

## National/International Report

# Pope beatifies, praises 'daughter of Israel'

By Greg Erlandson

**Cologne, West Germany (NC)** — A Jewish woman who converted to Catholicism and was killed by the Nazis was praised by Pope John Paul II as a "great daughter of Israel," whose baptism was not a break with "her Jewish heritage."

The pope beatified Edith Stein — philosopher and Carmelite nun who was born and raised as a Jew — May 1 in an outdoor stadium in Cologne before 75,000 people.

The beatification has been protested by some Jewish writers and spokesmen, who have criticized Edith Stein's "preconciliar" attitude toward the conversion of the Jews. Critics also have questioned whether she was martyred for her Christian faith or her Jewish heritage.

The previous day, on his arrival at Cologne's airport, Pope John Paul said Edith Stein "as a Jew and a Catholic nun, demonstrated her solidarity with the Jewish people by sharing their suffering and martyrdom."

In his homily following the beatification, the pope stressed her relationship with her Jewish tradition and the sacrificial nature of her death in the Auschwitz concentration

camp.

The pope also indirectly responded to criticism of the beatification when he stressed that "the cause" of Edith Stein's martyrdom was the Dutch bishops' protest of Jewish deportations.

Edith Stein was raised in a Jewish family, became an atheist, then converted to Catholicism. She became a Carmelite nun and was arrested in Holland with other Catholics of Jewish descent after the Dutch bishops spoke against Nazi policies. She was executed in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz in 1942.

James Baaden, an American Jewish biographer of Edith Stein, has criticized the Church for declaring her a martyr, saying that she was killed because she was a Jew and not because of her Catholic faith.

The pope praised Edith Stein for "a life of virtue and self-denial," as well as for her "heroic character" on the way to the Auschwitz extermination camp.

But he returned repeatedly to Edith Stein's relationship with her people in the light of her conversion. Eight times during the course of the speech he described her as a "daughter of Israel. Her own life and the cross she had to bear were intimately connected with the

destiny of the Jewish people."

The pope also stressed Edith Stein's identification of her suffering and the suffering of the Jews with the cross. The name she chose when she entered the Carmelites was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, he said.

Edith Stein believed it was the cross of Christ that was "laid on the Jewish people," and that "those who realized this would have to accept it willingly on behalf of all the others," the pope added. "The more often swastikas were seen on the streets, the higher the cross of Jesus Christ rose up in her life."

In his homily, the pope said Edith Stein had been raised in "the strict traditions of Israel," but abandoned her faith as a schoolgirl. A "search for truth" led to her conversion and subsequent entry into the Carmelites, he added.

Yet, the pope said, "for Edith Stein, baptism as a Christian was by no means a break with her Jewish heritage." He quoted her as writing, "my return to God made me feel Jewish again."

The pope saluted "this great daughter of Israel who found the fulfillment of her faith and her vocation for the people of God in Christ the Savior."



Edith Stein

The ceremony was attended by 12 U.S. relatives of Edith Stein. During his homily, the pope said the presence of her relatives "fills us with great joy and gratitude."

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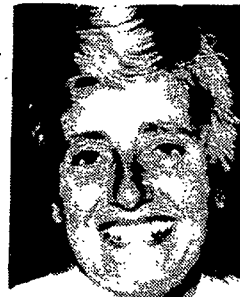
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