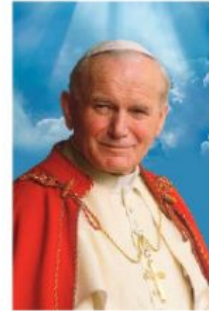


Pope John Paul II



Who was John Paul II? Why (1)_____ (he/be) famous?

Well, he (2)_____ (be) the Pope. But in his life he (3)_____ (do) other things too. He (4)_____ (work) as a professor, and even (5)_____ (perform) as an actor!

Pope John Paul II (6)_____ (be) born in Poland in 1920 as Karol Wojtyła. But his family (7)_____ (call) him Lolek. The boy's life (8)_____ (not/be) easy. Both his mother and his only brother (9)_____ (die) when he (10)_____ (be) a child. Wojtyła (11)_____ (go) to high school in Wadowice. He also (12)_____ (study) drama at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. When he (13)_____ (be) young, he (14)_____ (meet) many Jewish people and (15)_____ (make) friends with them. He (16)_____ (do) two months military training but he (17)_____ (not/want) to join army. He (18)_____ (decide) to become a priest. But Karol (19)_____ (have) to do it in secret because Poland was ruled by people who (20)_____ (not/like) religion.

When he first (21)_____ (become) Pope John Paul II on October 16, 1978, he (22)_____ (say), "Be not afraid!"

Pope John Paul II (23)_____ (travel) a lot. (24)_____ (you/know) that he (25)_____ (take) **104 trips** around the globe? Both Catholics and non-Catholics (26)_____ (come) to see him.

He also (27)_____ (meet) with leaders of governments and often (28)_____ (speak) about freedom and human rights. Some people (29)_____ (not/like) that. In 1981, a man (30)_____ (try) to kill him. He (31)_____ (shoot) the Pope twice. Luckily, John Paul II (32)_____ (survive). The Pope (33)_____ (not/hate) his attacker. He even (34)_____ (visit) the criminal in jail and publicly (35)_____ (forgive) him.

John Paul II (36)_____ (die) on April 2nd, 2005.

