

# Pope John Paul II

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on May 18, 1920  
and became Pope John Paul II on October 16, 1978

His motto was " Totus Tuus"

(Latin for "All yours," honoring Mary)

He passed into Eternal Life on April 2, 2005

God our Father,

you called your servant, Pope John Paul II,  
to shepherd your Church  
as the Vicar of Christ your Son,  
and Successor of St. Peter the Apostle.

We thank you

for the way your Spirit worked through him,  
as he boldly proclaimed the Gospel of Life  
and showed us how to live in solidarity  
by working for justice and peace.

May his legacy of hope and forgiveness  
continue to renew the Church throughout the world.

Bless and guide our Church leaders  
in choosing a new Pontiff;

after the example of Pope John Paul II  
may he be a loving and compassionate shepherd  
acting always with the mind and heart of Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Praise be Jesus Christ!  
Now and forever. Amen.