visit to Croatia in 2003,

10:10 am The importance of John Paul for the Slavs,

- doc. HEDr. Ľuboslav Hromják, PhD, Catholic University of Ružomberok,

10:35 am coffee break,

11:05 am What remains in the memory of the inhabitants of Croatian cities after the Pope's visit to Croatia,

- Prof. Marko Vuković, University of Zagreb, Catholic Faculty of Theology,

11:30 am What remained in the memory of the inhabitants of Croatian cities after the 100th pilgrimage of JP II and 3 to Croatia,

- Prof. Dr. Aleksandra Golubović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Theology,

11:55 am Sculpture as a medium and knowledge: memory of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Croatia

- Asst. Dr. sc. Miriam Mary Brgles, Catholic University of Croatia,

12:20 am Do young Croatians remember Solin in 1998?

- Dr. sc. Ivana Vidović Bolt, professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb,

12:45 pm Perception of Pope John Paul II and the resonance of his Message among contemporary young Croatians,

- Barbara Poslek and Emanuela Mihaela Batarelo, Catholic University of Croatia, Faculty of Communication,

13:10 pm coffee break,

13:30 pm Is John Paul II is perceived in Croatia as the Promoter of the Family?

- Prof. Ph.D. Elżbieta Osewska, Tarnów Academy,

13:55 pm Contacts of Croats with Pope John Paul II during the existence of Yugoslavia: the main messages addressed to the Croatian side,

- Prof. Dr. Ivan Šestak SJ, University of Zagreb, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Sciences,

14:20 pm About the cultural and social perception of John Paul II in Dubrovnik today, after his stay as part of the 100th papal pilgrimage and the third to Croatia,

- Dr. Piotr Drąg, Pontifical University of John Paul II Institute of Journalism, Media and Communication,

14:45 pm Summary of the conference

15:00 pm End of the conference and lunch



Short information about the conference

The 20th anniversary of John Paul II's third stay in Croatia is this year. During this time, the Pope visited five cities: Rijeka, Dubrovnik, Osijek, Dakovo and Zadar. It was the third and last trip to Croatia and the hundredth apostolic journey of John Paul II as a pilgrim.

The first visit, in 1994 to Zagreb, was mainly to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Zagreb and to send a message of peace to the war being waged by Serbs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The main purpose of John Paul II's second visit to Croatia was the beatification of Alojzije Stepinac, a martyr of communist times, which was performed by the Pope on October 3, 1998, in the sanctuary of Our Lady of the Snows in Marija Bistrica. **This event was documented, among others, in the Sanctuary of John Paul II in Krakow, where there is a chapel - a mosaic called the Croatian Oratory**, depicting the Virgin Mary with Baby Jesus from the sanctuary of Marija Bistrica in Croatia, next to the figures of Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac and Pope John Paul II. The Croatian Oratory was established on the initiative of the honorary consul of the Republic of Croatia in Krakow, with the consent of the Krakow Church and with the support of the Croatian Church, on the 20th anniversary of this event.

Taking into account the three visits of the Polish Pope to Croatia, those extraordinary times and the little knowledge of the Polish society on this subject, the consulate of the Republic of Croatia in Krakow decided to organize a conference to familiarize the Polish society with the closeness of John Paul II with the Croatian nation.

The conference is organized under the title "Croatian relations of John Paul II in memories, on the 20th anniversary of the third pilgrimage to Croatia and the hundredth in the world as a pilgrim pope" on October 23, 2023.

The conference will be held on October 23, 2023, in the auditorium of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, on Bernadyńska Str. 3 in Krakow.

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