A TRIBUTE TO
BLESSED
JOHN PAUL II

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Generosity
Spiritual
Constant
Perseverance
Personable
Courage
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Servants of the Pierced
Hearts of Jesus and
Mary
This presentation will be taken from the words of our:

**Spiritual Father,**

**St. John Paul II**

&

**Mother Foundress,**

**Mother Adela Galindo, Foundress**
ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
The life of a Witness...
The Holy Spirit speaks to the Church through the 2nd Vatican Council
Jesus Christ
Reveals the face of God
&
The true meaning of human existence.

(Guadium et Spes, 24 Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the modern world)
The meaning of human life is to be taught in Self-giving. Not Self-assertion.
To live the Law of the gift is to enter, by way of anticipation, into the communion with God for which humanity was created from the beginning.

GAUDIUM ET SPES, TELLS THE MODERN WORLD:

YOUR IS A DESTINY GREATER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
AND IT IS YOURS BECAUSE YOU ARE GREATER THAN YOU THINK.
So John Paul develops Vatican Council II through his own teaching.
JOHN PAUL II is a faithful, ardent witness that Love makes all things possible
People cannot live without Love. They are called to love God and their neighbor; but in order to love properly they must be certain that God loves them.

God loves you, dear children!
“MAN CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT LOVE”

Redemptoris Hominis
“Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist.”
MAN CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT LOVE
He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself,

Redemptoris Hominis
This is my Body given up for you. Take and eat it.
At the Canonization of St Faustina
Pope John Paul II Said:

It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God’s love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness, and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy.
In order to love, we need to look at Love
Behold: Perfect Love
Look at Love
Love poured out for you
“From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.”

Bl. John Paul II
“WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN LIFE IS THAT WE ARE LOVED BY CHRIST, & THAT WE LOVE HIM IN RETURN. IN COMPARISON TO THE LOVE OF JESUS, EVERYTHING ELSE IS SECONDARY. AND WITHOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS, EVERYTHING ELSE IS USELESS.”

(AT TOMB OF J.H. NEWMAN ‘79)
“Jesus Christ, The Redeemer of Man, is the center of the universe and of history.”
Redemptor Hominis
Only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word
does the mystery of man take on light….

Christ…

by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and his love,
fully reveals man to himself
and makes his supreme calling clear.

(Vatican II Gaudium, et Spes, 22).
In Christ, true God and True man, we can discover the full truth about ourselves... and about our destiny

(Redemptoris Hominis, 10)
Our destiny in Him
We are made in His image & likeness
and our destiny is to share in God’s life

“Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God.”

Evangelium Vitae, 2)
This is the mystery of God’s LOVE for man...
He is a witness that darkness and evil do not have the last word
Why is life a good?

“This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it received a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures in as much as man, although formed form the dust of the earth is a manifestation of God in he world, a sig of his presence, a race of His glory.”

(Encyclical: the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae) 1995).
Love triumphs over evil
Love
Love Triumphs!
FALL OF THE WALL
All things are possible with God
"Love Incarnate allowed himself to be wounded...
...allowed himself to be crucified.
Love was wounded and Love conquered!"

~ Mother Aeloa, Foundress, setzm
[The Eucharist] helps us not to be “overcome by evil, but to overcome evil by good.” (cf Rom 12:21). The Eucharist helps love to triumph in us- love over hatred, zeal over indifference.

Homily in Dublin’s Phoenix Park, 9/29/79
Love

hate
Love Jesus with all your heart, console him as we remember the sufferings and piercings of his heart during the drama of the Passion. The Passion is a drama, the drama of grace versus sin, of love versus hatred, of generosity versus self-seeking agendas... and love triumphing... forever. After a total and free donation of His Love, His Heart, His Person on the cross... Evil never has the last word... His truth and love will always have
He is a witness to the gift of the maternal heart of the Blessed Mother.
Mother of the Redeemer:

“He who negates, minimizes and ignores the role of the Blessed Mother simply negates, minimizes and ignores the precise and singular role of the Blessed Mother in Salvation history, simply rejects history. The Blessed Mother is a historic person and played a role in history.”
Entrusting himself to Mary in a filial manner, the Christian, like the Apostle John, “welcomes” the Mother of Christ “into his own home” and brings her into everything that makes up his inner life, that is to say into his human and Christian ‘I’: he “took her into his home.” Thus the Christian seeks to be taken onto that “maternal charity” which the Redeemer’s Mother “cares for the brethren of her Son,” “in whose birth and development she cooperates” in the measure of the gift proper to each one through the power of Christ’s Spirit. (Mother of the Redeemer)
My MOTHER
Mary,
I place my entire pontificate in your hands.
“Behold your Mother”
The rosary is my favorite prayer: Marvelous in its simplicity and in its depth!

(Vatican address, October 26, 1988)
The Rosary...

puts us in living communion with Jesus through we might say- the heart of his Mother (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 2).
“Prayer is able to transform the world.”

Speech in Atlanta 6/10/88
MARY-
Mother,
Queen,
I am with you;
I always remember;
I am attentive to your voice.”
He is a witness of the dignity and the greatness of the human person.
"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being". This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. (Evangelium vitae, 2)
“The incomparable value of every human person...”
No matter how small
No matter how different
No matter how difficult it might be to care for them
We are all brothers & Sisters of the same Father
The Inviolable dignity of every human person

Being UNWANTED, UNLOVED, UNCARED FOR BY EVERYBODY
I think that is a much GREATER HUNGER,
A Much GREATER POVERTY Than the PERSON who has NOTHING TO EAT.

- BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA
Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. (Evangelium Vitae 2)
“...Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded.”
“…Believers in Christ must defend and promote this right.” (EV,2)
He is a witness of the salvific potency of human suffering, since he was formed in the school of the Cross since his childhood.
John Paul was formed in the school of the Cross ever since his childhood.
Salvifici Doloris:

For it is suffering, more than anything else that clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering more than anything else, makes present in the history of humanity the powers of redemption. In that “cosmic” struggle between the spiritual powers of good and evil… human suffering united to the redemptive suffering of Christ, constitute a special support for the powers of good, and opens the way to the victory of these salvific powers.”
Karol Josef (Lolek) lost his parents

At age of 8 he lost his Mother

At the age of 20 he lost his father
John Paul II remembers the profound effect his mother's death had on his father's spiritual life--and on his own:

"The violence of the blows that struck him opened up immense spiritual depths in him; his grief found its outlet in prayer. The mere fact of seeing him on his knees had a decisive effect on my early years...Even now when I awake at night I remember seeing my father kneeling and praying. He was so hard on himself that he had no need to be hard on his son; his example alone was sufficient to inculcate discipline and duty...My father was the person who explained to me the mystery of God...."
Loek lost his siblings

Before he was born, he lost his sister Emilia.

At the age of 12, he lost his brother Edmund.
Yet, as a young adult he lost most of his friends
He lost his country- twice:
They fought the enemy:

Many of his age fought with guns

Karol fought with the power of the word

Karol Wojtyla in 1938
He Chose to rebuild Poland through the power of Culture.
And in his Underground Seminary, he was the only one to survive and be ordained.
At the beginning of his Pontificate on May 13, 1981- they tried to take his life.
John Paul Knew suffering
Suffering has salvific meaning.
"In the mystery of the Cross love is at work ....that love which brings man back again to share in the life that is in God himself"

Dominum Vivificatem 41).
As U.N. promoted artificial contraception & abortion in 1994, John Paul connected his own physical sufferings to these issues:

"I understand that I have to lead Christ's church into the Third Millennium through prayer, by various programs. But I saw that this is not enough, she must be led by suffering, by the attack 13 years ago. The Pope has to be attacked. Why now? Why in the Year of the Family? Precisely because the family is threatened, the family is under attack. The Pope has to suffer, be attacked, so that every family may see that there is a higher Gospel, the Gospel of suffering by which the future is prepared...."
He is a witness that human love is the most precious gift and the most arduous task of the human person.
Everyone has a vocation: Everyone has something to do for God. (Giant Stadium 95)
“Man cannot fully find himself except through the sincere gift of himself.”
In what Vocation is God calling me to give myself away?
“I know that, at a certain point in my life, I became convinced that Christ was saying to me what he had said to thousands before me: ‘Come, follow me!’

There was a clear sense that what I heard in my heart was no human voice, nor was it just an idea of my own. Christ was calling me to serve him as a priest.”
What is a Priest?
a priest is
“A Man for Others” JPII
"Love causes man to find fulfilment through the sincere gift of self. To love means to give and to receive something which can be neither bought nor sold, but only given freely and mutually." (JP II)
Champion of the Vocation of Marriage, the beauty of authentic Sexual love and of the Family
Love is to be given; only then can it really be called love.
Love and Responsibility:

Love is never something ready-made, something merely ‘given’ to the human person; it is always at the same time a ‘task.’ Love should be seen as something which in a sense never ‘is’ but is always only ‘becoming,’ and what it becomes depends upon the contribution of the persons and the depth of their commitment.” (Love and Responsibility)
Love cannot be separated from responsibility. A love that refuses responsibility is simply a negation of love, it is inevitably selfishness. The more there is the sense of responsibility the more there is love. (Love and Responsibility)
Sexual love is an icon of the Trinity
Sexual love: the gift of self and acceptance of the other

Sexuality by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit themselves totally to one another until death.

(Familiaris Consortio, 1981)
Love between man and woman cannot be built without sacrifices and self-denial.

John Paul II
Only the chaste man and the chaste woman are capable of true love.

Blessed Pope John Paul II
LOVE IS THE GIFT OF SELF,. IT MEANS EMPTYING ONESELF TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS. IN A CERTAIN SENSE, IT MEANS FORGETTING ONESELF FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS.

(TRUE HUMAN LOVE REFLECTS THE DIVINE, 1993).
Men are “Custodians of the feminine Heart and of the life that she bears within her.”
Familiaris Consortio- On the Role of the Christian Family in the World- we learn:

The Family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity-what it is, but also its mission- what it can and should do.... In God’s plan the family has been established as an intimate community of life and love.... Hence, the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God’s love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride.(Familiaris Cosortio, 1981)
By means of baptism the intimate communion of conjugal life and love, founded by the Creator is elevated and assumed into the spousal charity of Christ, sustained and enriched by his redeeming power. (FC13).
Thus, Christian Marriage becomes an effective sign or sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church, and the faithfulness of the spouses to one another gives witness to God’s faithful love.
BELIEVE IN THE SPIRITUAL POWER WHICH THIS SACRAMENT OF JESUS CHRIST GIVES TO STRENGTHEN THE MARRIAGE UNION AND TO OVERCOME ALL THE CRISIS AND PROBLEMS OF LIFE TOGETHER.

(HOMILY LIMERICK, IRELAND, OCT. 1, 1979)
The innate language that expresses the total reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife is overlaid, through contraception, by an objective contradictory language…. This leads not only to a positive refusal to be open to life but also to a falsification of the inner truth of conjugal love, which is called to give itself in personal totality.

(FC32)
“Be open to life.”
The couple is responsible for Educating the Children in the Faith

“Parents have been appointed by God to be the first and the principal educators of their children” (FC 40).

“The Family,” says John Paul in the words of the 2nd Vatican Council is the “Domestic Church,” which like the greater Church needs to be constantly and intensely evangelized.” (FC51)
The most profound meaning of the term civilization” is not merely political, but rather pertains to human culture. Civilization belongs to human history because it answers man’s spiritual and moral needs. Created in the image and likeness of God, man has received the world from the hands of the Creator, together with the task of shaping it in his image and likeness. The fulfillment of this task gives rise to civilization, which in the final analysis is nothing else than the “humanization of the world.”

(Letters to Families)
“Christian Parents have the specific responsibility of educating their children in prayer, introducing them to gradual discovery of the mystery of God and to personal dialogue with him.”
Building Families

“Tell me what you love, and I will tell you who you are.”

Pope John Paul II
To build a Holy Family, Men are to imitate St Joseph

St Joseph of Nazareth made his life a service and a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it; in having used his legal authority which was his over the Holy family in order to make a total gift of self, of his life and work; on having turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of self, an oblation of his heart and all his abilities into love placed at the service of the Messiah growing up in his house. (Redemptoris Custos)
St Joseph Guardian of the Holy Family
He is the champion of the Family

To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.

Pope John Paul II
“Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.”
(Familiaris Consortio)
AS THE FAMILY GOES, 
SO GOES 
THE NATION 
AND... 
THE WHOLE WORLD 
IN WHICH WE LIVE.

— BLESSED JOHN PAUL II
The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.
“There is no room in the world for selfishness. It destroys the meaning of life; it destroys the meaning of love; it reduces the human person to a subhuman level.”
John Paul is a champion of the Youth of the World
“It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.”
Young People:
Be protagonists of the Future!
The true success of our lives consists in knowing and doing the will of Jesus, in doing whatever Jesus tells us.
“...IF YOU ARE CALLED, REPLY, ‘SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING!’”
"Be not satisfied with Mediocrity"

"BE NOT AFRAID TO BE HOLY."
DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CHURCH NEEDS GENUINE WITNESSES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED BY MEETING WITH JESUS, MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE CAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING THIS EXPERIENCE TO OTHERS. THE CHURCH NEEDS SAINTS. ALL ARE CALLED TO HOLINESS, AND HOLY PEOPLE ALONE CAN RENEW HUMANITY.” (AUG 6, 2004)
The Church needs saints....
He is a witness of the Sacredness of Life
“Every human person – no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society — is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival — yes the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.”

(Address at Detroit Airport, September 19, 1987).
Every Life is a gift!
“The Pharaoh of old, haunted by the presence and increase of the children of Israel, submitted them to every kind of oppression and ordered that every male child born of the Hebrew women was to be killed. Today, not a few of the powerful on earth act in the same way. They too are haunted by the current demographic growth and fear that the most prolific and poorest peoples represent a threat to the well-being and peace of their own countries. Consequently rather than wishing to face and solve these serious problems with respect for the dignity of individuals and families and of every person’s inviolable right to life, they prefer to promote and impose by whatever means a massive program of birth control. Even the economic help which they would be ready to give is unjustly made conditional on the acceptance of anti-birth policy.”
Human life is given to us by the Creator.
We all have this dignity given to us by God
no one can take this dignity away
Even in old age
He is a witness of a peace that overcomes the barriers that divide men.
He taught us truth, love, respect & genuine reception of the other
Love Breaks down walls
Love Conquers Hatred

Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be conquered by love.

Pope John Paul II
Love can overcome great obstacles and God’s love can totally transform the world. (Meeting with Charities, San Antonio, 1987)
I wish to make an earnest call to everyone, Christians and the followers of other religions, that we work together to build a world without violence, a world that loves life and grows in justice and solidarity."

—Pope John Paul II
1920-2005
LOVE
Overcomes Hate

In 1979, John Paul II became the first pontiff to visit a death camp. Auschwitz (Oswiecim in Polish) is close to his hometown of Wadowice.
O Virgin Mother,
guide and sustain us
so that we might always live
as true sons & daughters
of the Church of your Son.
Enable us to do our part
in helping to establish on earth
the civilization of truth and love
as God wills it, for his glory.
Amen. (Christifidelis Laici, 1988)
We are all children of the Same Father
We who nourish ourselves with the Body and Blood of the crucified and risen Lord, cannot keep this gift to ourselves, on the contrary we must share it. The passionate love for Christ leads to the courageous proclamation of Christ; proclamation which, with martyrdom, becomes a supreme offering of love for God and for mankind. The Eucharist leads us to be generous evangelizers, actively committed to building a more just and fraternal world.”
He is an untiring witness to the new Evangelization

Our Beloved John Paul has made numerous Apostolic Journeys:

Go and Make Disciples
Fulfilling the Great Commission of Making Disciples
to all Nations
“Duc in Altum” - “Put out into the deep”
AS THE BISHOP OF ROME

He made: 146 trips within Italy,

Including 317 of the 333 parishes of the Diocese

Monasteries, Convents, and Seminaries

Hospitals, rest homes, prisons

Schools & Universities
AS PASTOR of THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

- John Paul made:
  - 104 Pastoral Visits outside Italy
  - In his Apostolic journeys he traveled over 698,310 miles
  - Which is 28 times around the earth
“To evangelize is to give an account to all of the hope that is in us.” (World Migrations Day 1997)
Tirelessly seeking his children everywhere:
3 times the distance between the Earth & Moon
He was always a witness to all that is beautiful, true and good in the human heart.
“Love explained everything to me. Love solved everything for me. That is why I admire love wherever it is found. If loves is as great as it is simple, if the simplest longing can be found in nostalgia, then I can understand why God wants to be greeted by simple people; by those whose hearts are pure and find no words to express their love. God came this far and He stopped a short step away from nothingness, very close to our eyes. Perhaps life is a wave of astonishment, a wave of height and depth: Don’t ever be afraid.”
“If you believe that Christ has revealed the Father’s love for every human person, you cannot fail to strive to contribute to the building of a new world.” (WYD 2000)
Revelation teaches that the power to decide what is good and what is evil does not belong to man, but to God alone.

Man is certainly free, inasmuch as he can understand and accept God’s commands. And he possesses an extremely far-reaching freedom, since he can eat “of every tree in the garden.” But his freedom is not unlimited: it must halt before the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil,” for it is called to accept the moral law given by God. In fact, human freedom finds its authentic and complete fulfillment precisely in the acceptance of that law. God who alone is good, knows perfectly what is good for man, and by virtue of his very love proposes this good to man in the commandments. (Veritatis Splendor)
Champion of Authentic Freedom

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.
He fought for Truth, no matter the cost.

The truth is not always the same as the majority decision.

Blessed Pope John Paul II
Every piece of art, be it religious or secular, be it a painting, a sculpture, a poem or any form of handicraft made by loving skill, is a sign and a symbol of the inscrutable secret of human existence, of man’s origin and destiny, of the meaning of his life and work. It speaks to us of the meaning of birth and death, of the greatness of man.”

Blessed John Paul II, address in Ireland 1979
Prayer can truly change our life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind & heart toward the Lord. If we look only at ourselves, with our own limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement. But if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise & Life.

(Meeting w/Youth, New Orleans, 1987)
In 147 ceremonies John Paul II made 1,342 BLESSED.

In 51 ceremonies he made 452 Saints.
He also expressed a great love for the feminine genius

TO THE FEMININE TRADITION, HUMANITY OWES A GREAT DEBT A DEBT THAT CAN NEVER BE REPAID (LETTER TO WOMEN 1995)
From JPII’s Mulliaris Dignitatem
6 aspects of the “Feminine Genius” of Women:
Jesus is the Word of God and He desires for his Word to be received by his children.

-The Wowman’s heart is this open/receptive vessel so God b/c of her receptivity -God can entrust to her his treasures: Jesus; His Beloved Disciple; The Apostles at Pentecost; The first witnesses of the Resurrection;

-God speaks to women ab. the things of God b/c of their feminine response of mind & heart:

- to Martha and Mary, the woman at the well-he shares b/c they listen. They are receptive. (Mullieris Dignitatem)

1. RECEPTIVE HEARTS OF WOMEN
JPII says- “In the arduous test of faith and fidelity women prove stronger than the men in the time of danger precisely because of their great love:”

2. Women’s great love helps them overcome their fears
They are concretely and personally sensitive to others in all circumstances—Because they are wholly human and they love. This can be seen not only at the foot of the cross but also at the resurrection. The women are the first at the tomb; they are first to embrace his feet, and first to announce the truth of the Resurrection to the apostles.

And the reason they are there to witness all of this is because they are especially attentive to Jesus. (MD)

3. Sensitivity—is characteristic of women’s femininity, their feminine Genius
4. Women are **morally strong** when they are aware that **God entrusts the human being to her in a special way.**

They are an **Irreplaceable support & source of spiritual strength for others.** (MD)
5. The Bride is loved and as she receives love—she gives it away. Woman’s special gift is to **interiorize love** and **return it making it bare fruitful**

Mary is greatest model of interiorizing the love received, she to whom God entrusted His Son and all his treasures held all these (gifts) in her heart” and made them fruitful—fruitful even until today.

**5. Bridal Aspect of women**
6. Motherhood is also a particular fulfillment of her feminine personality

Adam & Eve are given to each other by God as life companions, and the 2 become “one flesh”

-Lord tells them: “Be fruitful and multiply”

-Through the mutual gift of each other in marriage the couple and especially the woman opens herself up in body and spirit to the gift of new life. She is Receptive to this gift

- But Women’s motherhood is also a self-emptying as we see Mary at the cross imitating the self-emptying of her son in his passion and crucifixion.

The motherhood of every woman is similar not only biologically- But also spiritually- it also expresses the profound listening to the Word of the living God and a readiness to safeguard this Word which is the Word of eternal life- Mary’s maternal fiat is a model for all women- “Let it be done according to your Word- She trusts so completely in God’s love that she can say in everything “Let it be done to me according to your Word”- Let Your will be done in my life!
He has entrusted to women, the Gift of Life

“Motherhood involves a special communion with human life as it develops in the woman’s womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing in her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings, not only towards her own child, but every human being which profoundly marks the woman’s personality.

It is commonly thought that women are more capable than men of paying attention to another person, and motherhood develops this predisposition even more.

The man—even with all his sharing in parenthood—always remains “outside” the process of pregnancy & the baby’s birth; in many ways he has to learn his own “fatherhood” from the mother.” — (MD)
JPII understands Men’s responsibility

God has assigned a duty to every man the dignity of every woman

Blessed Pope John Paul II
“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”
and....He had an understanding of Female Religious Life to be the historical extension of the Marian Presence.
John Paul’s Mission was to be a witness
He is a witness to Christian Hope
Hope comes from God, from our belief in God. People of hope are those who believe God created them for a purpose and that he will provide for their needs.

(Youth Teleconference, Los Angeles 1987)
Man cannot remain with no way out.

John Paul II
"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures: we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."

- Blessed Pope John Paul II
“I plead with you never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”—— JPII
At the end of the Second millennium, we need perhaps more than ever, the words of the Risen Christ:

BE NOT AFRAID
Open Wide the doors of your heart to Christ
Peoples & nations of the entire world need to hear these words:

Their consciences need to grow in certainty that
SOMEONE
Who holds the keys to death and to the netherworld (cf. Rev. 1:18);
SOMEONE Who is the Alpha and the Omega of Human History (Rev 22:13) be it the individual or collective history....
And this Someone is Love.

... Love That Became Man”
Love crucified & risen; Love unceasingly present among men. He is Eucharistic Love. It is the infinite source of communion. He alone can give ultimate assurance when He says, “Be not afraid!”

Crossing the Threshold of Hope
BE NOT AFRAID!
JPII’s last audible words on hearing the tens of thousands of young people singing in St. Peter’s Square as he lay in his deathbed, Friday, April 1, 2005:

“I sought you out an now you come to me. Thank you!”
May he teach us to “make memory” to grow “in our identity” and to embrace with enthusiasm and generosity our mission in these historic times.
Prayer at Institute Catholique, Paris, 1980

May the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Pentecost, help to clarify what is ambiguous, give warmth to what is indifferent, enlighten what is obscure, to be before the world true and generous witnesses of Christ’s love, for “no one can live without love.”
"I go but I do not leave. I go but I will not be absent, even if I go, my heart will stay.

(August 1, 2002, Mexico)
“LET ME GO TO THE HOUSE OF MY FATHER”
The true Servant of the Servants of God
Jesus, I Trust in You
Santo Subito!