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*Contribution of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła-John Paul II to the shaping of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in 1954–1981.*

**Abstract**

Following the book by father Adam Kubiś *The Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Cracow in 1954-1981*, the author presents the history of The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow in 1954–1981. The author aims to recall John Paul II’s contribution to, and care for, the existence and shape of the university, which now can exist as The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow. The paper shows that the road leading to it since the liquidation of the Faculty in 1954 was not at all easy. The author wishes the university – which continues great traditions of the Faculty of Theology from 1937 – would never ever again have to experience such hardship as it did in Poland’s undistant pasts.

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