
THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN PAUL II WAS TO BE A WITNESS

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Below, we present you the SECOND part of an article by our Mother Foundress that she wrote upon the announcement of the beatification of St. John Paul II.

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To be a Witness of the Sacredness of Life....

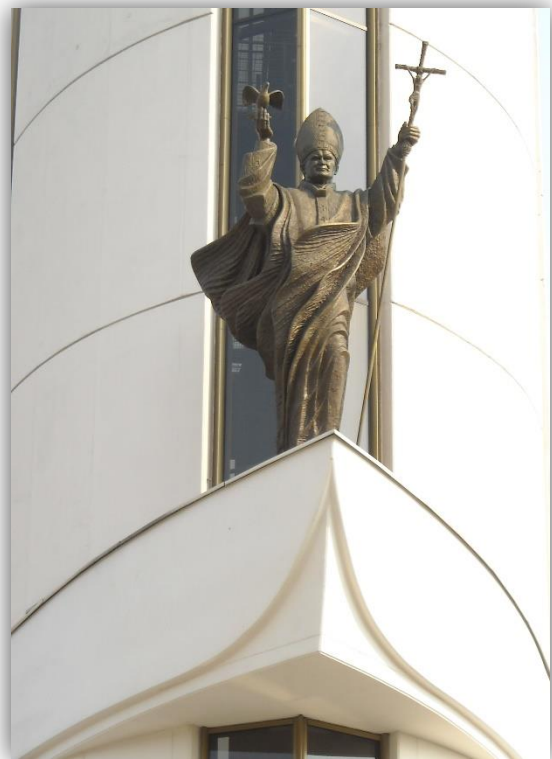
of how much we should love life, how much we have to care for and respect this immense gift... He taught us with his own testimony to “embrace” every child and to discover in their faces the tenderness of God. He taught us to defend life with courage in all the areopagus of the world... to make ourselves present in our historic moment and to be the voice of those who do not have one, to be the voice of the unborn...to be the voice of the elderly who are forgotten and abandoned...to be

the voice of those who suffer violence at the hands of others.... St. John Paul II took every child who crossed his path into his arms and smiled at them...and with this eloquent gesture, he told the world how much we have to love life, how much we have to care for and respect this immense gift... by his own testimony, he taught us to “embrace” every child and to discover the tenderness of God in their faces. He taught us to defend life with courage in all the areopagus of the world... and to make



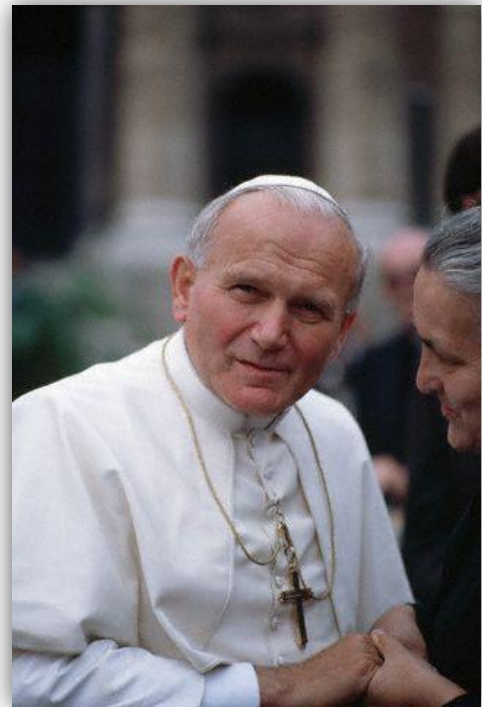
ourselves present in our historical moment and to be the voice of those who do not have one, to be the voice of the unborn...to be the voice of the forgotten and abandoned elderly...to be the voice of those who suffer violence from others... St. John Paul II took every child that he encountered on his way into his arms and smiled at them... and with this eloquent gesture, he spoke to the world that every child conceived in the womb of a mother is a miracle, is always a miracle of God who is love...a miracle that should always be welcomed and the more difficult the circumstances surrounding the child's conception, the greater capacity that gift has, that child has, to open an unexpected fountain of generosity and love in those who receive it. He is a witness that every human life, from conception until natural death is a "gift" and that every life, every human person is always "the path of the family, and the path of the Church."

To be Witness of the peace that conquers and crosses the great barriers that divide men. He taught us that truth and love, respect and a sincere welcome of others never, never raises barriers, never creates them, does not make them impenetrable...but overcomes them...crosses them... weakens them. He was a witness that peace is a choice of the human heart... that peace is built when we make choices of peace, solidarity, sincere charity... when we decide not to wait for others to tear down the barriers, but rather we responsibly dispose ourselves to tear down those of our own hearts... and being conquered by peace ourselves... we open space in the barriers...their hardness is softened... and they crumble. St. John Paul II is a witness that only choices that are built on the wisdom of



love, build peace to the point of being able to tear down even the Berlin Wall that exists among men.

To be an untiring witness of the New Evangelization that is so urgent in our world and in our time. The pilgrim Pope was a witness of the Gospel before men, before the Church, and before the world...to the ends of the world. He was a witness before all nations...races, peoples, and languages... a witness who entered into the depths, who went out into the deep in all the oceans of our times... every ocean was his mission... and the mission of the Church... With a keen eye, with missionary ardor and under the Star of the New Evangelization, he generously disposed himself to go to all people, to go out into all the oceans that came before his eyes and to go out into them, even if their waves were very tall and storms battered Peter's boat. St. John Paul II went out into the deep and called us, the Church of the Third Millennium, to do the same. He took all the oars that love and missionary ardor can conceive and find to row to take Christ, like Our Lady, across the mountains... and like Peter, through towns and oceans with promptitude, wisdom, and dedication.



*To be a Witness... was his mission...*a witness to the dignity and sublime vocation of woman... witness of the true identity of man called to give himself completely to be a guardian... Witness of oblation love and the spousal fecundity of the priestly heart... Witness of the power of holiness and the fecundity of consecrated life in the life of the Church... Witness of solidarity which conquers the selfishness of peoples and men. Witness of humanity.. of the greatness of man... the greatness that must not be renounced, but rather must be discovered in the face of God made man. A witness of the Living Christ, of his Heart that beats and lives in the midst of the Church and the



world in the Eucharist... A witness before young people of the strength and truth of the Gospel... and of the responsibility that lay in their choices to build their future and the future of humanity.

St. John Paul II was and is a faithful, eloquent and authentic witness of love... he loved by giving himself... and he loved to the extreme: he loved Christ, His Mother, the Church and the human person... He was simply a Witness to everything that is beautiful, true, and good in the human heart and in the world... He was a witness of everything that is good, beautiful and true in everyone... a faithful, ardent, and untiring witness of love, life, truth, and hope: he was and is a witness of God before men... and witness of man before God.

Dear Family, let us dispose ourselves to make memory of his legacy, to read and meditate on all of his teachings, his documents, his words, his keen vision of the challenges that confront the human person in our contemporary world and of the deepest responses that only Christ and his Gospel can give to these challenges. The responses that only Christ and the Gospel can give in depth. Let us maturely and responsibly dispose ourselves to live, en flesh, and work arduously so that the legacy of St. John Paul II may mark our life and mark the history of the Church and the world of the Third Millennium.

I am so grateful to the Lord, to our Mother... and to St. John Paul II, for the fact that the miracle that elevated him to the altars was done precisely in a woman religious.

It is a very beautiful and eloquent sign that his beatification was made possible by the miraculous healing that his intercession obtained for a religious. I think that St. John Paul II, being a pope of so many Petrine gestures for the Marian heart... also wanted his beatification to direct our gaze to the feminine religious life, the extension in history of the Marian presence. St. John Paul II, from the Father's house, continues to give us signs of his Petrine love for the Marian principle, of his Petrine mission to heal, elevate, and guard the dignity and mission of the woman in the life of the Church and the world. Thank you, St. John Paul II... for this gesture of love for the



feminine genius!!! Thank you for your Josephite, Petrine, and priestly heart, for your heart which guarded the Mother and the Child... for giving your life for your bride, the Church... and for all of us, the child who was entrusted to your care. What a keen gaze Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI had, and a gaze full of love, when he decided that your beatification would be on May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, first day of the month of May, the month of Our Lady, and on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Holy Family and St. John Paul II!



Dear Family, let us prepare ourselves in prayer, reflection and gratitude to celebrate this next May 1, remembering that Divine Mercy Sunday and the great gift of hearing Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI say... “I proclaim... Venerable John Paul II... Blessed in the bosom of the Church.” The gates of Mercy will open wide by the promise that the Heart of Jesus made to St. Faustina.. but I know that this year, together with the Marian hands of St. Faustina, the Petrine hands of St. John Paul II will be opening the gates of Mercy for the whole Church, world, and humanity...and our family, with great power.

May St. John Paul II teach us “to make memory” to grow “in identity” and take up “our mission” with greater enthusiasm and generosity... May we discover every day the gift that we have received to respond to this gift with love and responsibility.

What can I tell you? My words are so poor to describe the gift of St. John Paul II... I at least tried to open my heart to you in gratitude to our spiritual father... to that heart that I so much sought and came out to encounter me from a balcony on October 16, 1978. Be not afraid, open wide the doors of your heart to Christ the Redeemer!

May love always triumph...like it triumphed in him!

