

## SUMMARY

The entire fourth issue of „Ethos” is dedicated to a threefold anniversary. The year of 1988 celebrates Poland’s seventieth anniversary of regained independence, the seventieth anniversary of the foundation of the Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) and the tenth anniversary of John Paul II’s pontificate. In the foreword the Editors state that, „Associated with Lublin, a special place lying at the crossroads of cultures, this threefold event points to the extent of our responsibility for this place and this time in the history of Poland, Europe and the world”. The issue opens with remarks of one of the Pope’s closest collaborators, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger who outlines characteristic trends of the ten years of John Paul II’s pontificate.

A group of papers entitled *Ten Years of the Pontificate: A Perspective* constitutes the central part of the present issue. It is preceded by two Papal homilies: one delivered during the Pontifical Mass in October 1978 and the other addressed to Poles at the Vatican ten years later in October 1988. The papers in this section examine fundamental aspects of the Pope’s teachings and activities. Franciszek Cardinal Macharski in *Man is the Church’s Road* reviews John Paul II’s thinking on the human person. W. Strózewski takes up the relation between truth and freedom especially in the area of human decision-making. Bp M. Jaworski analyses the human person’s relationship to his neighbour. The same question is developed from the perspective of the family and nation by Bp K. Majdański, and from the perspective of labour and social relations by Bp T. Gołowski. Fr J. Majka writes about social coexistence in the model of the Christian state. The section is closed by the voices of two foreign scholars. N. Davies (Great Britain) discusses changes in social consciousness in Poland during the last ten years including the changes initiated by the Pope. R. Buttiglione (Italy) analyses specific features of the Poles’ defence of their national sovereignty.

The next group of articles is entitled *The Seventieth Anniversary of Regaining of Independence and the Foundation of KUL. Doctorate Honoris Causa*. During KUL’s commemoration of the dual 70-year anniversary, the title of Doctor Honoris Causa – an honorary doctorate – was conferred on Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith. In this section the quarterly records the occasion, presenting the complete texts of: the speech of KUL’s Rector, Bp J. Śrutwa, An Honorary Doctorate Laudatio delivered by Bp A. Nossol, and the lecture of the Cardinal which focused upon theological problems pertaining to the beginning of human life.

The remaining part of the fourth issue includes regular sections. *Reports and Bibliography* contain materials concerning the Millenium of Christianity in Ukraine (J.S. Gajek MIC, Fr. S.J. Koza, R. Łużny and W. Starnawski). *Reviews and Notes* and *The Pontificate in the Eyes of the World* present the following texts dealing with the 10th anniversary of John Paul II’s pontificate: a review of the book on Cardinal Wojtyła’s pastoral care (S. Wilkanowicz) and a review of the chosen world press commentaries (W. Chudy and K. Klauza). There are also two new sections: *Thinking about the Fatherland...* which contains an essay on Polish national values (A. Rodziński) and *The Chronicle of the Institute of John Paul II* which includes a commentary on sessions which took place at KUL during the years 1983–1987 in an effort to investigate the Pope’s manner of thinking (W. Chudy).