



**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.**

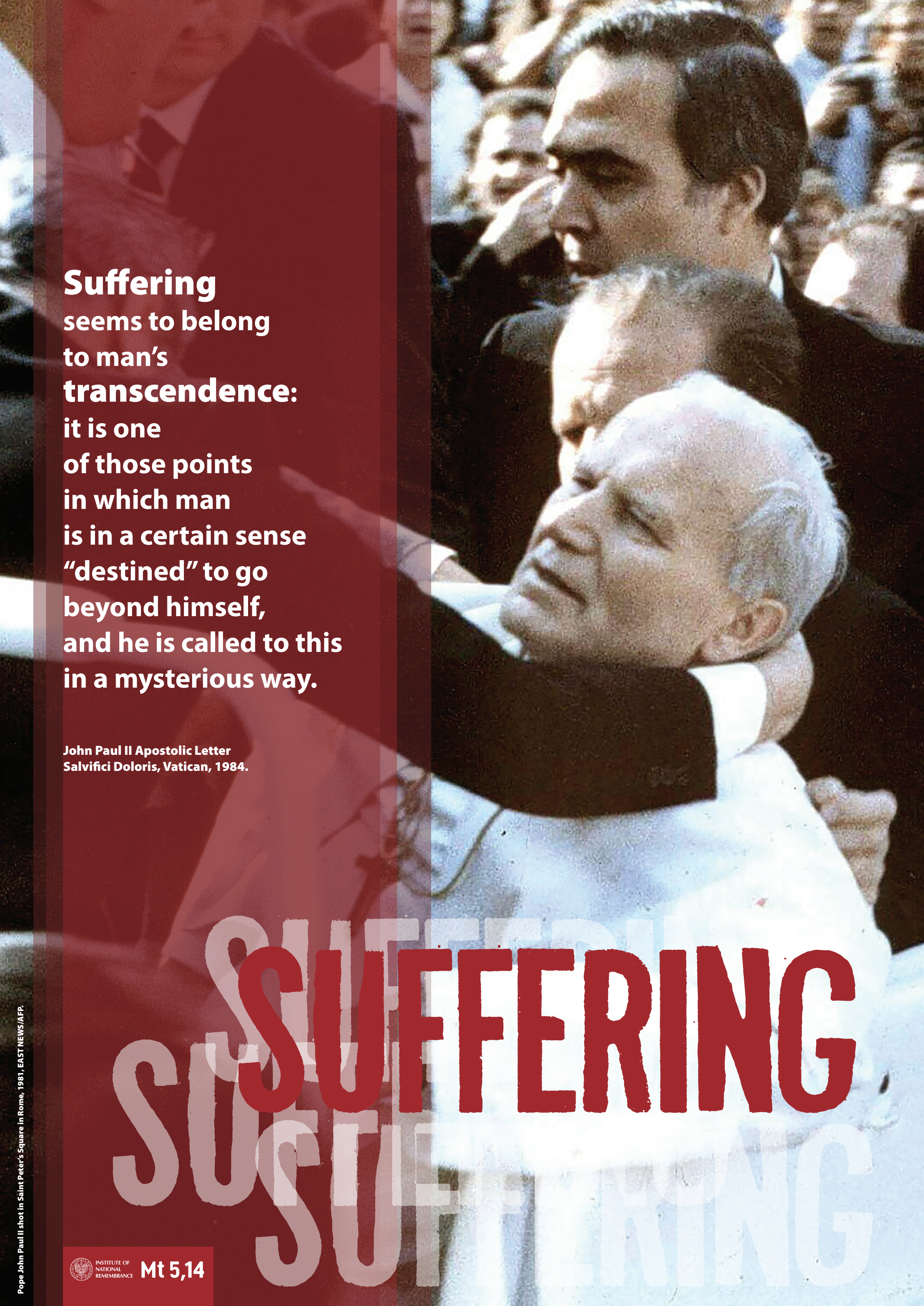
**The Poles had enough  
of being beaten by  
foreigners,  
so let them learn from  
these painful experiences.**

**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 CHURCH HISTORY CHURCH



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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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

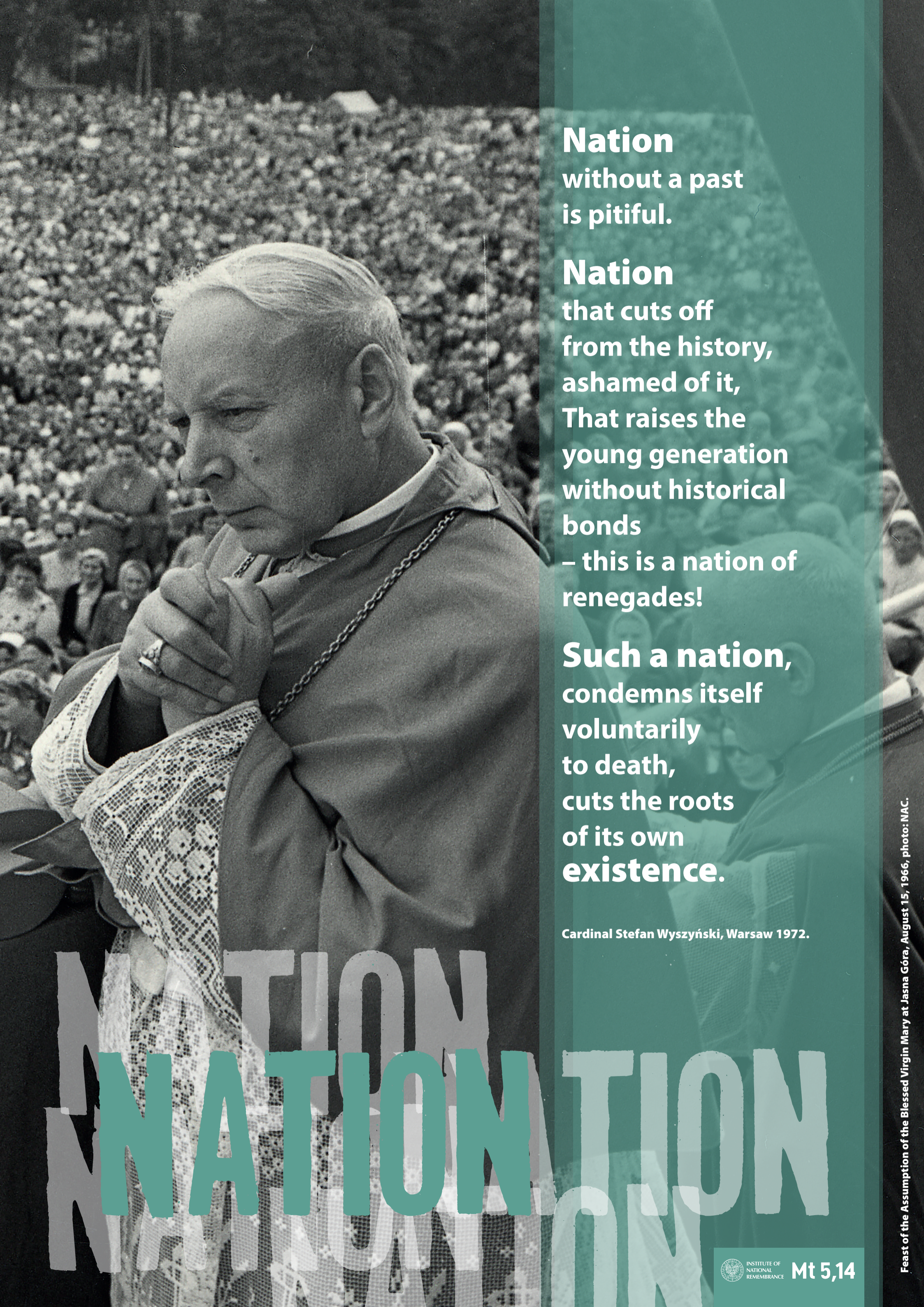
in the reflection, he stretches out its branches,

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.**

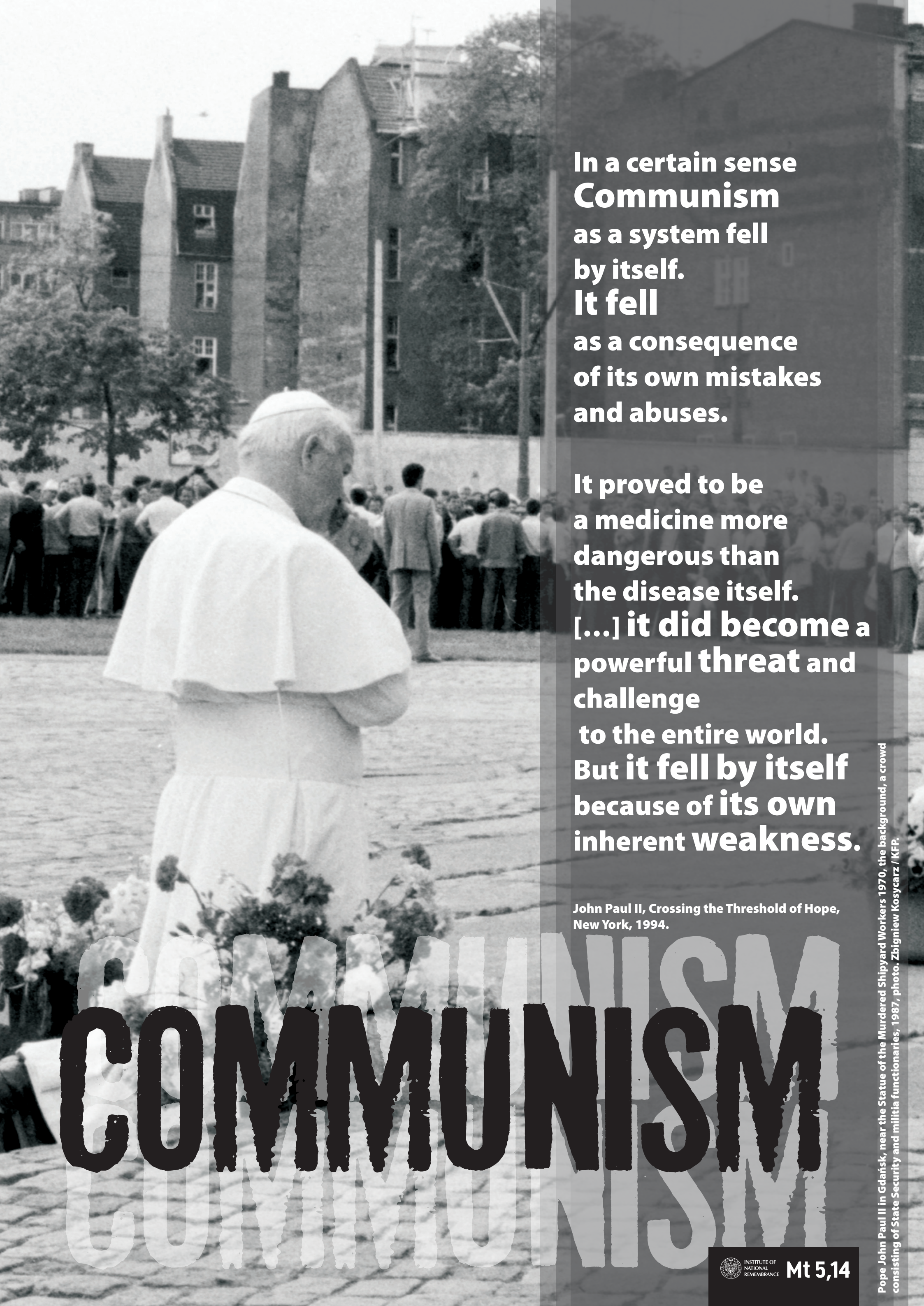
**Let us try to teach them the alphabet of faith.**

**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

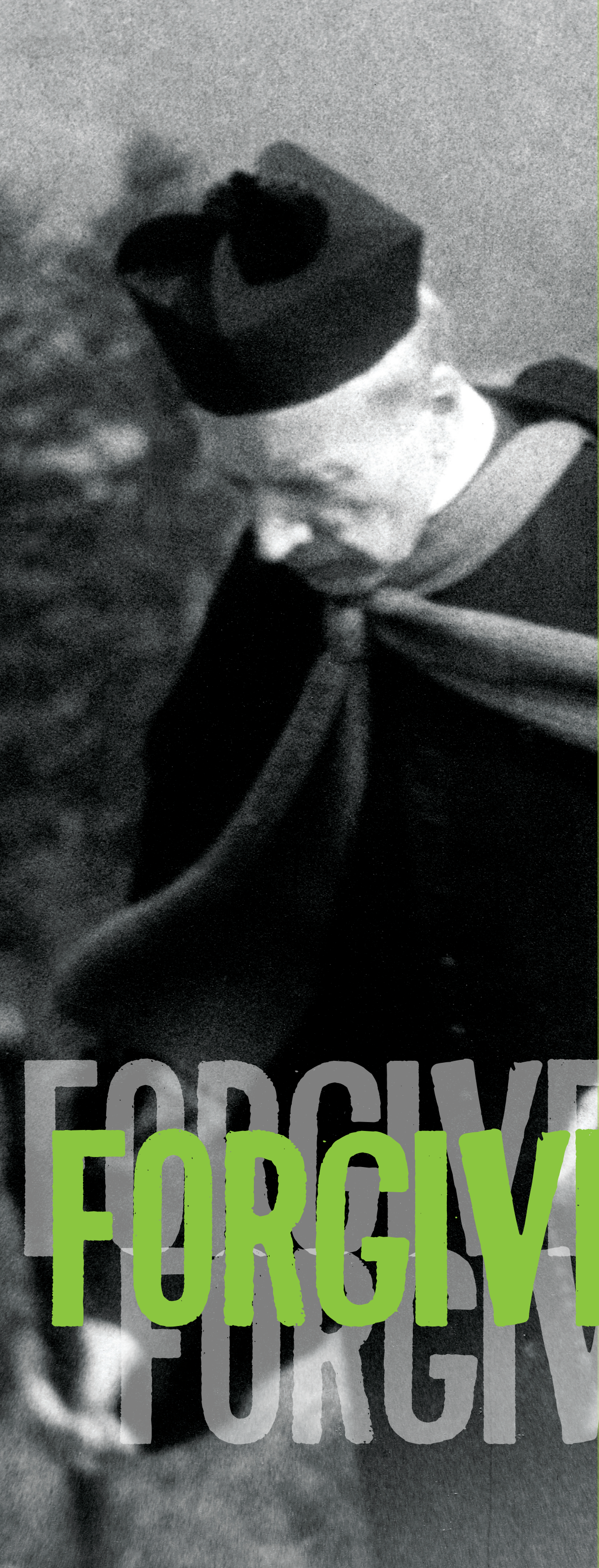


In a certain sense  
**Communism**  
as a system fell  
by itself.  
**It fell**  
as a consequence  
of its own mistakes  
and abuses.

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!

