



John Paul II: Ambassador of Humanism

Objectives & Outline for Hosting Institutions



Thank you for your interest in hosting the event, “John Paul II: Ambassador of Humanism”. Below is a basic outline of the primary goals and logistics of the event. Please know that the exact program, messaging, and style of the event will vary with different target audiences and venues. Creativity is encouraged to integrate the event into your institution’s mission and culture. We hope to see you soon in preparation for the Year of John Paul II!

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Objective

1. Share the story of John Paul II’s pivotal role of cultivating a humanism grounded in beauty, truth, and goodness for the modern age.
2. Encourage students, educators, and thought leaders to turn to John Paul II’s life and teachings as inspiration for fostering this authentic humanism to build the civilization of love and truth.
3. Invite young people to discover the person, influence and example of John Paul II in his native land, with the JP2 Project, during Poland’s Year of John Paul II.
4. Invite leaders of academic institutions and religious or social communities to participate in the JP2 Project mission and share program opportunities with their members.

Target Audience

The target audience is young people between the World Youth Day ages of 16 and 35 and those dedicated to serving that age group through work, ministry or prayer. Primary and secondary categories are as follows:

1. Primary
 - a. College-students
 - b. Professors and staff of higher education.
2. Secondary:
 - a. High school students, teachers and staff.
 - b. Young adult groups members and leaders.
 - c. Young families or family group members and leaders.
 - d. Young people and families of Polish-American descent
 - e. Members of a ecclesial or social community connected with above target audiences.

Event Highlights

1. Showing of new & exclusive documentary, “John Paul II: Global Ambassador of Humanism”. (15 min)
2. Reflections from representatives of John Paul II Project and/or Pontifical University of John Paul II, or other guest speaker. (5-10 minutes)
3. Overview of program opportunities for target group present. (5-10 minutes).
4. Testimony of JP2 Project Alumnus (5-10 minutes).
5. Q & A Session (5-10 minutes).
 - a. For religious groups, the event can be coupled with prayer, such as a Holy Hour, Rosary, or Divine Mercy Chaplet with guided meditations based on the writings of John Paul II.
 - b. The event can exclude some of the proposed elements above, include tailored elements, or additional elements to better integrate the message into the host organization’s mission.
 - c. Total event time: 45-60 minutes

Film Synopsis: John Paul II: Global Ambassador of Humanism

This 15-minute documentary tells the story of John Paul II as a thinker and philosopher, a man passionate for literature, art, music and theater, an unforgettable person who dramatically marked history, holding on to Christ and His Cross every step of the way. "Wojtyła the humanist was molded from two kinds of clay - a human clay and a divine clay," points Fr. Jarosław Kupczak, a leading JP2 theologian featured in the film along with other high profile custodians of his heritage such as George Weigel, Dr. Stanisław Grygiel, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, and his "Środowisko" mentee, Teresa Malecka. The film demonstrates what and who formed a man who later became such an influential pope whose personal connection to countless hearts extended well beyond his passing. The Pontifical University of John Paul II in his city of Krakow, Poland is highlighted as the ancient academic institution tasked with continuing his legacy today, not only to Poles, but to seekers of beauty, truth and goodness around the globe.

Venue Requirements

1. Video projector
2. Projector Screen/Surface
3. Speakers
4. Necessary cords and adaptors for hooking up devices
5. Microphone if necessary for venue and audience size
6. Space for JP2 Project/UPJP2 signage and materials

Obligations of Host Institutions

1. Provide an event leader for event preparation and execution.
2. Sufficiently promote the event to target members through regular channels of communication and with enough advance notice.
 - a. Should the host institution need support in creating promotional content, from texts for newsletters, photos or graphic design for posters, social media posts, etc., the event organizer should request such help from the JP2 Project in advance.
3. Cover any travel costs of event representatives associated with the event.
4. Should the location be distant from representative's headquarters, the event organizer should provide accommodations, either through a host family of the community, lodging at the hosting institutional, or securing lodging at a nearby hotel.
5. The JP2 Project representatives do not require personal payment for the event. If and wherever appropriate for the target audience and venue, a collection of donations for the JP2 Project's work is graciously appreciated.

Resources

1. To better understand the reasons behind the “Year for John Paul II”, we recommend this synopsis of Polish Parliament’s resolution:
<https://fjp2.com/the-parliament-established-the-year-2020-as-the-year-of-saint-john-paul-ii/>
2. To better understand the mission of the John Paul II Project, please visit www.jp2project.org.
3. To better understand the mission of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, please visit <http://upjp2.edu.pl/>
4. For a brief biographical sketch of St. John Paul II, we recommend this summary:
<https://www.jp2shrine.org/en/about/jp2bio.html>

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