

Read the text and fill in the gaps with these words:

factory	languages	performed	disease	reading	old
letters	doctors	died	born	priest	took

Karol Wojtyla, John Paul II

Karol Jozef Wojtyla was _____ in the Polish town of Wadowice, near Krakow on May 18, 1920,

Wojtyła's father, Karol senior, was a lieutenant in the Polish army. His mother, Emilia Kaczorowska, died when Karol was eight years _____; his brother, Edmund, who had become a doctor, died four years later helping people suffering from virus.

Wojtyła was an outgoing young boy, but always with a respect to others. He was keen on football, but later also mountain hiking, _____ books and being an actor.

Under his father's guidance, Karol lived a disciplined life with very important religious aspect.

After high school he moved to Krakow and went at Jagiellonian University, where he studied philosophy and literature and _____ in a theater group. During World War II, Nazis occupied Krakow and closed the University. Karol was working in a quarry and chemical _____. He looked after his ill father. In 1941, father _____, leaving him the only member of his family.

Wojtyla was involved in the church his whole life, he started secret seminary training after his father's death. When the war ended, he returned to school at Jagiellonian to study theology and became a _____ in 1946. He completed two doctorates and became a professor of moral theology and social ethics. He became auxiliary bishop of Krakow in 1958. He later became the city's archbishop, where he spoke out for religious freedom while the Second Vatican Council, which has revolutionized Catholicism. He was made a cardinal in 1967, taking on the challenges of living and working as a Catholic priest in communist Eastern Europe. Wojtyla was slowly building a reputation as a powerful preacher and a man of both great intellect and charisma.

On 16th October 1978 Sacred College of Cardinals in Vatican chose the 58-year-old to become the first-ever Slavic pope. He _____ the name of *Pope John Paul*

II and was history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century.

He travelled 102 trips all over the world and used eight languages, he spoke (Polish, Italian, French, German, English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin). He had well-known personal charm, which help him to connect the Catholic faithful and other religions.

On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot in St. Peter's Square by a Turkish political extremist, Mehmet Ali Agca. The situation was very serious, but St Mary and the Virgin Mary saved his Pope's life. After his release from the hospital, Wojtyla visited his assassin in prison, and personally forgave him for his actions.

Pope John Paul II began suffering from Parkinson's disease in the early 1990s. In his final years, he was forced to delegate many of his official duties, but still found the strength to speak to the faithful from a window at the Vatican. In February 2005, the pope was hospitalized with complications from the flu. He died two months later on 2nd April 2004.

Pope John Paul II is remembered for his successful efforts to end **communism**, as well as for **building bridges** with peoples of other faiths, and issuing the Catholic Church's **first apology** for its actions during World War II. John Paul II made over 3,000 homilies and speeches. As pope, he wrote 14 encyclicals, 14 apostolic exhortations, 11 constitutions and 42 apostolic letters. The media, whose importance he appreciated, helped him reach millions of people around the world.

John Paul II was beatified in May 2005, and in 2014 John Paul II was canonized.

Now he is the **SAINT John Paul II**.

His famous words are:

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ!"

"You must demand of yourselves, even if others would not demand of you!"

"You feel alone. Try to visit someone who is even lonelier than you."

„There is no freedom without solidarity. Today we need to say: 'There is no solidarity without love'. Indeed, there is no happiness, there is no future for the individual and the nation without love."

And many, many more.....