

# JP2 Love

JP2 Love: the album consists of selected poems by John Paul II and artistic photographic reflections from the production of two movies about JP2.

Also photographs of personal items mementos of John Paul II that will reflect the intimate nature of the album.

Our primary aim is to attract attention and share the passion for this man's legacy, replacing hatred with mutual respect and to be endorsed by eminent global personalities who have already agreed to contribute to this project, namely:

- Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel
- Mr. Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa
- Mr. Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser

It might be expected that in fact of exalting John Paul II would become an international event, inducing to consider the words of His hearty encouragement to the betterment of people, life, world: " do not be afraid"...

The content is reduced to: a ' Special Edition' of the 'JP2 Love' album  
- the Paper version and the Electronic versions of the album  
in the Application form and Internet venture.

JP2 Love is an answer to the challenge of difficult times: how to live in the conflict-ridden world. It is promoting the idea of communication between people - dialogue between religions and cultures, as a condition for human development without war and hatred, and the peaceful progress of civilization.

JP2 Love album is dedicated to the memory of John Paul II, and will be published just before John Paul II's beatification.

## Authors' note

The idea seemed quite risky: combine artistic photographs showing the production of movies on Karol Wojtyła with pieces of his poetry, in such a way that the image would illustrate the word and the word would explain the image. But we did try it. Inspired by the fact that theatre, combining image and word, had a special meaning in Karol Wojtyła's life. Acting experience, gained in his youth, taught him to appreciate the importance of gesture and power of word in conveying messages dealing with the depths of human relations, emotions and spiritual experience. The selection of texts itself, often (we admit) apart from their original context, led us to discover an unusual harmony, which, emerging from the abstraction of some loose, more or less clear associations, forms a new artistic quality. Pictures, described with poetry, began to talk in a different way, awake new thoughts, reflections and feelings. We hope that also to the Reader, who will explore the meaning of image and word with his own sensitivity, new horizons of spiritual experience will open. As the idea was born from the context of two films' production: "Karol, the man who became Pope" and "Testimony" the setting of the collection refers to the subsequent phases of the films creation, from the actor's study of a character, its interpretation at the set with the director's input, to cooperation by the extras and many other people. In the last part we come back to the sources, trying to penetrate the meaning of the testimony and message that both movies were supposed to convey.

We wish you a pleasant and creative experience.

Judyta Papp

Msgr. Pawel Ptasznik

## Fragments from speeches of invited authorities

He gave moral direction and guidance in an age whose scientific and technological progress was not always matched by equal progress in compassion and universal caring.

Nelson Mandela

For me, Pope John Paul II is the first true spiritual and religious leader on a global scale in the history of mankind. Up until now, all religious leaders appealed to a limited audience both theologically and geographically. John Paul II overcomes these limitations not only by effectively and skillfully using the mass media, but also by the power of his personality and his deep spirituality.

Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski

His was a mission to replace conflict with peace, hatred with love, and the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and Mutual respect among all men.

President Shimon Peres

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