



The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

Serving God and Country for 100 Years



A Special Exhibition at the Basilica of St. Josaphat

South 6th St. & West Lincoln Ave.

Lower Level

Opening Reception – Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

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The Catholic University of Lublin (*Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski* -- KUL) was established soon after Poland regained its independence in 1918. It was also the first Polish university to re-open after the Second World War. During Communist times KUL was the only independent university in the Eastern Bloc. Despite government repression, the University maintained its identity and became an oasis of free thought. One of its professors was Karol Wojtyła, who became Pope John Paul II. Since the fall of Communism, KUL has diversified its academic programs, expanded its campus, and increased its student body. After the death of Pope John Paul II, the University's name was changed to the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. This exhibition tells the story of the Catholic University from 1918 until the present day.

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