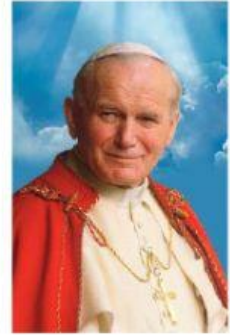


Pope John Paul II



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.

