

**God has
a specific plan
for each of you.**

**He looks at each of you
with love.**

**He always hears
everyone out.**

**He is close to you like
an attentive
and sensitive father.**

**He gives you what
you need for a new life:
His
Holy Spirit.**

John Paul II, Sankt Pölten, Austria 1998.

VOCATION

**With hate
we will not defend our
Homeland,
and we do have to defend
it.**

**Let us defend it with
love!**

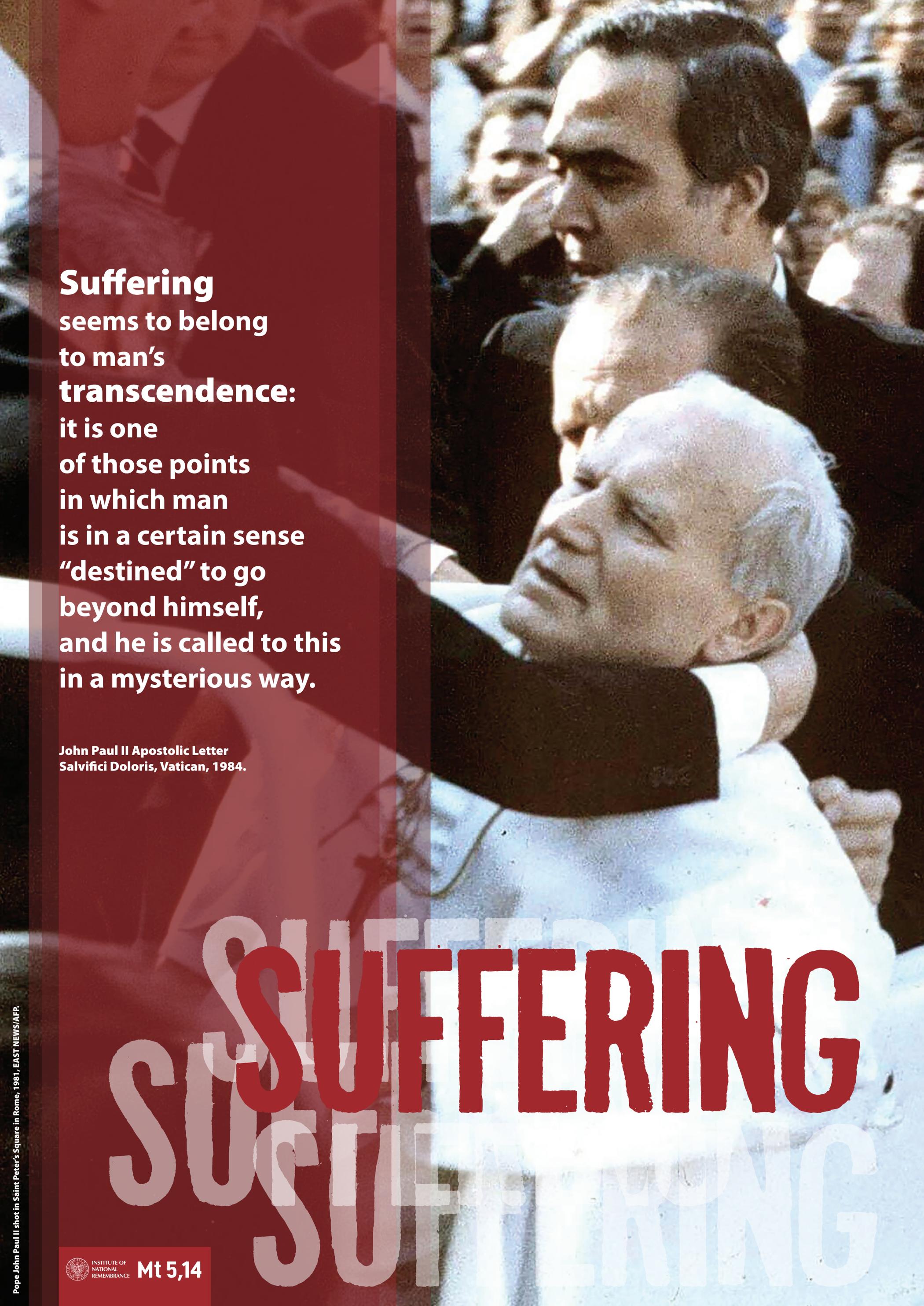
**First, with each other so
as not to lift your hand
against anyone
in the homeland in
which the invaders had
tormented us.**

**The Poles had enough
of being beaten by
foreigners,
so let them learn from
these painful experiences.**

**We should try
another way of
understanding
– by love which will
make the world, when we
look at it and say:
“This is how they
love each other.”**

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński,
Niepokalanów, 1969.

POLAND
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Suffering
seems to belong
to man's
transcendence:
it is one
of those points
in which man
is in a certain sense
"destined" to go
beyond himself,
and he is called to this
in a mysterious way.

John Paul II Apostolic Letter
Salvifici Doloris, Vatican, 1984.

SUFFERING
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For the history of Europe

is a great river into which many tributaries flow,

and the variety of traditions and cultures which shape it is its great treasure.

The foundations of the identity of Europe are built on Christianity.

And its present lack of spiritual unity arises principally from the crisis of this Christian self-awareness.

John Paul II, Homily on the 1000-year anniversary of the death of St Adalbert, Gniezno 1997.

EUROPE
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I shall remember:
whenever
a woman enters your room,
always stand up [...].
Stand up, regardless
of whether she is mother
abbess or sister Kleofasa
lighting the oven.

Remember that in this way
you pay the debt
to Your **Immaculate**
Mother,
who is more closely linked to
this woman than you.

In this way you pay a debt
toward your natural mother,
who served you
with **her blood and**
body...

Stand up without hesitation,
defeat your male
superiority and
authority...

Stand up even if the poorest
Magdalene were to enter...

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Prison notes,
Komańcza, 1955.

WOMAN
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**So often we hear:
It is beautiful
and honorable
to die for the Fatherland.**

**But it is more difficult
sometimes
to live for the Fatherland.
You can
in a heroic impulse to give
up your life
on the battlefield,
but it is short-lived.
Sometimes it is a greater
act of heroism
to live,
to carry on, to endure
for years.**

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Homily at St.
John's Cathedral, Warsaw, 1981.

FATHERLAND



To be a man of conscience means to demand of yourself, to rise when you fall, and again become converted. [...] to get involved in building the kingdom of God: the kingdom of truth and life, justice, love and peace [...] that also means to take up with courage the responsibility for public matters, to care for the common good, not to close your eyes to [...] needs of our neighbors, in a spirit of evangelical solidarity: **Bear ye one another's burdens.**

John Paul II, Homily on the "Kaplicówka" hill, Skoczów, 1995.

CONSCIENCE



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You need to think that the young generation of Poland living on the world's edge must be raised in a spirit of deep veneration for the past of the Nation, if they are to fulfill today their responsibilities with devotion and preserve for the future.

Let us not be afraid that we will be led astray into chauvinism and erroneous nationalism.

We have never faced such a threat. We have always exhibited the readiness to sacrifice for the freedom of nations.

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Poland is One. Selected Speeches and Sermons, Warsaw, 1998.

CHURCH HISTORY



Work teaches us
**how to serve one
another**
and creates an
opportunity
to show it.

Work,
teaching us love,
sense of dependency,
humility, leads us to
mutual utility, forms
a human community.
In this community, work
gains new opportunities
for growth for itself by
agreeing, dividing, and
increasing
**the combined
efforts of human
beings.**

This is the social bond,
**the brotherhood
of people by work.**

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, *The Spirit of Human Labor*, Warsaw, 1946.

WORK
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COURAGE

A crow sat atop a very high fir tree.

Gazed with authority around and **sang victory.**

It seems to this noisy phantom that the fir tree owes it everything [...].

This nerve of the crow is worthy of admiration.

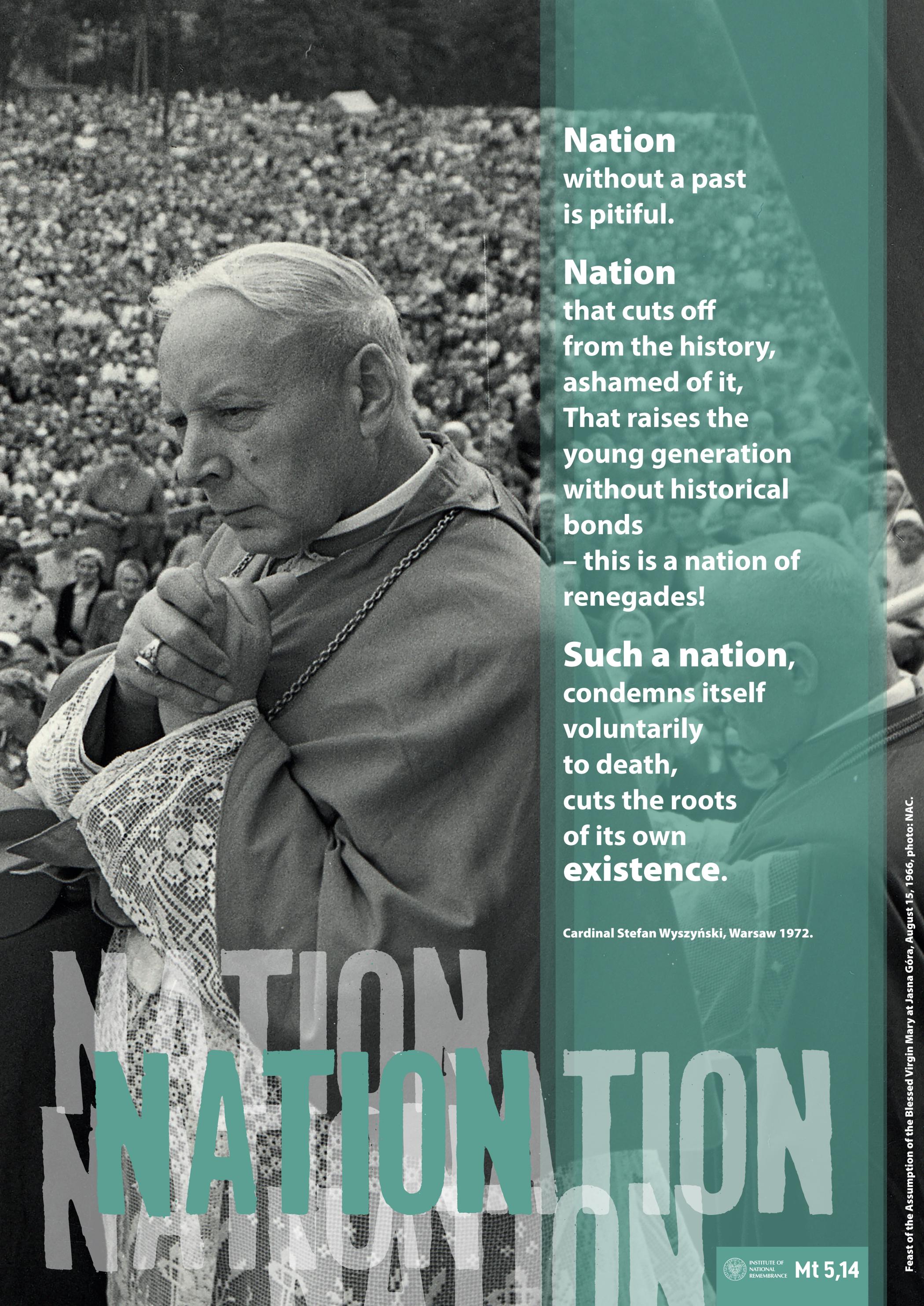
[...] the fir tree won't make a slightest move; seems not to notice the crow; immersed in the reflection, he stretches out its branches,

Its arms toward heaven.

[...] so many clouds have already passed above its forehead, so many passing birds have stopped here.

- They have passed as you will go. This is not your place, you do not feel sure, and so **with noises you are making up for your lack of courage.**

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, *Prison Notes*, Stoczek Warmiński, 1954.



Nation
without a past
is pitiful.

Nation
that cuts off
from the history,
ashamed of it,
That raises the
young generation
without historical
bonds
– this is a nation of
renegades!

Such a nation,
condemns itself
voluntarily
to death,
cuts the roots
of its own
existence.

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Warsaw 1972.

NATION
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“Let us love one another, for love is of God” (1 Jn 4:7).

Many of our contemporaries have lost God as Father. Thus, they do not know the mother tongue of faith.

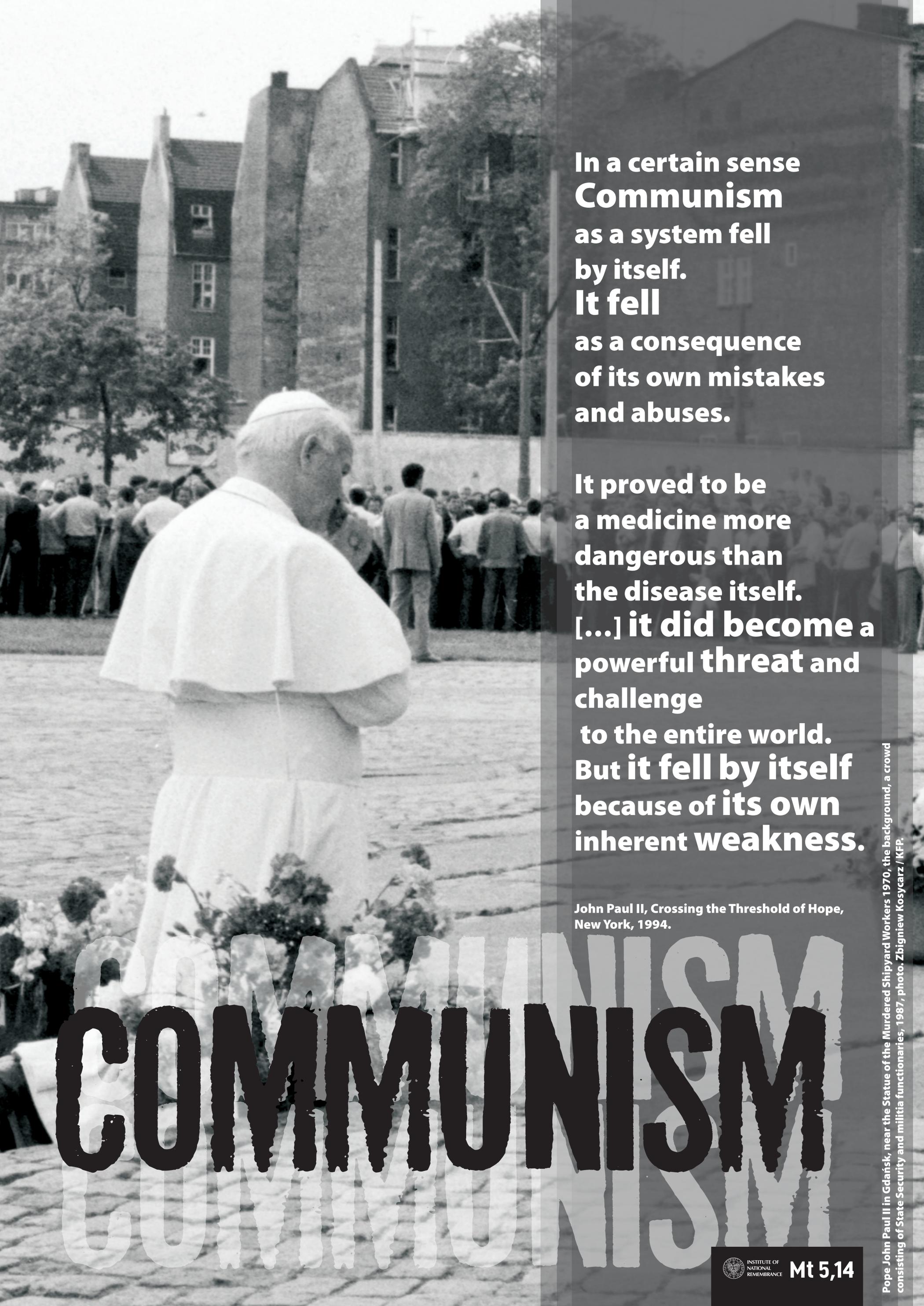
Let us try to teach them the alphabet of faith.

Dedication, service and charity form part of the fundamental vocabulary that everyone understands.

On this a “grammar of life” can be built that will help man to spell out in the Holy Spirit the plan that God has for him. [...].

John Paul II during the mass at the Landhaus park in St. Pölten, 1998.

LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE

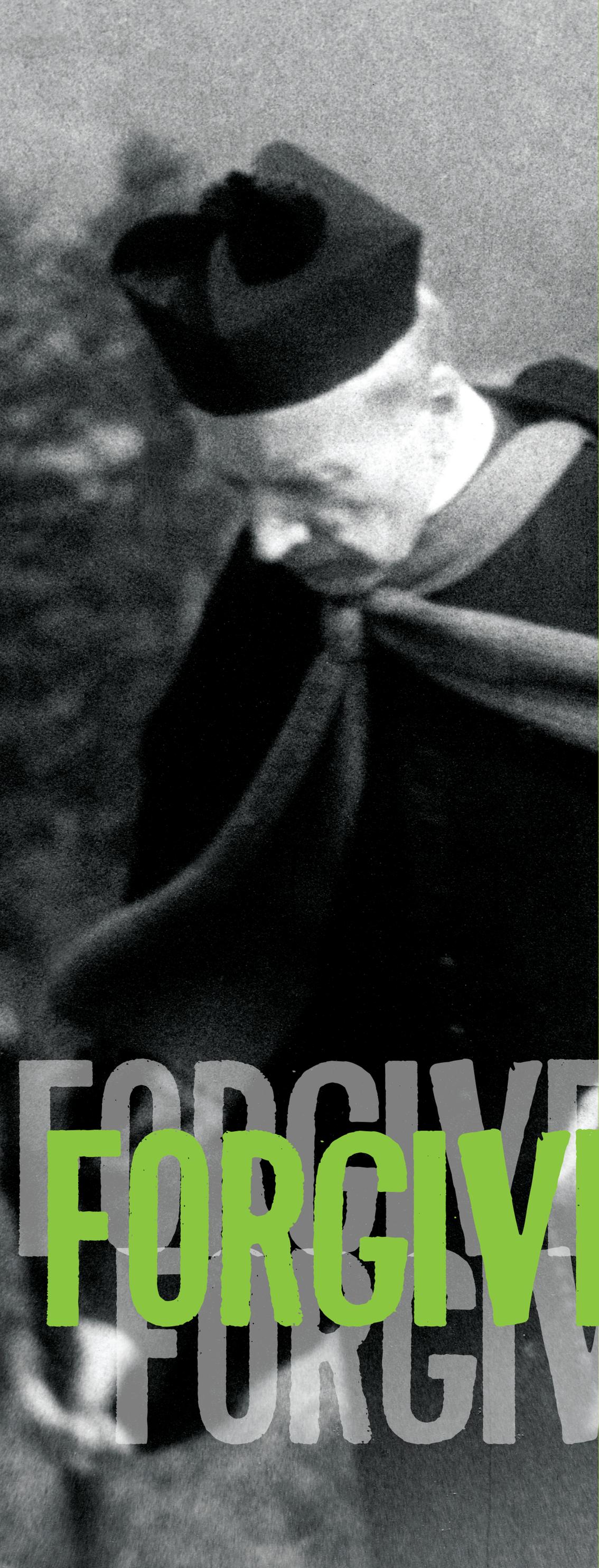


**In a certain sense
Communism
as a system fell
by itself.
It fell
as a consequence
of its own mistakes
and abuses.**

**It proved to be
a medicine more
dangerous than
the disease itself.
[...] it did become a
powerful threat and
challenge
to the entire world.
But it fell by itself
because of its own
inherent weakness.**

John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*,
New York, 1994.

COMMUNISM



**A man,
who does not like
and can't forgive, is
the most formidable
enemy of himself.**

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, *Another Slice of Bread*,
Poznan-Warsaw, 1977.

FORGIVENESS



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2018 is a time full of important anniversaries to do with regained independence. We did not want two important jubilees pass unnoticed in the multitude of official celebrations: Seventy years after Bishop Stefan Wyszyński became primate and 40 years after Karol Wojtyła was elected pope from the “far country”.

The National Education Office of the IPN, in cooperation with the Museum of John Paul II and primate Wyszyński, prepared an exhibition to commemorate the life and thought of these two great men of the Church.

“Wyszyński’s and Wojtyła’s Grammar of Life” is not a biographical exhibition; we composed it by compiling archival photographs and citations.

The key to understanding it is the open catalog of terms which are the pillars on which the human “grammar of life” is based, as Karol Wojtyła called it. It is the basis for the operation not only of individuals but also of the public, of families, communities, nations. We have tried to find out what these concepts tell us about – often difficult, demanding, hermetic – texts left by our heroes.

We tried to select quotations which, as if in a lens, will show the approach of two masters to the basic notions for our civilization. We were looking for word of guidance and caution that they had left to us for the time when we had to put together the sentences in our individual stories and work together for a common future without Their care.

We hope that the illustrations and passages cited will make the rules of the “grammar of life” clearer, which, as we believe, was written together by Wyszyński and Wojtyła, who viewed its principles similarly. Perhaps what we propose will raise opposition and inspire you to do your own search. Let us search for it!

