

## Profile of activity of the Foundation

The primary and most important aim of the „Dzieło Nowego Tysiąclecia” Foundation is to support the indigent, talented young people from smaller towns and villages by conducting scholarship program. Currently the Foundation supports nearly 2,300 young people from the whole Poland. Scholarships are given to secondary school students, high school students, and as the continuation of the program, to university students. The scholarships help to develop their talent, passion, and enable them to purchase educational materials. For many it is the only opportunity to continue their educational path. An integral part of the scholarship program are the formation and integration camps organized by the Foundation for all scholarship holders. For secondary high and high school students, camps are held in large urban centers – in order to prepare them to living in a big city while studying. Camps for university students are held in smaller towns – for them it is time not only for spiritual formation and integration, but also an opportunity to rest. Since 2008 there is also organized a separate camp for high school graduates - usually in Funka (Bory Tucholskie) or Myczkowce (Bieszczady). Thanks to that, secondary school graduates have the opportunity to get to know other scholarship holders before the beginning of the academic year. Thanks to these camps scholarship holders meet each other and make friendships that are extremely strong and last for years.

An important statutory objective of the Foundation is also promoting of the teaching of St. John Paul II and the commemoration of His Pontificate, as well as supporting specific social projects, mainly in the fields of education and culture. Papal Day is not the only opportunity to develop this sector of activity of the Foundation. There are also conferences and concerts organized on behalf of the Foundation. The Foundation also takes the patronage over important social and cultural events, which purpose is to promote St. John Paul II and his teachings.

The Foundation is also the initiator and organizer of the prestigious Catholic TOTUS award, which is annually awarded during the Gala at the Royal Castle in Warsaw. TOTUS award is intended to support the development of culture, the Christian doctrine and Christian media in Poland. It is the appreciation of the achievements and effectively promotes people and institutions whose activities in an extraordinary way emphasize human values, the essential content of the

teaching of St. John Paul II. Among the laureates of TOTUS award are among others: prof. Władysław Bartoszewski, Fr Jan Góra OP, prof. Krzysztof Penderecki, DEON.pl, Polish Post Service.

For sixteen years the Foundation in collaboration with the National Organizing Committee has been organizing Papal Day, well known in Poland and abroad. The celebration in major cities of the country is accompanied by concerts, attractions, conferences, as well as by fundraising for the Scholarship fund.

The Foundation also supports educational initiatives. Several times the Foundation was the organizer or co-organizer of symposia, conferences, and academic competitions. Therefore Christian values and teachings of St. Pope John Paul II are promoted. One of these initiatives was a nationwide conference "The greatness or the authority? Pope John Paul II in Polish media during his canonization" which took place in October 2015. It was a continuation of the session from 2007: "Pope John Paul II leaving to the Father's House in Polish media." The result of both conferences are extensive publications, containing all speeches of the lecturers and the results of their research. The Foundation activity would not be possible without the support and cooperation of many fellow institutions. Thanks to them, Foundation has the ability to provide students with the apprenticeship and volunteering programs in many prestigious centers, which significantly affects their development and further career path.