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## Pope celebrates 50 years of priesthood

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VATICAN CITY — Fifty years after a simple ordination ceremony in a private chapel in Poland, Pope John Paul II celebrated his priestly jubilee in St. Peter's Basilica with thanks to God and all those who helped him on his journey.

After the Nov. 1 Mass, the pope announced that he would share personal details of that journey in a book to be published in mid-November by the Vatican.

The pope's voice vibrated with emotion during his homily for the Mass, concelebrated by the bishops and priests of the Diocese of Rome.

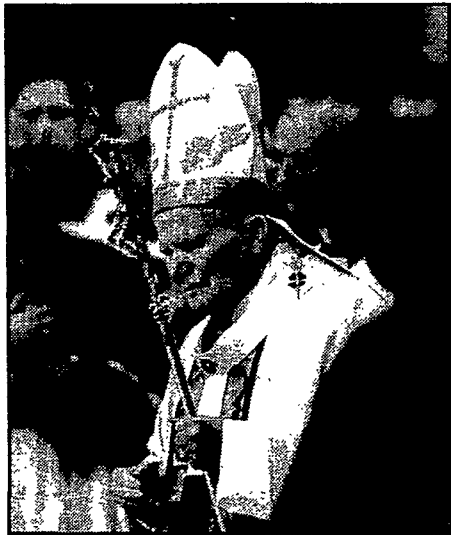
"I give thanks to God because he has allowed me to celebrate the Holy Mass every day in these 50 years, beginning the first of November 1946," he said.

"Before me pass images from that long-gone day when, in the early morning, accompanied by a small group of relatives and friends, I presented myself at the residence of the archbishop of Krakow on Franciszkanka Street to receive priestly ordination," he said.

"With emotion I see myself once again lying on the floor of the private chapel," he said. "I hear the singing of 'Veni Creator' and the litany of saints. I await the imposition of hands. I accept the invitation to proclaim the Good News, to guide the people of God, to celebrate the divine mysteries.

"They are unforgettable memories which I relive today with indescribable gratitude to the Lord," he said.

But beyond the event itself and the many people who helped along the way,



(CNS/Reuters)

**Pope John Paul II passes through a sea of cardinals as he arrives at St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 1 for a Mass marking his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.**

the pope said, "I fix my gaze deeper to try to understand the mystery which has accompanied and enclosed me throughout these decades.

"As a priest God has called me to be a man of the Word, a man of the sacrament, a man of the mystery of faith," he said.

"Despite the length of time passed, the words of the Psalmist continue to flow from my heart: 'The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.'"

On the eve of the anniversary, Pope John Paul attended a performance of Han-

del's "Messiah," a gift to him from the Austrian government.

After the two-hour concert by a Salzburg chamber orchestra and a Catholic choir from Linz, the pope said Handel's work recounts in music what God has done for humanity, "that mysterious exchange which reaches its culmination in the redemption accomplished by the Word of God Incarnate."

The priest, he said, "is the minister and servant of the redeeming work of Christ. Accepting the invitation to follow Christ, the priest himself becomes a gift to humanity so that every man and every woman may draw with abundance from the fountain of grace which flows from the Redeemer.

"I extend my gratitude to the many people whom I have met on the way and who, in various ways, have helped me in the journey I have made in all these years," the pope said.

The pope walked with relative ease down the long center aisle of the audience hall, shaking hands and offering his blessing to the thousands of people who came for the concert.

Although his words were a bit slurred at times as he thanked the choir, orchestra and Austrian government, he stayed in the hall after the concert to shake hands with dozens of well-wishers.

The jubilee celebrations were to continue with a Nov. 7-10 gathering at the Vatican of priests from around the world who also were ordained in 1946.

On Nov. 4, the pope also celebrated his name day with an excursion to the central Italian mountains, Vatican sources said.

The pope traveled by motorcade to the Gran Sasso, one of Italy's highest peaks located about 100 miles east of Rome, the sources said. The Vatican press office would neither confirm or deny the trip because it considers such outings "private."

He was reportedly accompanied by his

### Ill cardinal relinquishes most of day-to-day tasks

CHICAGO (CNS) — Because of constant fatigue and fever from cancer, Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago has handed over his day-to-day archdiocesan responsibilities to Bishop Raymond Goedert, his vicar general.

"Cardinal Bernardin will drastically cut back on his public appearances beginning immediately," said Robert A. Quakenbush, archdiocesan chief communications officer, in a news release Oct. 31.

"Recent tests have indicated that the cancerous tumors in Cardinal Bernardin continue to grow," the release said. "The results of this growth are a pervasive fatigue, daily fever and some chest pain caused by the pressure of some of the tumors on the capsule surrounding the liver."

Quakenbush said the archdiocese's senior administrative team and six regional vicars would assist Bishop Goedert.

Cardinal Bernardin, 68, has headed the Chicago Archdiocese since 1982.

He had surgery in June 1995 for cancer in his pancreas. This August he learned that the cancer had recurred in his liver and was inoperable.

In mid-October he halted chemotherapy because its negative side effects outweighed its results.

personal secretary, a few aides and security personnel.

In many of his previous 17 such visits, the pontiff has skied or hiked along mountain paths. This time he was recuperating from an appendectomy Oct. 8, and had not completely resumed his normal schedule at the Vatican.

Most years, the pope celebrates his name day — which is a Vatican holiday — by dining with elderly cardinals who live in Rome. Nov. 4 marks the feast of St. Charles Borromeo; the pope was born Karol Wojtyla.

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