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The blessed Ulma family was commemorated in Markowa





















On 3 and 4 November 2023, the Markowa Museum organized the 12th "All Souls' Days of the Museum" combined with the planting of old varieties of apple trees. The apple trees were planted in front of the Szylar cottage to commemorate the Blessed Ulma family and the Goldman family. The event was attended by Mateusz Szpytma, Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance.

The tree planting ceremony took place on 4 November 2023, as part of the "you shall now them by their fruits " campaign initiated by Podkarpackie Province Marshal Władysław Ortyl. The 17 apple trees were marked with memorial stones and were planted, among others, by descendants and relatives of the Ulma and Niemczak families.

"All Souls' Days of the Museum" are organized annually by the Society of Friends of Markowa on the first Saturday of November. The

participants of the meetings traditionally recall Markowa residents or people of merit to Markowa in various fields of social life.

This year's event also included a "Night at the Ulma Museum," during which it was possible to visit the permanent exhibition and the temporary exhibition "Blessed are the Righteous, for... The Story of the Ulma Family," prepared by the IPN Archive in cooperation with the Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews during World War II in Markowa.

The exhibition features original documents from the IPN Archive's holdings, items excavated from the grave during the exhumation of the Ulma Family at the cemetery in Markowa, and prayer books and books belonging to Józef and Wiktoria from the collections of Jerzy Ulma, Agata Frendo and Piotr Sagan.

The exhibition has a very intimate character. The authors' intention was to invite visitors into the private world of the Ulma family and to immerse themselves in the welcoming atmosphere of their home.

By learning about the fate of the Ulma family, we can better understand what Christianity and the mercy that flows from it are all about. Wiktoria and Józef, although they were ordinary people in their everyday life, were able to show an incredible, even heroic love for their neighbor in those inhuman times.

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