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# SUMMER SCHOOL

# 2016



## VIRTUOUS LEADERSHIP

FROM PERSONAL GROWTH  
TO CULTURAL RENEWAL

21-27 AUGUST 2016  
KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA - WADOWICE - KRAKÓW



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## WHAT IS A 'GOOD LEADER'?

Is it about effectiveness - motivating people, delegating well and getting results? Or is it also about personal goodness – integrity, virtue and being a respected role model?

Join us this summer for stimulating discussions on reconciling power with principles, as together we explore how ethical leaders can unleash potential and renew societies.

We'll draw on John Paul II's concept of the human person, consider the relevance of virtue to leadership and look at how the Christian understanding of holiness is different from merely leading a good life.

We'll hear from saints from both Eastern and Western traditions – as well as reflect on how their approach to virtuous leadership enabled them to make a real impact on the world.

This year's summer school consists of three seminar-based courses, a leadership workshop led by an experienced trainer, and cultural trips to Wadowice and Kraków – following in the footsteps of John Paul II. The school will be located in and around Kalwaria Zebrzydowska – a place of great spiritual and cultural significance that features in the UNESCO World Heritage List and was often visited by John Paul II.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

The school is open to graduate students, young postdoctoral researchers, young professionals and leaders from East and Central Europe.



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## ORGANIZATION

Students will participate in seminars on Monday to Saturday. Each course will consist of three 90-minute sessions led by expert tutors from Poland, Ukraine and Slovakia. On Friday 26 August participants will take part in a workshop led by an experienced trainer. They will also get the chance to meet a special guest who will draw together many of the themes covered during the school.

Participants of the summer school will receive a bibliography in July to prepare themselves for the seminars and discussions. During the school they will deliver short presentations.

Participants will have the chance to immerse themselves in Polish culture and Slavic spiritual traditions. They will also visit places that deepen their understanding of the life and legacy of John Paul II: the city of Kraków, his hometown Wadowice and the Kalwaria Zebrzydowska sanctuary.

A hiking trip to the mountains is also planned.

During the first four nights, participants will stay at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On 25 August participants will move to the guest-house of the beautiful Benedictine abbey of Tyniec, Kraków.



## REGISTRATION

Each participant costs the organizers around 900 PLN (courses, materials, room and full board). Thanks to the support of the Warsaw Centre for the

Thought of John Paul II, participants of the school are asked to pay only **300 PLN** (70 EUR).

Completed applications must be submitted by **13 JUNE 2016**.

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# SEMINARS

## DR MICHAŁ ŁUCZEWSKI – JOHN PAUL II – AN INTEGRAL LEADER

The course will seek to rediscover in the life and thought of John Paul II/Karol Wojtyła the source of inspiration and consequently transformation – for us and for the world. First we set out to understand John Paul II/Karol Wojtyła from within. In this, we go beyond hagiographies and the patina of time to show that he was a living person and – more importantly – that he is a living person. Being the most consequential spiritual leader of the XXth century, John Paul II demonstrated on an unprecedented scale the essence of an integral leadership, i.e. integral vision of man. Our second task will be to articulate this vision. Finally, we will apply Wojtyła's principles, trying to look at ourselves as he did: as "entrusted with the task of crafting our own life [...] to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece" (see *Letter to Artists*, 2).

**First session:** The art of life. Who is John Paul II?

**Second session:** John Paul II as an integral leader

**Third session:** Lessons of John Paul II for future leaders

## DR MARTIN LUTERAN – VIRTUOUS LEADERSHIP

The course will investigate the nature of leadership and its main features. Using Aristotelian central case method, we will distinguish between various current understandings of leadership and search for the ideal. After defining the nature of leadership, the course will look at the ways one can become a leader in the true sense of the word. First we will look at the moral virtues of courage, temperance and justice. Later we will explore the intellectual virtues of prudence, science and wisdom. Although the course will be based on the classical tradition enriched by Christian revelation, it will be open for creative application of the ideas of virtues to contemporary issues and lives of the students.

**First session:** Who is a leader?

**Second session:** Moral virtues and true leadership

**Third session:** Intellectual virtues and the intellectual life

## REV. DR OLEH KINDIY (LVIV) – SANCTITY AND SLAVIC SPIRITUALITY: EAST AND WEST

This seminar will focus on the roots of Christian spirituality rooted in the Biblical and Patristic tradition of the Western and Eastern Churches, as well as the experience of women and men of the twentieth century in their witness of faith in the midst of persecution and totalitarian regimes. We will ask ourselves how the Old Testament understanding of being different (*kadesh*) and just/holy (*kedushah*) was transformed by Jesus' call for life in mercy and grace, through Cross and Resurrection, and how this new Christian understanding of holiness changed the Greco-Roman notion of the good and flourishing life of the human person and society. A recourse to the theology of the holy life by St. Augustine and St. Gregory of Nyssa, as well as St. Francis and St. Symeon the New Theologian will be made to set up the background for a better understanding of the Slavic spirituality, as seen in the lives of St. Faustyna Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Bl. Zdenka Cecília Schelingová, Bl. Basil Hopko, Bl. Josaphata Hordashevska, and Rev. Joseph Slipyj. It is this experience of Christian witness, mystical experience, and martyrdom that formed spirituality and path to holiness of St. John Paul II, one of the greatest saints of our modern times.

**First session:** Biblical Roots of Spirituality and Holy Life

**Second session:** Transformation of Classical Tradition: St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Symeon the New Theologian, and St. Francis.

**Third and Fourth sessions** (prepared by students): Living Icons of the Twentieth and Twenty First Centuries: Lives of St. Faustyna Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Bl. Zdenka Cecília Schelingová, Bl. Basil Hopko, Bl. Josaphata Hordashevska, and Rev. Joseph Slipyj.

# LECTURERS

## Dr Michał Łuczewski

Deputy director of the Centre for the Thought of John Paul II (Warsaw), assistant professor (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw) and visiting scholar at the Centre for Social Studies (Warsaw), Columbia University (NY, Fulbright) and the Institute for Human Sciences (Vienna), an editor of an antidisciplinary journal "Stan Rzeczy/State of Things" and an editor of "44/Forty and four. An Apocalyptic Magazine". He is an author of award-winning "Eternal Nation. Pole and Catholic in the village of Żmija" (2012) as well as most recently "Solidarity Step by Step" (2015). He recently co-produced a documentary film "The Father, the Son and the Friend: Forgiveness after Solidarity" (2015).

## Dr Martin Luteran

M.Jur., M.Phil., D.Phil. – founding rector of the Collegium of Anton Neuwirth (Bratislava) and affiliated scholar of the John Jay Institute (Philadelphia). Expertise in moral and legal philosophy and particularly the idea of proportionality in human rights law. He also founded the Ladislav Hanus Fellowship, an academic fraternity of students and young professionals. He received his master's degree in law at Comenius University (Bratislava) and his second master's in law and doctoral degree in law at Oxford University.

## Rev. Dr Oleh Kindiy

(Lviv) – is currently Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology of Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) and Associate Professor of patristic theology at UCU. He gained his PhD in Historical Theology in the Catholic University of America (CUA), Washington, DC in 2007. His main research interests are: Late Antiquity, Patristics and Medieval Studies, Byzantine Studies, Ukrainian Studies, Religious Education, Ecumenism, Translation of Historical, Theological and Philosophical Literature, Catholic Social Doctrine.

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# CULTURAL PLAN



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## KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA

The Mannerist Architectural and Park Landscape Complex and Pilgrimage Park (UNESCO World Heritage List). Consists of: a basilica dedicated to the Madonna of the Angels, a convent of the minor Franciscan friars and a series of chapels situated in an area of six kilometres, dedicated to the Passion of Jesus and to the life of the Madonna.



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## KRAKÓW OF JOHN PAUL II

Before becoming Pope John Paul II, Karol Wojtyła lived in Kraków for four decades – practically his entire adult life. It was here that he spent his formative years as a student, seminarian and priest, a theologian and a philosopher, a playwright and a poet.



## SANCTUARY OF THE DIVINE MERCY – KRAKÓW ŁAGIEWNIKI

The sanctuary is situated in the buildings of the monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. St Faustyna Kowalska (1905–1938) lived and died in this Monastery in the period between the World Wars.



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## LANCKORONA

Beautiful village near Kalwaria Zebrzydowska.



## WADOWICE. THE HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL II FAMILY HOME MUSEUM

A reconstruction of a tenement house at No 7 Kościelna Street where the Wojtyła family lived before WWII, together with an impressive new multimedia exhibition.



## BESKID MOUNTAINS

A series of mountain ranges in the Carpathians; Karol Wojtyła, future Pope, liked to visit Polish mountains, often with groups of youth.



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