

The Life of John Paul II – YouTube video notes

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1. When young had to overcome the death of his entire family
2. Worked in a factory while studying in secret for the priesthood
3. Was on his way to being an actor, but the Nazis and WW2 changed his plans
4. Was a priest under a Communist dictatorship in Poland, where the Nazi terror was replaced by forced labor camps in Siberia and a persecuted Church throughout Eastern Europe
5. 1978 – Known as “The Year of 3 Popes” after JPI died only 33 days after his election
6. Was called “the athlete of God”. Would often ski, row, and mountain climb. He surprised the world by his strength and energy.
7. Pontificate lasted 26 years (3rd longest reign in papal history).
8. No one in the history of mankind has visited and been seen by more people. He met with every world leader of his time, visited almost every country in the world during 104 trips abroad. He circled the world 29 times, equivalent to 3 times the distance between the earth and the moon.
9. Wears miner’s hat
10. Was the pope of human rights and the fight against violence
11. After September 11th attack JP2 called for the avoidance of thinking it was a war against civilizations.
12. “No more war, the spiral of violence...” (War only begets more war – “The purpose of all wars is peace, so why are we always trying to get there through murder?”)
 - a. JP2 grew up in war and he knew the brutality of it first hand. Almost all of his childhood friends died in WW2, and he himself almost lost his life a number of times.
13. When JP2 got sick pilgrims came from all over the world to pray outside his window.
14. All kinds of media outlets followed his health minute by minute.
15. April 2, 9:37 pm Roman time, JP2 died
16. 3 million came to Rome to pay their last respects (they wouldn’t even see him, or hear him speak. People felt so connected to JP2 that they just wanted to come and say “goodbye” to him)
17. Leaders across the world stopped talking about political disputes and prayed together at his funeral.
18. The pilgrims told the Church there was no need for a beatification process – he was already a saint (“Santo Subito” signs in the crowd)