

Putting John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' into practice



A Master Class

Zapone, Poland, circa late 1970s

—No one can ever claim that John Paul II didn't practice what he preached. Not long before being named "pope" and foisting his novel "Theology of the Body" to an unsuspecting world, as "Cardinal" of Krakow, Fr. Karol Wojtyla (second from left) was fond of taking part in "Catholic" camping trips. In the outing shown above, attire (or lack thereof) is on display that wouldn't meet the Catholic Church's true standards as to what constitutes modest dress in such a mixed-sex setting. Moving from left to right in the photo we see a shirtless man, which by Church rulings is regarded as a less than decent condition under the circumstances; ditto Wojtyla's shorts, which don't qualify as modest as they run up to mid-thigh; it's difficult to determine how the woman partly obscured by him is dressed, though she appears to be wearing slacks, which is also has been forbidden, and, finally, a



The True Believers

Toronto, Canada, 2002—Part of the contingent from Luxemburg attending the World Youth Day festivities exhibit immodest attire very much in keeping with the Polish campers shown in the left column. Shirtless males and a female wearing what might be a swim suit. Whatever she wears, it is sleeveless and very low cut and exposes the legs at least to mid-thigh. Although one can't tell for certain from the photo, it appears that this woman and the man directly behind her are older, perhaps husband and wife. Certainly the way they are sitting together shows a real familiarity, which, even if they are married, has no place in such a setting. (Of course, if they *aren't* married then there likely is a problem far beyond

woman who, *not five feet away from a priest (and supposed cardinal)*, exhibits an immodesty far exceeding that of the others, with sleeveless blouse and short shorts (possibly a mini-skirt, as Tradition in Action writes, but either way *not even remotely modest*) that expose her upper thighs. While such attire isn't morally acceptable for any public setting with the opposite sex, the presence of a cleric makes it all the more grave. Yet no cleric intent on living his vocation as it ought to be lived, on following the Church's admonitions and, above all, on pleasing Christ and his Blessed Mother would put his celibacy in such jeopardy in the first place. Rather, such a priest would be most circumspect in his dealings with woman, something that is regarded as his absolute duty in the maintenance of priestly celibacy. Of course, Wojtyla didn't fit that description either above or in the years that followed in Rome, where over and again he showed himself the antithesis of that, whether it be in his approval of the bare-breasted women who assisted at his "Mass" in Papua New Guinea, his audiences with a seeming endless stream of scantily clad female performers who entertained him, some with indecent acrobatic contortions or his establishment of World Youth Day, where hundreds of thousands immodestly dressed young people gathered before him and heard from him not a word of protest about their attire. In short, this is a priest who had long ago ceased to hold the Catholic Faith in any substantive way and who was intent on passing his counterfeit "Theology of the Body" on to all who would listen and then put it into practice.

their mere lack of anything remotely approaching Catholic comportment.) Hence, if that's the case, they're probably *chaperones* for the group, which would provide a generational bridge from the photo on the left. Of course, John Paul II didn't invent immodesty, but he almost single-handedly helped "legitimize" it in Novus Ordo circles. Prior to his "papacy" as bad as any of his conciliar predecessors were, none of them were shown in such a compromising setting. True, they were not coming out for decency the way they should, but at least they weren't engaging in acts unseemly for a priest. When the camping photos hit the Italian press in 1979, the year after his election, he made no effort to apologize for setting a bad example, which in itself does not say much for his good will in the matter. That should have been a red flag, right there. In the fall of that year he began a series of General Audiences on his novelty, the so-called Theology of the Body, which like all Modernist teachings combined the authentic Catholic with the the latest intellectual fads. His utter contempt for Catholic decency, which has been documented here, also had practical consequences in churches. When Fr. Roger Giese enforced a dress code in Dayton, OH, his "archbishop" declared him suspended. Fr. Giese directly appealed to John Paul II, but was rebuffed. Here the Polish "pope" truly showed his hand: What's good for campouts and youth fests is also good for communion! When some "neo-traditionalist"

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"Now the *works of the flesh* are manifest, which are fornication, uncleanness, *immodesty* and such like. Of the which I foretell you, as I have foretold to you, that *they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God*. But the fruit

of the Spirit is, charity, joy, peace,^{1/4}*modesty*,
continency, chastity."—Gal. 5:19-23