

QUESTIONNAIRE: THE CALLING OF KAROL

1. Young Karol was very proud of his father. What was his father's job?

2. When Karol was at primary school, he excelled at school in all subjects, and enjoyed sports? At that time, which two occupations did he have in mind for his future?

3. Karol's mother, Emilia, died when he was only seven years old, but what had she taught him that influenced the rest of his life?

4. What did Edmund, Karol's elder brother, do for a living?

5. Edmund died at the age of 26 years. How old was Karol then? How many Wojtyla family members were left now?

6. Within the space of just 3 years, Mr Wojtyla had lost his wife (who was also his best friend) and his young son. He must have been devastated by the death of Edmund, but what advice did he give to Karol, who was also grieving?

7. Which particular talent developed in Karol's teenage years?

8. At the end of High School, Karol needed to make an important decision which he was finding difficult. Who did he ask for advice? What can we learn from this relationship?

9. Karol eventually entered the priesthood, became bishop, cardinal and, finally His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. At what age did Karol understand that God was calling him to be His Chief Shepherd – the Pope – on Earth?

10. When do you think God the Father knew that Karol would one day be Pope?