

A charity auction of Judyta Papp's artistic photography in the Metropolitan Curia garden in Warsaw is another philanthropic initiative by the author for the benefit of charity foundations.

Charity involvement gathers today a special social meaning in the face of a threat to the life conditions of millions of people, which the world economic crisis brings to the Poles. In difficult situations a man must take difficult decisions: he must understand new challenges and face them.

The development mechanisms of the free market, the motivating function of inter-human competition, and especially the role of money as a regulator of the social life – have failed. Once again we realised that the material criteria of the modern world order alone do not guarantee neither security nor a life in dignity to the humanity. Economic crises always precede crises of values. The reality demands a renewal of a spiritual bond between people, a sense of a human community and mutual responsibility for the fate of others. The reality tells us that personal goals and ambitions can be safely pursued only in a human-friendly world, among friendly people who respect cultural differences, spiritual and practical needs of individuals and communities. This openness to another man should become the blessed fruit of the crisis, crisis caused by greed, egoism and by fascination with material goods. In difficult situations a man mainly needs awareness that he is not alone, as it gives strength and hope of aid in overcoming the troubles not of his own fault. A sense of one's value is affected by the consciousness of being needed, of being ready to share one's life, one's spiritual and material goods with other people. Therefore every form of mutual providing and receiving support, especially in times of an universal crisis is a choice of overcoming its social consequences by protection of human values in our life. An auction of Judyta Papp's photographs donated for charity goals responds to that moral obligation of an inter-human solidarity.

The Archbishop of Warsaw,

*+Kazimierz Nycz*

honorary patron of the auction