

Pope John Paul II's three pilgrimages to his homeland

Pope John Paul II's three pilgrimages to his homeland began on 2 June 1979. The Pope visited Warsaw, Gniezno, Człstochowa, Cracow, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Wadowice, Ołwiecim, Nowy Targ and again Cracow



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“Polish Pope, John Paul II, and his epochal 1979 pilgrimage to his homeland”

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In 1978, a much younger version of UWM History professor Neal Pease journeyed to Poland, along with his wife Ewa, to spend a year carrying out research for his doctoral dissertation. What he did not know was that the coming year would bring the election of the Polish pope, John Paul II, and his epochal 1979 pilgrimage to his homeland that is often described as the beginning of the end of Communist rule in eastern Europe. Join us as Professor Pease relates his memories of witnessing first hand those events that changed the history of Poland and the world.



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