

Collector coins of NBP
100th Anniversary of the Birth
of Saint John Paul II

Face value: 500 zł
Metal: Au 999.9/1000
Finish: proof
Diameter: 40.00 mm × 40.00 mm
Weight: 62.20 g
Edge (side): plain
Mintage: up to 966 pcs
Designer: Urszula Walerzak
Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP,
were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



The image of a fragment of Jerzy Kossak's painting
"Miracle on the Vistula" presented on the obverse of the gold coin
and the obverse of the silver coin from the collection
of the Museum of the Diocese in Toruń.

All Polish collector coins feature: face value,
image of the Eagle established as the state
emblem of the Republic of Poland, inscription:
Rzeczpospolita Polska, year of issue.

Face value: 10 zł
Metal: Ag 999/1000
Finish: proof
Diameter: 32.00 mm
Weight: 31.10 g (high relief)
Edge (side): plain
Mintage: up to 12,000 pcs
Designer: Urszula Walerzak
Issuer: NBP

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The image of John Paul II presented on the
reverse of the silver coin with a high relief
based on a photo from the resources of
the EAST NEWS Sp. z o.o. agency.

Face value: 10 zł
Metal: Ag 925/1000
Finish: proof, UV printing
Diameter: 32.00 mm
Weight: 14.14 g
Edge (side): plain
Mintage: up to 16,000 pcs
Designer: Urszula Walerzak
Issuer: NBP

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On 14 May 2020, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a gold coin with a face
value of 500 złoty, a silver coin with a face value of 10 złoty (with a high relief) and a silver
coin with a face value of 10 złoty – **100th Anniversary of the Birth of Saint John Paul II**.

Issuing collector items is an occasion to commemorate important historic figures and
anniversaries, as well as to develop interest in Polish culture, science and tradition.
Collector coins issued by NBP are sold at NBP regional branches and in the NBP online shop.



The image of John Paul II presented on the reverse of the gold coin based on a photo from the resources of the Polish Press Agency (PAP).

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Karol Józef Wojtyła, Pope John Paul II, was born on 18 May 1920 in Wadowice. Those were particularly hard times in Polish history. Shortly after regaining independence in 1918, Poland faced the threat of losing it again as a result of the Bolsheviks' invasion. Referring to these circumstances, John Paul II said: "You know that I was born in May 1920, at the time when the Bolsheviks marched towards Warsaw. And that is why since my birth I have owed a great debt to those who at that time took up the fight against the invader and won, paying with their lives."

His youth was marked by World War II (1939-1945) and the German occupation of the country. He wrote this: "I was spared a lot of suffering in this huge and terrible theatre of the Second World War. This is because any day I could have been snatched from the street, from the quarry or from the factory and transported to the camp. Sometimes I even asked myself, so many of my peers were killed, why not me? Today, I know it was not a coincidence."

In 1946 Karol Wojtyła was ordained as a priest, in 1958 he was appointed bishop, in 1964 Archbishop of Cracow, and in 1967 a cardinal. On 16 October 1978, he was elected to the See of Peter. The Pontificate of John Paul II was one of the longest and most prolific. In a crisis of values and moral confusion, he tirelessly taught that the shaken ethical, social and political order can only be restored by bringing together justice and forgiveness, which are pillars of true peace.

On 2 April 2005, John Paul II departed to the House of the Father. On 1 May 2011, Pope Benedict XVI beatified him, and on 27 April 2014, Pope Francis, by the act of canonization, included him among the saints of the Catholic Church.

When declaring the year 2020 the Year of Saint John Paul II, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland stated: "He was and still is a guiding light for us to walk with confidence into the future. His deeds demonstrated extraordinary courage."

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