

BLESSED JOHN PAUL II

Pope Benedict XVI, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Benedict XVI and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

“STRONG, GENEROUS AND APOSTOLIC FAITH”

John Paul II is blessed because of his faith, a strong, generous and apostolic faith.

FAITH, LOVE AND APOSTOLIC COURAGE

By his witness of faith, love and apostolic courage, accompanied by a great human charisma, this exemplary son of Poland helped believers throughout the world not to be afraid to be called Christian, to belong to the Church, to speak of the Gospel.

DON'T FEAR THE TRUTH

... He helped us not to fear the truth,
because truth is the guarantee of liberty.“

“BELIEVE IN CHRIST”

He gave us the strength to believe in
Christ, because Christ is ... the Redeemer of
man.

A FUTURE OF HOPE

... John Paul II led the People of God
across the threshold of the Third Millennium,
which, thanks to Christ, he was able to call
“the threshold of hope.”



“A RELIGION OF HOPE”

He restored to Christianity its true face as a religion of hope to be lived in history in an “Advent” spirit, in a personal and communitarian existence directed to Christ, the fullness of humanity and the fulfillment of all our longings for justice and peace.

“PROFOUND HUMILITY”

His profound humility, grounded in close union with Christ, enabled him to continue to lead the Church and to give to the world a message which became all the more eloquent as his physical strength declined.

“ONE WITH JESUS”

In this way, he lived out in an extraordinary way the vocation of every priest and bishop to become completely one with Jesus, Whom he daily receives and offers in the Church.

INSPIRING EXAMPLE

May his example of firm faith in Christ, the Redeemer of Man, inspire us to live fully the new life which we celebrate at Easter, to be icons of divine mercy, and to work for a world in which the dignity and rights of every man, woman and child are respected and promoted.

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