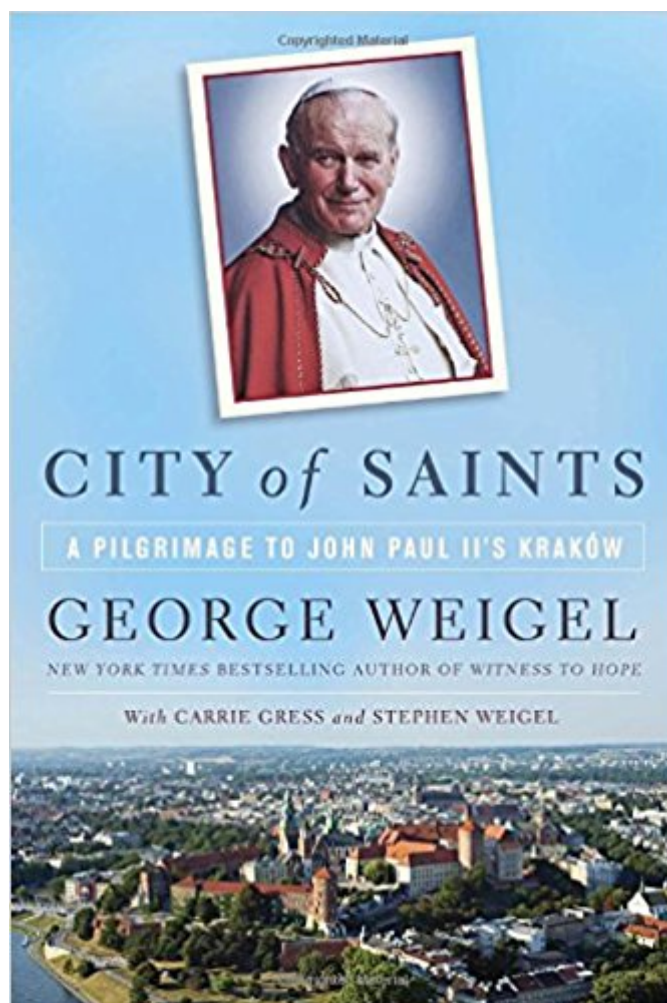


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# City Of Saints: A Pilgrimage To John Paul II's Kraków



## Synopsis

â œKarol WojtyÅ a, Pope John Paul II, was a man whose life was the expression of a richly textured and multidimensional soul. The many layers of that soul took on their first, mature form in KrakÅ w.â • â “ George WeigelÂ In this beautifully illustrated spiritual travelogue, New York Times bestselling author George Weigel leads readers through the historic streets of KrakÅ w, Poland, introducing one of the worldâ ™s great cities through the life of one of the most influential Catholic leaders of all time.Â â œTo follow Karol WojtyÅ a through KrakÅ w is to follow an itinerary of sanctity while learning the story of a city.â • Weigel writes. â œThus, in what follows, the story of Karol WojtyÅ a, St. John Paul II, and the story of KrakÅ w are interwoven in a chronological pilgrimage through the life of a saint that reveals, at the same time, the dramatic history and majestic culture of a city where a boy grew into a man, priest, a bishopâ ”and an apostle to the world.â • Â With stunning photographs by Stephen Weigel and notes on the cityâ ™s remarkable fabric by Carrie Gress, *City of Saints* offers an in-depth look at a man and a city that made an indelible impression on the life and thought of the Catholic Church and the 21st century world.

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GEORGE WEIGEL, Distinguished Senior Fellow of Washingtonâ ™s Ethics and Public Policy Center, is a Catholic theologian and one of the worldâ ™s foremost authorities on the Catholic Church. Senior Vatican Analyst for NBC News and a nationally syndicated columnist, Weigel is the author of more than twenty books, including the New York Times bestseller *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II*. His work has been translated into more than a dozen languages.

George Weigel, who wrote two magisterial biographies of Pope St. John Paul II and included a moving look at his passing in his take on the early days of Pope Benedict XVI, has more to say on that Polish pope in *City of Saints*. In this book, Weigel offers a powerful take on John Paul II by taking readers through a tour of Krakow. This book serves as a tour guide, history, biography and religious reflection as Weigel guides readers through various sites and John Paul II's life. As usual, Weigel is a fine craftsman of sentences and paragraphs. One minor caveat. The photos by Stephen Weigel simply did not help as much as they could have though, in all fairness, I read this book on my Kindle. Despite this, George Weigel offers a memorable take on Krakow and, once again, sheds much light on John Paul II. Highly recommended.

We are really enjoying this book! We are reading it aloud as a family. I have been looking for a biography of JP II - something not too voluminous. This is perfect! I love the history of Poland interwoven. I will not be able to go to World Youth Day in Krakow this summer, but my brother will be and I feel like I am already traveling there with him in spirit. This book is well written and logically outlined. The pictures do not eclipse the text. It is primarily the story of Krakow and the city's most recent saint, the man of the century, Pope John Paul II.

Good book about Poland and the city of Krakow The author cherishes Poland and its people. He traces the life of Pope John Paul II both before and after the papacy. An excellent account! George Thatcher

I'm not quite finished with it yet; the author is very intelligent and in order to digest its contents, I find I need to read the chapters slowly. I am making a Catholic Pilgrimage to Poland with the Marian Missionaries of Stockbridge, MA from 9/30 - 10/9. I'm sure I will be able to relate better to all that the book explains then. /J.A. Marchinda

Parts of the book are helpful, but it is organized in a strange way. Weigel tried to combine a guide book, a history book and spiritual reflection. Sometimes it works. Other times, he ends up repeating himself in the same chapter. Overall, it is helpful in preparation for World Youth Day, but at times the repetition reminds me of being in the audience for a public talk when the author repeats himself in a distracting way.

A must have for World Youth Day or the armchair traveler! I LOVED all the personal stories about our FAVORITE POPE, and my husband and children enjoyed all the photos. History buffs will really love chapter one. Pages 27-end were my favorites!! I bought several copies and will order more once we have a total count on who is going to Poland this summer!

Very good book.

I read this book twice, I loved it so much! Rich details about our beloved JP II's life.

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