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*JPII generation – myth or reality?*

**Abstract**

The paper is an attempt at a sociological research outlook on the realities of John Paul II generation. The author draws the conclusion that the multigenerational John Paul II generation is a community of people sharing the same attitudes that were shaped by joint experience of a historical event, i.e. the life and teaching of Karol Wojtyła, in particular the pontificate of John Paul II as well as the mystery of the death of the Holy Father. The Pope had influence on the shaping of the world view and attitudes of those who describe themselves as “John Paul II generation”. The generation constitutes a social circle rather than a huge human aggregate. The circle is formed by people who – under the influence of John Paul II – directed their lives in a specific way, and for whom his teaching is by no means indifferent, and his model of life an example of a truly Christian life. This community, which can be referred to as „the community of spirit” shows an intensive spirit of faith and comprises people of different ages.

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