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Faculty of Philosophy
Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas
(the Angelicum) in Rome

Mission



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Thinking *with* St. John Paul II

means reflecting on the key problems of the contemporary
Church and world in light of the life and thought of St. John Paul II.



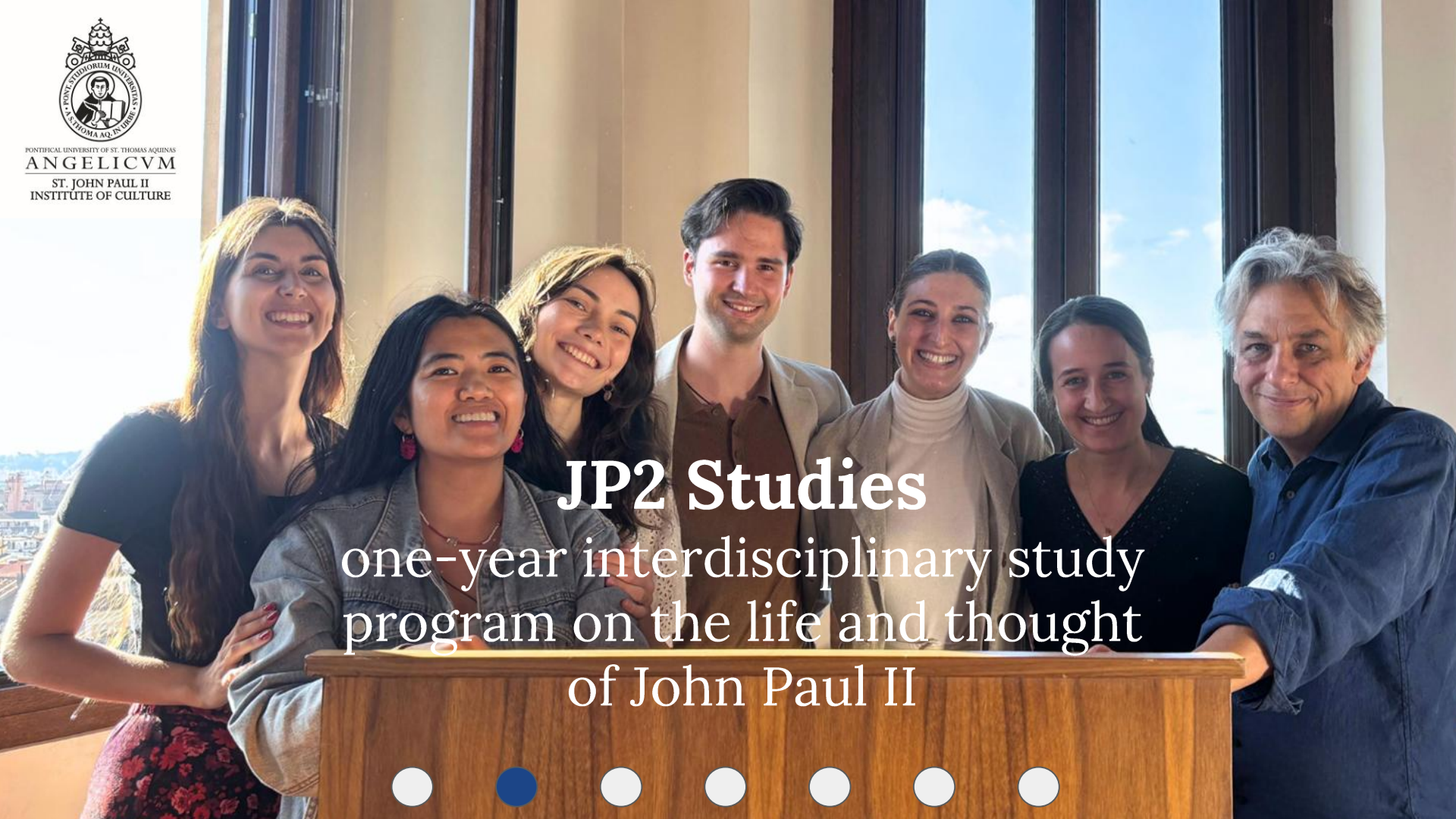
St. John Paul II Institute of Culture

- Established at the Faculty of Philosophy of the Angelicum in Rome on the **100th anniversary** of Karol Wojtyła's birth
- Funded by **private donors from Poland**
- Institute's Program / Project management: Fundacja Świętego Mikołaja, Poland





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JP2 Studies

one-year interdisciplinary study
program on the life and thought
of John Paul II



JP2 Studies

The JP2 Studies are for students desiring more in-depth knowledge of the life, teaching and works of St. John Paul II.

- The program has now been taking place for five academic years (2021–2026).
- 182 students (42 program students and 140 more students registered in courses).
- Applications for the academic year 2026/2027 are open.



JP2 Studies

Thinking on John Paul II

- JP2 — Life, Work and Historical Context
- JP2 and Philosophy
- JP2 — Main Theological Subjects
- JP2 — Social Teaching
- JP2 and Culture
- Sources and Methodology for the Study of the Pontificate of JP2



Thinking with John Paul II

- Visiting Professors
- JP2 Lectures (with pre- and post-lecture seminars)
- JP2 Theatre program



JP2: Contexts

- expanding the outlook on John Paul II's teaching from the perspectives of theology, philosophy and social teaching

JP2 Studies: thinking on John Paul II



George Weigel
EPPC, Washington, D.C.

***JP2 — Life, Work and
Historical Context***

Cezary Binkiewicz OP
Angelicum

JP2 and Philosophy



Jarosław Kupczak OP
PUJP2 in Cracow

***JP2 — Main
Theological Subjects***

Helen Alford OP
Angelicum

JP2 — Social Teaching



JP2 Studies: thinking on John Paul II



Russell Hittinger

Catholic University
of America

JP2 — Social Teaching



Michał Gierycz

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński
University in Warsaw

JP2 — Social Teaching

Rev. Andrzej Dobrzyński

Center for Documentation
and Research of the Pontificate
of John Paul II in Rome

***Sources and Methodology
for the Study of the
Pontificate of JP2***



Jolanta Rzegocka

Ignatianum University
in Cracow

JP2 and Theatre



JP2 Studies: thinking with John Paul II



Rémi Brague

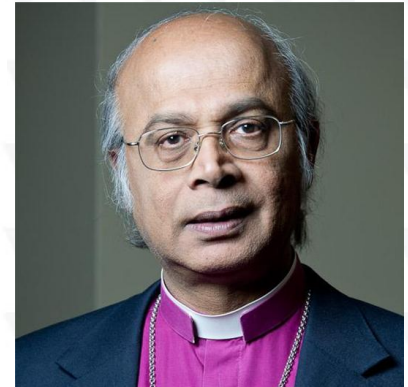
Sorbonne

- *Christian Anthropology of Culture;*
- *Europe's Philosophical Identity;*
- *The Beautiful*

Msgr. Michael Nazir-Ali

University of Oxford

The Emergence of the Notion of Person in the West and Human Dignity, Equality and Liberty in Christian and Secular Thought



Jean-Luc Marion

University of Chicago

Revelation and Phenomenality

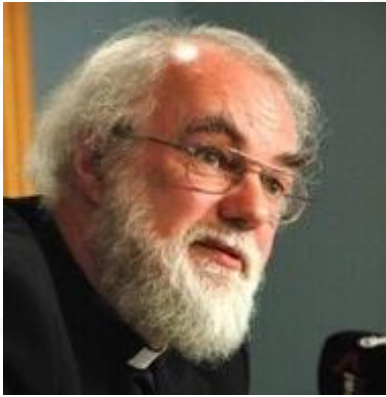
Dariusz Karłowicz

Angelicum

Ancient Tragedians and Philosophers on Religion and Politics



JP2 Studies: thinking with John Paul II



Abp. Rowan Williams

University of Cambridge

***Why We Need a Society
Guided by Solidarity***



Marek Cichocki

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński
University in Warsaw

***Philosophies of Modernity
in the 19th and 20th
Centuries' Christian Culture***

**Rev. Franciszek
Longchamps de Brier**

Jagiellonian University
in Cracow

***Anthropology and Law.
Thinking with St. John
Paul II***



Tomasz Herbich

University of Warsaw

***The Road to Solidarity
(1956–1980)***



JP2 Theatre

As part of drama workshops under the aegis of Jarosław Kilian, the JP2 Studies students stage plays by Karol Wojtyła.

2022: "Job"

2023: "Our God's Brother"

2024: "Roman Triptych"

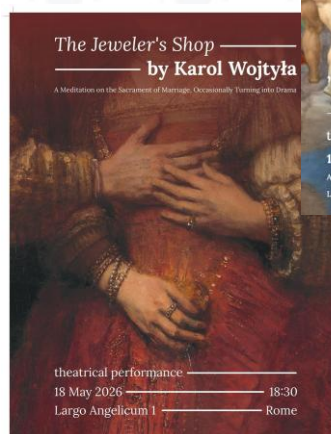
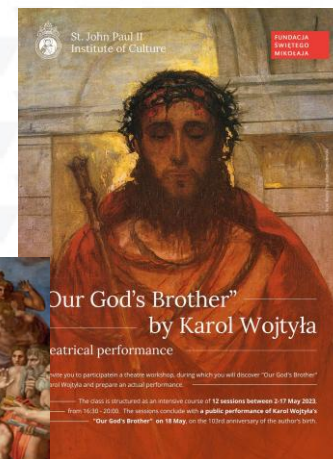
2025: "Jeremiah"

2026: "The Jeweler's Shop"



Jarosław Kilian

Professor of the Theatre Academy in Warsaw, former Dean of Directing Department; connected with the stages of Polish Grand Theatre — National Opera, Grand Theatre in Łódź, Warsaw Chamber Opera, Polish Theatre and Lalka Theatre in Warsaw



JP2 Theatre — student performances



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdczaFRDwmM>
source: Angelicum YouTube



JP2 Studies scholarships: Papal Contest

**Collaboration with Tertio Millennio
Institute and John Paul II Vatican
Foundation**

Phases:

I: Essay submission

II: Interview

3–6 scholarship recipients
from Poland per annum

25 scholarships so far





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JP2 Lectures

39 open lectures
(available on YouTube)



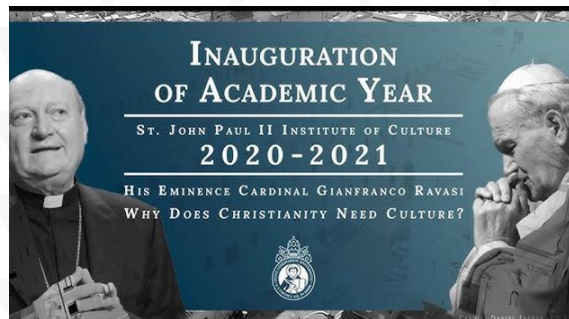
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JP2 Lectures

- interdisciplinary lectures by prominent scholars
- refer to and re-read St. John Paul II's thought and heritage
 - aim is to reflect on the most important problems of the contemporary Church and world
- taking as a point of reference the life and thought of John Paul II
- among the renowned international speakers are representatives of philosophy, theology, law, social and political sciences, and the arts.

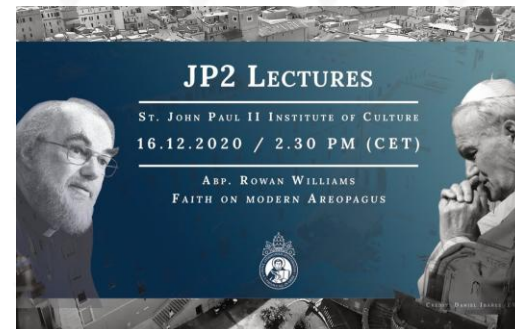
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Abp. Gianfranco Ravasi



John Finnis



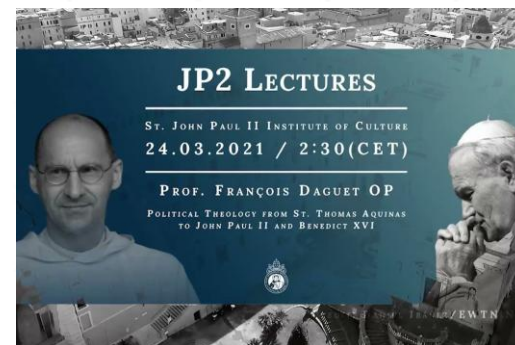
Abp. Rowan Williams



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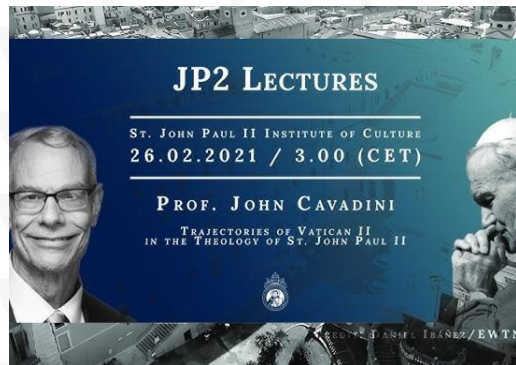
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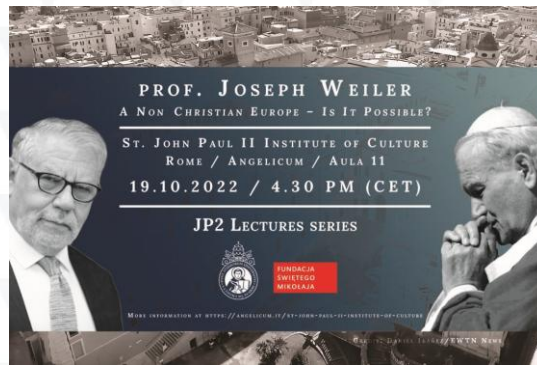
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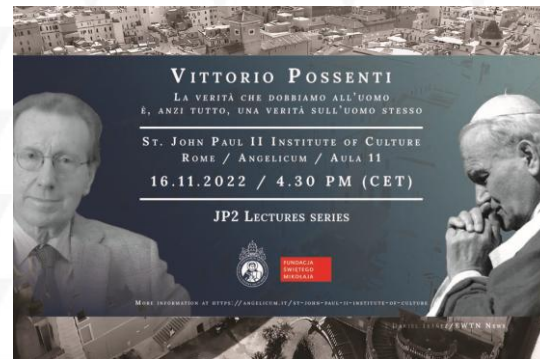
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John Cavadini



Joseph Weiler



Vittorio Possenti



R. R. Reno



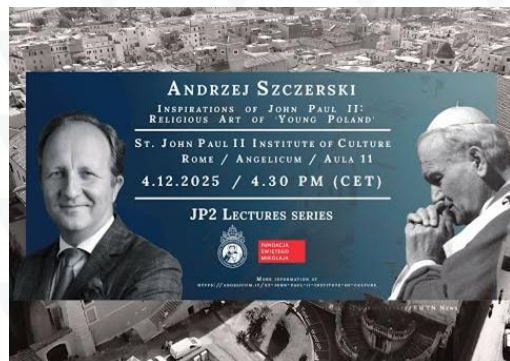
Jean-Luc Marion



George Weigel



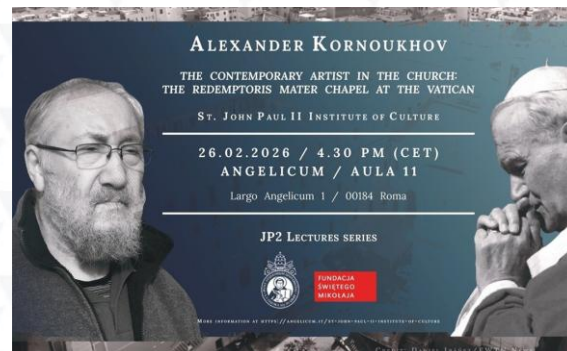
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Andrzej Szczerski



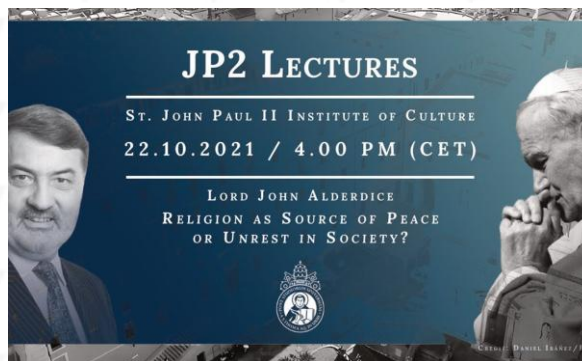
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Alexander Kornoukhov



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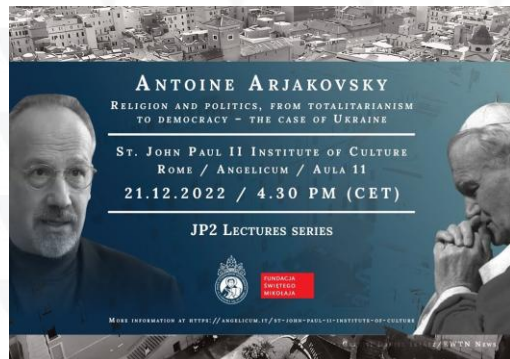
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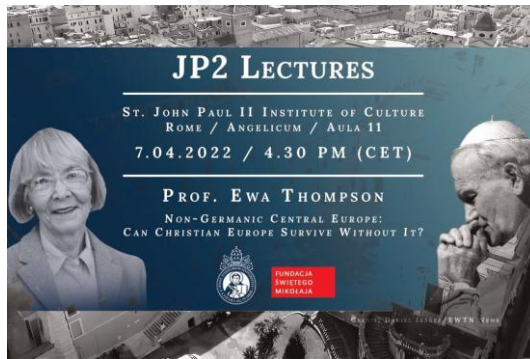
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Antoine Arjakovsky



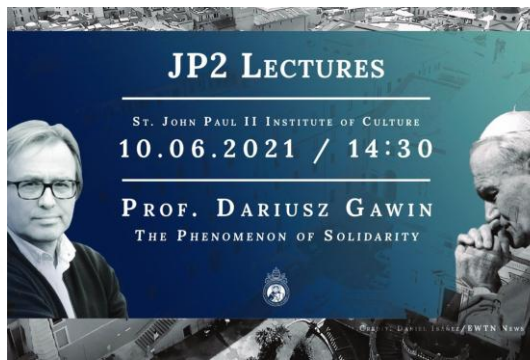
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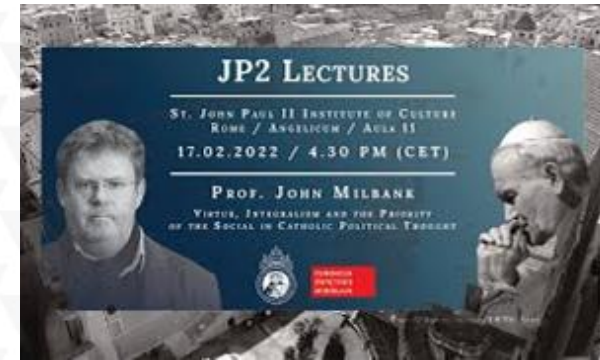
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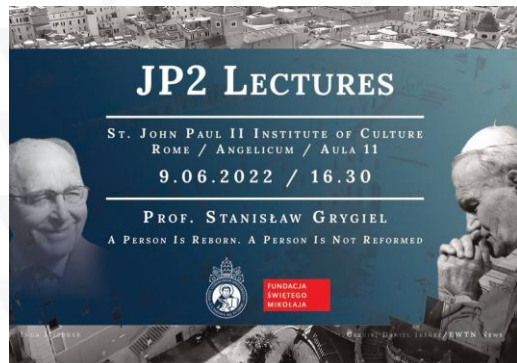
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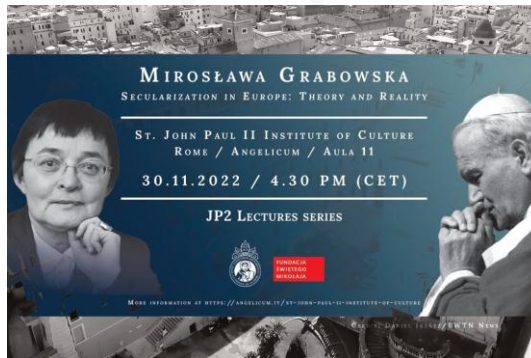
John Milbank



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Stanisław Grygiel



Mirosława Grabowska



Krzysztof Zanussi
Mateusz Werner



Andrea Riccardi



Franciszek Longchamps de Bériér



Jarosław Kilian



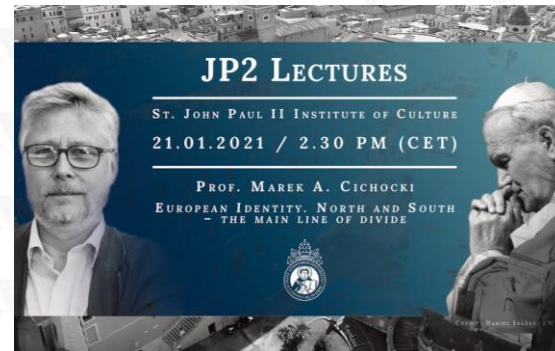
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Fr. Cezary Binkiewicz OP



Dariusz Karłowicz



Marek A. Cichocki



Fr. Jarosław Kupczak OP





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Conferences

Faith and Reason conference

→ **Conference:** *Faith and Reason in light of the thought of John Paul II* — St. John Paul II Days at the Pontifical Universities of Rome

→ **Date:** 26 November 2024

→ **Speakers:**

- Richard Swinburne, University of Oxford
- Fr. Thomas Joseph White OP, Angelicum
- Jacek Wojtysiak, Catholic University of Lublin
- Fr. Cezary Binkiewicz OP, Angelicum
- Tomasz Herbich, University of Warsaw



The Church and Culture conference

→ **Conference:** *The Church and Culture. Conference on the 25th Anniversary of the "Letter to Artists" by John Paul II*

→ **Date:** 11 April 2024

→ **Speakers:**

- Fr. Michał Paluch OP, Angelicum
- Rémi Brague, Sorbonne
- Cardinal Grzegorz Ryś
- Fr. Riccardo Lufrani OP, Angelicum

→ **Introduction:** Fr. Cezary Binkiewicz OP



Religious Freedom, Just War and Sovereignty of Nations conference



Conference: *Religious Freedom, Just War and Sovereignty of Nations.*
Learning from Paweł Włodkowic

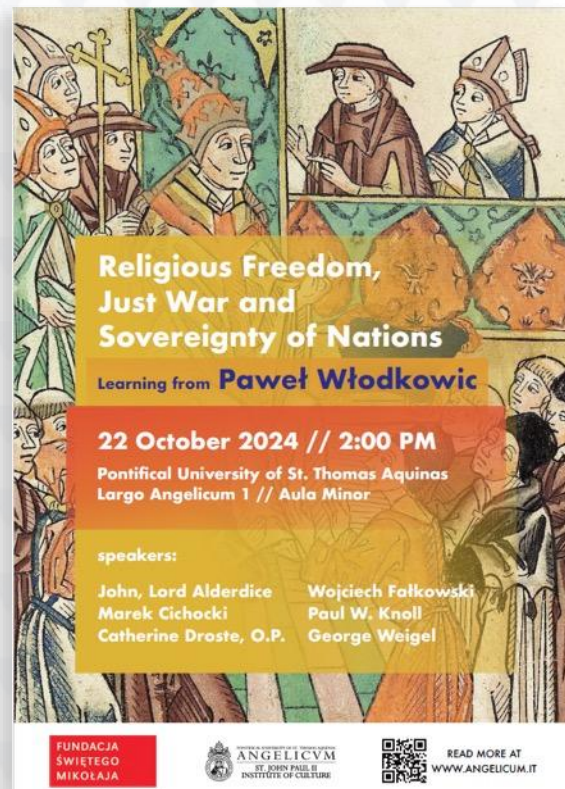


Date: 22 October 2024



Speakers:

- John, Lord Alderdice, University of Oxford
- Marek A. Cichocki, Collegium Civitas
- s. Catherine Droste OP, Angelicum
- Wojciech Fałkowski, University of Warsaw
- Paul W. Knoll, University of Southern California
- George Weigel, Ethics and Public Policy Center
- Tomasz Herbich, University of Warsaw



Divine Mercy conference



Conference: *Divine Mercy in Theological Reflection and Practice.*
25th anniversary of the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska



Date: 30 April 2025



Speakers:

- Fr. Michał Paluch OP, Angelicum
- Izabela Rutkowska,
- Alistair Dutton, Caritas International
- Massimiliano Signifredi, Sant'Egidio
- Sr. Michaela Rak, Vilnius Hospice



Introduction: Fr. Thomas Joseph White OP



Rethinking Solidarity conference



Conference: *Rethinking Solidarity. Theology, Philosophy and Social Thought — An Hommage to the 1980 August Agreements*



Date: 25 November 2025



Speakers:

- Rowan Williams, University of Cambridge
- Sr. Helen Alford OP, Angelicum
- Dariusz Karłowicz, Angelicum
- Massimiliano Signifredi, Sant'Egidio
- Arkady Rzegocki, Jagiellonian University
- Krzysztof Wielecki, Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences
- Fr. Aldo Skoda CS, Scalabrini International Migration Institute (SIMI)



Introduction: Fr. Thomas Joseph White OP



Re-thinking Solidarity webinars

organised together with the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building and in partnership with St. Benet's Institute, St. Benet's Hall, University of Oxford, and supported by the Polish Cultural Institute in London.



I. Solidarity, religion and inter-faith dialogue

- John, Lord Alderdice
- Dariusz Karłowicz
- Nazila Ghanea
- Daniel Greenberg
- Jarosław Kupczak OP

II. Solidarity between the generations – environmental and financial sustainability

- John, Lord Alderdice
- Helen Alford OP
- Kalypso Nicolaidis
- Carlos Fidalgo Gallardo
- Marek A. Cichocki



III. Solidarity, politics and political psychology

- Mark Davenport
- Deniz Ariboğan
- Ewa Thompson
- Alejandro Crosthwaite OP
- Michał Gierycz

IV. Solidarity, equality and social justice

- John, Lord Alderdice
- Michał Paluch OP
- Austen Ivereigh
- Sally J. Scholz
- Tomasz Żyro



The Blessed Ulma Family conference



Conference: *The Blessed Ulma Family. Martyrs of War*

- Catholic family who saved Jews during the Holocaust (recognised as Righteous Among the Nations), executed by the Nazis
- recognised as martyrs and beatified by Pope Francis
- first family to be beatified together in the history of the Church in the 21st century



Date: 28 November 2023



Speakers:

- Mateusz Szpytma, Institute of National Remembrance
- Sr. Catherine J. Droste OP, Angelicum
- Kamil Kopera, Pilecki Institute
- George Weigel, Ethics and Public Policy Center
- Tomasz Herbich, University of Warsaw



Introduction: Fr. Cezary Binkiewicz OP





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Video productions

130 videos (available on YouTube)

John Paul II – the Quintessence

a series of online lectures by George Weigel



[1/5] Karol Wojtyła: Uczeń Chrystusa, wykuwany w ogniu // George Weigel



[2/5] Karol Wojtyła: Chrześcijański humanizm w obronie godności człowieka // George Weigel



[3/5] Jan Paweł II: Przebudzone sumienia zmieniające historię // George Weigel



[4/5] Jan Paweł II: Kościół misyjny // George Weigel



[5/5] Jan Paweł II: Świadek świętości // George Weigel



Broadcasts of conferences and lectures



JP2 Lecture // Jean-Luc Marion: "Question of Being and Revelation"



JP2 Lecture // Cezary Binkiewicz O.P.: "The Truth and Searching for a New Paideia"



JP2 Lecture // Krzysztof Zanussi: "Is There a Place for Cinema on Olympus? Cinema and Values"



Conference: Divine Mercy in Theological Reflection and Practice



Prof. Richard Swinburne // conference: Faith and Reason in Light of the Thought of John Paul II



John Paul II – a New Reading

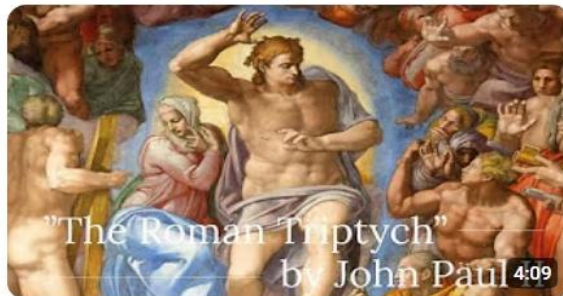
a series of online lectures devoted to all the encyclicals of John Paul II, as well as the Pope's pilgrimages to his homeland (for Polish audience)



Theatre productions



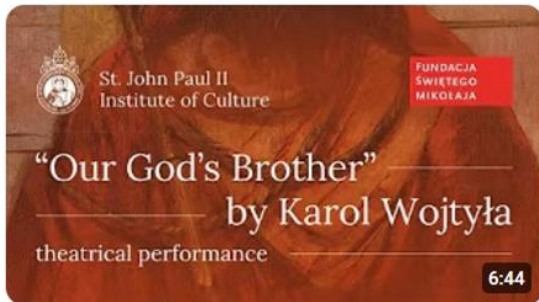
Job at the Angelicum // Karol Wojtyła's
drama in Rome // students' performance



"The Roman Triptych" by John Paul II at the
Angelicum // students' performance



"Jeremiah" by Karol Wojtyła starring
Angelicum JP2 Studies students



"Our God's Brother" at the Angelicum // Karol
Wojtyła's drama in Rome // students' ...



Art events



The Annunciation//Exhibition in Rome//Let's Paint Catholicism Again :



Images of Merciful Jesus according to the vision of St. Faustina // Exhibition in Rome :



YOU COMMAND YOUR SACRED IMAGE BE PAINTED :



The Visitation//Exhibition in Rome//Let's Paint Catholicism Again :



Painting the Annunciation :



I've been painting Him since forever. Ignacy Czwartos on the project "Let's Paint ..." :

Student experience



Angelicum: gaining knowledge in a fantastic environment // JP2 Studies :



Angelicum in Rome: Study John Paul II, Faith & Philosophy in the Heart of the Church :



Angelicum: studying in the place where John Paul II's vision and thought was rooted in ... :



Angelicum: an academic and formative experience // JP2 Studies :



Angelicum: opportunity to have lectures with the most distinguished professors // JP2 ... :



JP2 STUDIES AT THE ANGELICUM IN ROME - SINÉAD GAFFNEY :





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Let's Paint Catholicism Again

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Let's Paint Catholicism Again

Overall purpose

- An attempt to revive the tradition sacred painting in the Western tradition
- Working on an effective model of sacred art patronage

How?

- By preparing materials enabling artists to create new paintings
- **Execution and exhibition of paintings**
- Working out practical solutions

Who?

- Recognized artists (painters) from Poland
- Bishop Jacek Grzybowski serves as the patron of this project
- Concept: Dariusz Karłowicz.



Meeting with Pope Leo XIV



Exaudi NEWS

Włodzimierz Redziach Chiesa e Mondo

02 Ottobre, 2025 3 min



Leone XIV ha benedetto il progetto "Dipingiamo di nuovo il cattolicesimo"

Durante l'udienza generale del 1° ottobre Leone XIV ha accolto il progetto internazionale per ridipingere i misteri della fede



Exhibitions in Rome

San Salvatore in Lauro Museums

1. ***Divine Mercy*** 19 Aprì – 21 May 2023
2. ***The Annunciation*** 19 March – 12 April 2024
3. ***The Visitation*** 16 September – 25 October 2025



Exhibitions in Warsaw

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Florian the Martyr

1. ***Divine Mercy*** February – April 2023
2. ***The Annunciation*** November 2023 – January 2024
3. ***The Visitation*** November 2024 – January 2025
4. ***The Nativity*** November 2025 – January 2026



Exhibitions in other cities (PL)

Cracow, Częstochowa, Bielsko-Biała, Opole, Białystok



Conferences on sacred art

Rome, Cracow, Warsaw, Częstochowa, Bielsko-Biała



Outdoor promotion



Media promotion



[Let's Paint Catholicism Again: Reimagining Catholic Art | EWTN Vaticano - YouTube](#)

Our art in churches

Dominican Convent in Cracow: *The Annunciation*, Jacek Hajnos OP — installation and consecration





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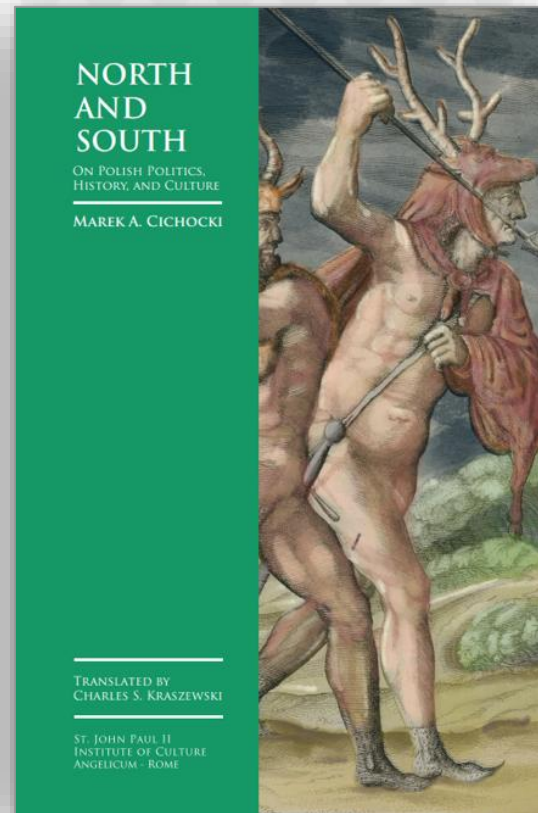
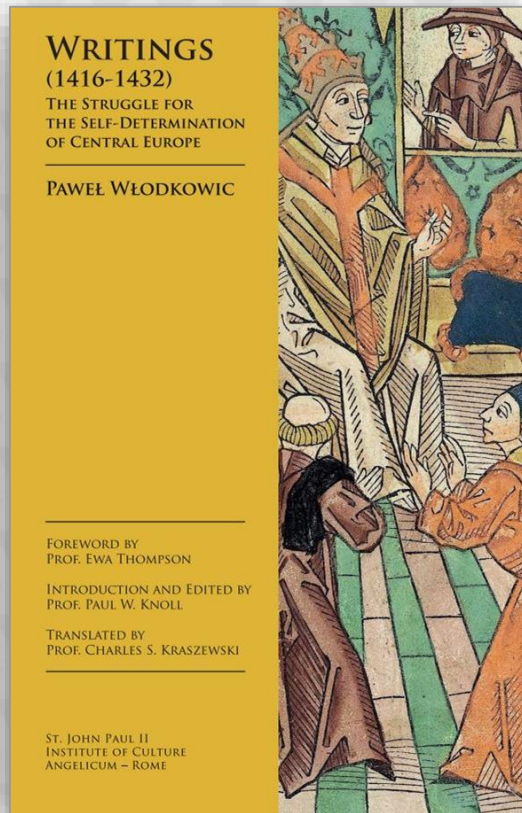
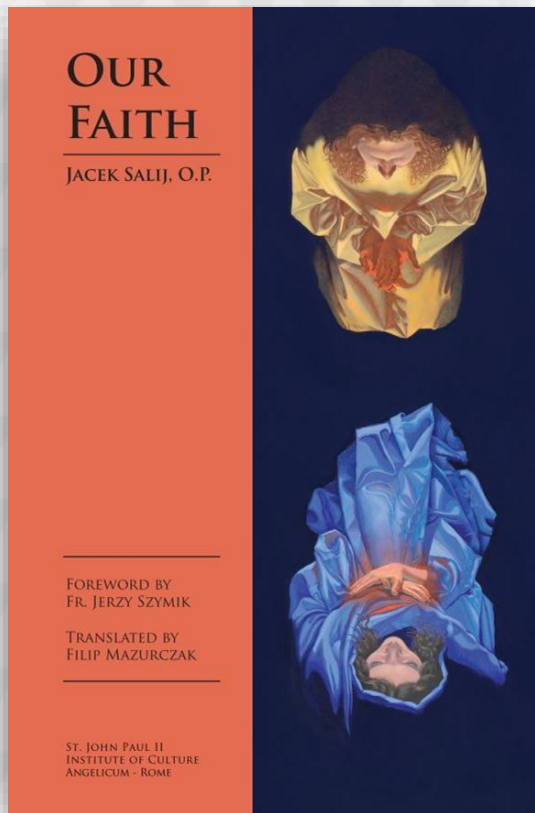
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