

gwarantem bezpieczeństwa mądrego wychowania i mądrej edukacji. To, co „stare” w aksjologii, w czasie „przemian” nie musi być w zapomnieniu, ale może jawić się jako „nowe” w kategorii jej naukowego i nowego odczytania we współczesności. Ma to w tej *Encyklopedii* zasadnicze znaczenie, dzięki czemu świat wartości jest miejscem dialogu w różnorodnych konstelacjach, między innymi w konstelacji personalistycznej, osobowościowej, godnościowej, społecznej, laborystycznej czy międzypokoleniowej. Bez cienia wątpliwości stwierdzam, że aksjologia w ujęciu autorów publikacji posiada swoją mądrość, a nie tylko bezduszną teoretyczną wiedzę. Mądrość ta jest gwarantem ładu nie tylko w nauce, ale także w życiu konkretnej jednostki ludzkiej, a co za tym idzie – prowadzi do ładu społeczeństwa demokratycznego. *Encyklopedia aksjologii pedagogicznej* to niewątpliwie wartościowe dzieło celem poznania i pedagogicznego umiłowania wartości.

Praca opatrzona jest polami bibliograficznymi w poszczególnych hasłach, co prowadzi do aksjologicznego dialogu poznawczego. Łączy więc ona zalety interesującej poznawczo i poprawnej metodologicznie publikacji naukowej, jak również nośnika o charakterze aplikacyjnym. Autorzy prowadzą czytelnika przez zagadnienia interdyscyplinarnych kategorii aksjologicznych w czasie przemian, uwypuklając jej rolę w życiu zorientowanym personalistycznie.

*Encyklopedia aksjologii pedagogicznej* posiada niewątpliwie walory teoriopoznawcze i wnosi cenny wkład do dydaktyki, pedagogiki oraz nauk im pokrewnych. Nie tylko obliuguje czytelnika do spojrzenia na powyższe kwestie okiem analitycznego teoretyka, ale również wskazuje pola aktualnych zastosowań i dalszych badań naukowych, konferencji, a nade wszystko zobowiązuje do aksjologicznych czynów wychowawczych.

Pragnę Pani prof. dr hab. Krystynie Chałas oraz ks. dr. hab. Adamowi Majowi, jako redaktorom oraz autorom haseł, nie tylko pogratulować tegoż dzieła redaktorskiego, ale życzyć, by owocowało w naukowym dialogu i praktyce pedagogicznej.

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JÓZEF STALA, ANDRZEJ PORĘBSKI (ed.), *World Youth Days – A Testimony to the Hope of Young People*, Kraków: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Papieskiego Jana Pawła II w Krakowie 2016, ss. 555.

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The tradition of World Youth Days is highly important, especially nowadays, in an era when universal values such as goodness, love, truth, faith, hope are likely to disappear. These values seem to be eradicated out of society. In the plurality of

a wide spectrum of values and role-models, there has been the lack of the basic ones, in which, the subjectivity of a human being plays a role of utter importance. In the age of consumerism, most of the Christian values have been disappearing, especially among youth that have been raised in a liquid modernity.

The following monograph consists of a wide variety of approaches towards World Youth Days, but they all have one in common-to draw readers' attention to existence of universal, timeless values, the publication reveals the spirit of WYD's, which has been reflected in thirty eight articles, divided into three sections written in English, there have been added a wide variety of colourful photography, which present the brief history of WYD's from the previous years accompanied by quotations from different Popes magisterium, starting with ST John Paul II teachings in Rome, Buenos Aires, Santiago de Compostela, Częstochowa, Denver, Manila, Paris, Rome, Toronto and Kraków. It has been shown the illustrated photos from WYD's in Cologne, Sydney and Madrid with Pope Ratzinger. All the illustrations included in the book reveal a rich legacy that St John Paul II and Joseph Ratzinger left to all the young people from all over the world. The following publication draws readers attention not only due to its content, but also because of the eye-catching graphic layout, which was designed in an innovative and witty way. The cover of the book presents the faces of chosen participants of WYD's, it also includes the graphic symbol of WYD's together with the main landmarks of Kraków. The articles are written by numerous authors who were cooperating with Pope St John Paul II, they are the teachers of John Paul II's legacy, in addition their goal is to continue the calls and mission of St John Paul II. Thus, WYD's was a great opportunity to remind all individuals about the teachings of Pope and a mission of a modern human being, which has been reflected in the monograph. The scientific articles collected in the book are not only testimonies of WYD's participants but also reflects a historical, philosophical and spiritual outline accompanied by innovative contexts of WYD's. The historical background of WYD's is presented by Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz, who reminded of genesis of WYD's, Stanisław Ryłko, President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Vatican who writes about the generation of WYD's including historical context of those meetings. The article by Marcello Bodeschi consists of origins and the beginning of the idea of WYD's, he reminds reader the roots of meetings with young people from all over the world. Whereas Mimmo Muolo gives an innovative context of WYD's combining it with history and tradition, Dorota Narewska reminds readers 6<sup>th</sup> WYD's in Częstochowa whereas rev. Thomas Rosica remembers WYD in 2002 in Toronto, there are presented the pastoral and spiritual fruits of WYD's 2005 in Cologne by Paul Metzef, Sydney in 2008, by Danny Casey as well as Madrid in 2011 by Yago de la Cierva, or Marco Ferrini, who closes the reader the legacy of WYD's. When it comes to philosophical and spiritual outlines, it is worth pointing out that they have been enriched with innovative perspectives of educating youth, e.g. how to confess the Christian faith in inhospitable world by Elżbieta Osewska, in other words, how to rediscover St John Paul teachings and place them into brand new reality, how to fight with the crisis of faith, the article by Rev. Kszysztof Góźdź, who rediscovers the teachings of Benedict XVI, considering at the same time the true reasons of crisis of faith in a modern world, whereas rev. Jan Machniak reveals the spiritual dimension of WYD's. The context of fighting

the crisis of faith has been presented in Alina Rynio's article concerning the integral education of a person as a key to becoming a person, especially in a modern world.

These authors point out to the importance of WYD's. The position is worth reading, especially in the age of postmodernist chaos, accompanied by the multiplicity of formations and values, it is extremely difficult for young people to follow the principal ones, especially in an era of crisis of the basic values, in an era when numerous individuals lose hope, when fear becomes part of life in Europe, World Youth Days seem to be a cure of a global potential. The phenomenon of this celebration brings youth from all over the world. They gather to praise Jesus Christ together with their catechists, teachers, pastors, and Pope Francis to participate in Pope's teachings directed to the youth from all over the world.

The following monograph highlights the importance of Polish tradition as well as attempts to familiarize the reader with Christian identity. Moreover, the publication enables to understand the historical background of the Polish turn from the beginning of XXI st century, which is closely connected to the St John Paul II teachings, which is fair to say that those teachings revolutionized the future of Poland and the entire world.

Therefore, the following monograph – World Youth Days. A testimony to the hope of Young People is worth recommending for numerous reasons.

First and foremost, the idea of World Youth Days. The day, when all the youth from all over the world meet to worship and praise the universal truth about God, a day in which the world can stand as one, a day when Truth, Hope and Love win. All in all, one may definitely claim that still the idea of WYDs was started by St John Paul II due to a true bond between him and youth. Although, it was estimated that this year was less individuals than previous years, the spirit of these year's WYDs was definitely omnipresent, the same spirit was omnipresent during previous WYD, especially in 1995 in Manila, when over 4 million youth from all over the world participated in that event. Taking everything into consideration, one may claim that what is highly significant when it comes to WYDs phenomenon is the spirit, as well as contemporary youngsters who search for universal values. It is therefore a chance to draw young people's attention to what is the most precious in their lives.

Secondly, the present volume gives an account on reflections on the editions and legacy of World Youth Days, including the testimony of Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, who writes about the genesis of World Youth Days, Stanislaw Ryłko, or others closely connected with the idea of World Youth Days. The following volume has been enriched with elements of innovations in the history of WYD. It has been also recalled the WYD from 2002, which took place in Toronto, as well as in Cologne in 2005, Sydney in 2008 and Madrid in 2011. It has been recalled the legacy of World Youth Day, it has been rightly marked the importance of need of values. Author rightly observes the crisis of ideologies who promotes the illusion of false happiness, and the necessity to look for a true happiness in Christ and in the Church. In this aspect, the following volume presents World Youth Days as a powerful means of evangelization, and the necessity to lead a dialogue with the youth in the magisterium of St Pope John Paul II, who is perceived as a great pontiff and a magister of the Church. The second part of the following publication points out some basis and dimensions of WYD's, presented from numerous authors' perspectives

which is aimed mainly at marking the importance of universal values. The second part of the monograph consists of accounts of authors concerning contemporary youth together with a description of their needs and expectations, it also contains a part concerning building bridges between cultures, in order to build intercultural communities. The third part of the monograph concerning the spirituality of youth, author gives reader an opportunity to seek for the spirituality, his enquiry concerning the crisis and the power of faith, he has searched for an answer of what might have cause such crisis. He seeks the answer in the teachings of Ratzinger Benedict XVI. In this chapter, it has been focused on the endangered faith of the youth as well as the spiritual dimension of contemporary youth. It gives a reader an opportunity to analyse the real meaning of the World Youth Days and the importance of personal and religious change of heart.

Furthermore, the following publication gives an attempt to recall all the teachings of St John Paul II and place them into the new reality. Among the plurality of formations and values, it was he who revealed the true meaning of human existence, he revealed the universal truth which was visible in his magisterium during hard historical times in XX and XXI st century- the truth about Jesus Christ. Nowadays, it is an urgent need to follow such universal values. They play a significant role of a signpost for the entire youth. Thus, numerous testimonies and experiences of young people taking part in WYDs enable young generation to commune with God as well as commune with one another. All in all, the idea of WYD's appeared to be one of the best pastoral initiative and it was definitely confirmed and visible in Cracow in 2016.

To conclude, it can be stated that the order of contemporary world together with numerous civilization changes brings the necessity of solving contemporary problems. Human being has always longed for permanent values, which would enable their full personal development, especially in civilization crisis. The given monograph is an important contribution in order to attempt to convey the true meaning of World Youth Days. Therefore, presented texts can serve everyone, who searches for re-discover the true meaning of life. In conclusion to my mind, preserving the magisterium and rich legacy of WYD's constitutes a chance to preserve genuine values. Thus, commune with God and one another during World Youth Days is mainly aimed at what is important in individuals' lives – to reach personal maturity, self-fulfilment, to become a person in full dimension, which was clearly revealed in the following monograph.

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