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MARY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN BISHOP KAROL WOJTYŁA'S DISCOURSES SAID IN 1963

Summary

The article "Mary in the life of the Church in bishop Karol Wojtyła's discourses said in 1963" concerns a special time when the Polish catholic Church was preparing to celebrate the Millennium of Christianity in 1966 and the Second Vatican Council had been held in Rome from 1962 to 1965. Bishop Wojtyła organized the Marian Days in the Archdiocese of Cracow in 1963. It was an opportunity to make deeper and deeper the role of devotion to the Mother of Christ in the spiritual lives of people and in the Church. The originality of the article consists in analyzing pastoral writings, some of which have never been published.

Bishop K. Wojtyła's understanding of the title of Mary as Mother of the Church is rooted in the theology of Redemption and in the theology of divine grace. He underlined that Mary had cooperated closely with his Son in redeeming people, and she has continued to help as Mother of Divine Grace. Bishop Wojtyła was convinced that Mary was the Mother of the Church not only because of being an important role model for people but also because of conserving her specific role in the Redemption. Her role regarding the Church consists in procuring the fruits of Redemption of her Son for all humanity. This is the reason why bishop Wojtyła, during the second session of the Vatican Council, proposed the Marian chapter as the second one of the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church *Lumen Gentium*. The article is a new contribution to the Mariology of Karol Wojtyła-John Paul II.

The traditional devotion to Mary was an important source for the bishop of Cracow. The article shows the pastoral care of bishop Wojtyła in his desire to make the traditional devotion theologically profound. Important to him as well were the anthropological and social aspects of Marian devotion.