The author of this article presents the input of Karol Wojtyła in the foundation and functioning of the Cracow Theological College. He shows his role as a student and professor of philosophy, moral theology and social ethics. He emphasises his importance especially from 1954, when the Theological Faculty was removed from the Jagiellonian University. The particular merits of Karol Wojtyła as the Great Chancellor of the Theological Faculty (1962-1978) were visible in the care of the survival and functioning of the college, achieving academic titles and developing the teaching staff in the difficult times of the communist regime.