

**April 9, 2014. The opening of the new museum.**

The family home of John Paul II in Wadowice, will be inaugurated on 9 April this year. The opening ceremony of the home and of the new exhibition, that is being organized there, will start at 17:00. The opening will be preceded by Holy Mass celebrated in the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wadowice. As part of the celebrations there will be also a concert, the symphonic oratorio "I'm looking for you" to be held at Market Square in Wadowice.

The personal invitations to the ceremony were addressed, among others, to a wide group of witnesses who remember the Holy Father and who collaborated with John Paul II at various stages of his life: from the infantile period of Wadowice, through his Cracovian period, and finally during the period of Vatican. That day, the invited guests will explore a new exhibition until midnight. Last entry at 23.00. The new main entrance to the museum is located on the Market Square (2, John Paul II's Square).

John Paul II's Museum - Family Home in Wadowice, in its new form, was established in 2010 by four entities: the Archdiocese of Krakow, the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, the local governments of the Malopolska Region and the Municipality of Wadowice. The museum as a new cultural institution continues the activities of the museum that was founded in 1984 by the Archdiocese of Cracow.

New operating conditions have arisen due to the transfer of the building by the Archdiocese of Cracow. It is a building where Karol Wojtyla lived with his family for the first 18 years of his life. There are also all John Paul II's memorabilia accumulated over the years. The building was previously acquired by Ryszard Krauze's Foundation and forwarded to the Archdiocese, in order to organize a new museum there.

Thanks to EU funds, as well as the co-founders of the museum in the years 2010 - 2013, the building was adapted to the design of the new exhibition.

Currently, the entire space i.e. four floors with a small courtyard, are intended to the multimedia exhibition (multimedia storytelling), made by Barbara and Jaroslaw Klaput. It is dedicated to the life and work of Karol Wojtyla and John Paul II.

The oratorio "I'm looking for you" (music by Bartosz Tomaszek, the words by Michał Zabłocki) will be performed by four soloists with the band and the symphony orchestra composed of sixty musicians, under the baton of Thomas Chmiel. The whole concert consists of 11 musical pieces based on the testament of John Paul II, among which its fragments will be read.



