

JOHN PAUL II

Pope John Paul II reigned as the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church and sovereign of the State of the Vatican City from 16th October 1978 to 2nd April 2005

He was made the patron of World Youth Day for 2008 in Sydney. He started those days for youth in 1986.

His early pontificate was marked by his opposition to communism, He was notable for speaking against war, fascism, dictatorship, materialism, abortion, contraception, and relativism unrestrained capitalism.

John Paul II was Pope during a period in which the Catholic Church influence declined in developed countries but expanded in the third world. During his reign, the Pope travelled extensively, visiting over 100 countries, more than any of his predecessors. He remains one of the most-travelled world leaders in history. He was fluent in numerous languages: his native Polish and also Italian, French, German, English, Spanish, Croatian, Portuguese, Russian and Latin.

In 1992, He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. On 2 April 2005 Pope John Paul died in the Papal apartments. Million of people flocked to Rome to pay their respect to the body and for His funeral.

I love this Pope because He was a magnificent person; during the second world war He helped a lot of people.

He was very "sweet and nice"

Daniele Zannella