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Timeline of the life of John Paul II *“Totus Tuus”*

May 18, 1920	Born near Krakow, Poland.
June 20, 1920	Baptized into Christ.
September 15, 1926	Entered school on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.
June 22, 1938	Enrolls in the Faculty of Philosophy at Jagiellonian University, Krakow.
November 6, 1939	Jagiellonian University suppressed by Nazis.
October 1942	Begins clandestine studies for the priesthood in Krakow's underground seminary.
Nov. 1, 1946	Ordained a priest of Jesus Christ by Cardinal Sapieha.
Nov. 15, 1946	Leaves Poland to continue his studies in Rome.
June 19, 1948	Receives a doctorate in philosophy.
Dec. 16, 1948	Earns a master's degree in theology.
Sept. 28, 1958	Ordained bishop in the Cathedral of Wavel, Poland.
Dec. 30, 1963	Designated Metropolitan Bishop of Krakow.
May 29, 1967	Named a cardinal by Pope Paul VI.
Oct. 5, 1971	Elected to the Council of the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.
Oct. 16, 1978	Karol Wojtyla elected Pope following the death of his predecessor, John Paul I.
Jan. 25, 1979	Pope John Paul makes the first of more than 100 foreign trips, visiting the Dominican Republic and Mexico.
March 14, 1979	First encyclical, "Redemptor hominis," on the dignity of man.
June 2, 1979	First visit to Poland as Pope. Tells Poles: "Do not be afraid," triggering start of mass resistance to communism.
May 13, 1981	Assassination attempt by Mehmed Ali Agca wounds him in the abdomen, left hand and right arm.
Dec. 28, 1983	Visits Mehmed Ali Agca in his prison cell in Rome.
1983 (Latin), 1990 (Oriental)	Promulgated new codes of Canon Law.
March 30-31, 1985	Inaugurated World Youth Days.
December 7, 1992	Catechism of Catholic Church presented.
December 24, 1999- January 6, 2001	Jubilee 2000 - "Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday, Today, Forever."
October 16, 2002	The Luminous Mysteries of the rosary announced.
April 17, 2003	14th Encyclical <i>Ecclesia De Eucharista</i> .
March 14, 2004	Becomes the third longest-reigning pope in history.
August 2004	104th pastoral visit completed.
April 2, 2005	Passes into eternal life.

