

**RESOLUTION No. XXIII / 328/16**  
**OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE MAŁOPOLSKIE VOIVODESHIP ASSEMBLY**  
**of 23 May 2016**

**on the establishment by the Malopolskie Voivodeship of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor Award for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural, social and interreligious dimension.**

On the basis of art. 14, section 1, point 3 and art. 18, point 20 of the Act of 5 June 1998 on voivodeship self-governments (Consolidated Text, Journal of Laws of 2016, item 486), art. 7a of the Act of 25 October 1991 on organising and conducting cultural activities (Consolidated Text, Journal of Laws of 2012, item 406, as amended), the Malopolskie Voivodeship Assembly resolves as follows:

§ 1

The Malopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor, called the Veritatis Splendor Award, is established for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural, social, interreligious dimension, taking into account the overall and individual achievements.

§ 2

The conditions and procedure of granting the Award, referred to in § 1, are defined in the Regulations annexed to this resolution.

§ 3

The implementation of the resolution is entrusted to the Board of the Małopolskie Voivodeship.

§ 4

The resolution shall be published in the Official Journal of the Małopolskie Voivodeship and shall enter into force 14 days from the date of its announcement.

## JUSTIFICATION

The idea for the establishment and granting by the self-government of the Małopolskie Voivodeship of the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor, called the Veritatis Splendor Award, for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural, social, interreligious dimension, is recognition and understanding of the message of Saint John Paul II for the necessity and legitimacy of the development of the communities based on intercultural dialogue.

As the Holy Father John Paul II wrote in his Veritatis Splendor encyclical "... no individual can escape from the following fundamental questions: What should I do? How to distinguish good from evil? The answer can be found only in the light of the truth that shines in the depths of a human spirit ... ". The inner moral voice of individuals represents a particular dimension of their strength and allows them not only to make the right choices but also do everything to share it with other people.

One of the things required by the Holy Father John Paul II is dialogue. This appeal was particularly emphasised by the Pope at Błonie Park on 10 June 1979. In his homily, he clearly pointed out that the attitude of openness to others is not caused by weakness and is not a kind of surrender. The Pope's call for dialogue was presented as a consequence of spiritual strength: "You must be strong with your strength of faith, hope and love [...], which allows us to engage in a great dialogue with a man and the world". In the later part of his homily, the Holy Father said: "We have to work for peace and reconciliation between the people and nations of the whole earth. We have to look for closer relations. We have to open borders [...]".

The life and pontificate of Pope John Paul II, a Pole and inhabitant of Małopolska, were and still are, for the international community, the testimony of the truth and development of real relationships between people, hard work and doing measurable good. The international community has defined him as the Man of Dialogue for taking any noticeable actions aimed at creating common ground for different societies, for openness to the contents of various cultures on interreligious dialogue, and for combating stereotypes, prejudices and hostility. It was noticed that the vision of coexistence of cultures and societies is created through mutual knowledge and coexistence.

Also in this context, in 1985, Pope John Paul II initiated the annual meetings of young people around the world, as part of national and international meetings. Bearing in mind the importance and impact of these events, the Veritatis Splendor Award is established to commemorate World Youth Day 2016 in Kraków.

It is assumed that the continuation of thoughts and accomplishments of Pope John Paul II is a great challenge for people today. The primary tool of actions for peace and coexistence should be a dialogue, especially between different cultures.

The Veritatis Splendor Award is established and granted by the self-government of the Małopolskie Voivodeship to emphasise the importance of an open attitude to other cultures, overcoming stereotypes, and aimed at knowing and coexisting with other people.

Since the mission of the Małopolskie Voivodeship is expressed by the statement which implies that "We want the Małopolskie region to be an attractive place for life, work and leisure, the European region of knowledge and activity, strong with universal values, identity and aspirations for its inhabitants, consciously drawing inspirations from the heritage and regional space, creating opportunities for the development of people and modern economy", it is considered that the Veritatis Splendor Award will be granted to the individuals and entities whose activities and achievements are based and associated with such qualities as:

- 1) Stimulation of creative processes and promotion of the opportunities for people and communities for development through respectful dialogue with others;
- 2) Promotion of an active attitude of tolerance treating cultural identity as a value rather than a reason for exclusion;

- 3) Search and exploration of fields of dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, in particular for the protection of inalienable natural rights of individuals;
- 4) Promotion of solidarity and social justice;
- 5) Acceptance of an ethics of solidarity (understood as the idea of the common good and care for people marginalised in modern societies);
- 6) Dissemination of knowledge about the values and rules respected in various cultural groups;
- 7) Respect for human rights and dignity;
- 8) Skillful transformation of conflict situations into the conditions of cooperation and collaboration of individuals or groups representing different cultural traditions;
- 9) Promotion of the need for making intercultural dialogue and deeper understanding of various views and practices;
- 10) Creation of places for intercultural dialogue and teaching intercultural competencies.

John Paul II was a proponent of dialogue, understood not only as respect for others but also as the source of a deeper understanding of the mystery of human life in general. The topicality of questions about the meaning and limits of the opening to individuality and diversity is even more important in the modern world, which faces challenges of multiculturalism. Małopolska is a border region, whose numerous national minorities, ethnic and religious, have co-created their cultural landscape for centuries. The traditions of coexistence of cultures in Małopolska are still alive and rediscovered for the purpose of present needs.

The Veritatis Splendor Award is not only to commemorate an outstanding inhabitant of Małopolska, whose inalienable achievements in the field of dialogue between cultures have been widely appreciated, but also to recognise the unique history and traditions of the region, represented by Małopolska, along with the awareness of challenges in the future.

The Veritatis Splendor Award will contribute to the recognition of the identity of Małopolska in the world and enable interoperability with multiple environments, including cultural and civilisation circles. Following the thought of Holy John Paul II that social dialogue, political dialogue, interreligious dialogue, especially intercultural dialogue, are the only true and effective tools capable of resolving emerging conflicts, or even preventing them, and also the only tools that allow the search for the common good, perception and appreciation of persons and entities acting for dialogue between cultures, is by all means justified.

**REGULATIONS**  
**for granting the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award**  
**of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor,**  
**called the Veritatis Splendor Award,**  
**for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a**  
**cultural, social and interreligious dimension**

**Preamble**

*The Małopolskie Voivodeship is an initiator and organiser of the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor, called the Veritatis Splendor Award, for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural, social and interreligious dimension.*

The Award is intended to highlight the importance of actions and attitudes open to other cultures, overcoming stereotypes, and aimed at knowing and coexisting with other people.

The Award is granted in recognition of attitudes, achievements and merits of the Holy Father John Paul II in the field of dialogue between cultures and the entire mental achievements related to the adoption of the idea that attitudes of mutual respect are a prerequisite for any fruitful cooperation between people.

§ 1

1. The Małopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor, called the Veritatis Splendor Award, is granted for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural, social, interreligious dimension, taking into account the overall and individual achievements.

2. The Award is granted to individuals or legal persons in recognition for their lifetime accomplishments or achievements of significant importance for the Małopolskie Voivodeship, whose activities and achievements are based and linked with the following values:

- 1) Stimulation of creative processes and promotion of the opportunities for people and communities for development through respectful dialogue with others;
- 2) Promotion of an active attitude of tolerance treating cultural identity as a value rather than a reason for exclusion;
- 3) Search and exploration of fields of dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, in particular for the protection of inalienable natural rights of individuals;
- 4) Promotion of solidarity and social justice;
- 5) Acceptance of an ethics of solidarity (understood as the idea of the common good and care for marginalised people in modern societies);
- 6) Dissemination of knowledge about the values and rules respected in various cultural groups;
- 7) Respect for human rights and dignity;
- 8) Skillful transformation of conflict situations into the conditions of cooperation and collaboration of individuals or groups representing different cultural traditions;
- 9) Promotion of the need for making intercultural dialogue and deeper understanding of various views and practices;
- 10) Creation of places for intercultural dialogue and teaching intercultural competence.

3. The amount of the Award is equivalent to USD 100 000 and is paid according to the average exchange rate on the last business day preceding the day of transfer. The amount of the Award is reduced by income tax due.

4. The financial Award is accompanied by a commemorative emblem.

§ 2

1. The organiser of the Award is the Małopolskie Voivodeship, called the Organiser.

2. The Award is awarded every two years.

3. The procedure for granting the Award takes place in the following stages:

- a. First stage – the announcement of the edition of the Award, made publicly known, together with the deadline for applications of candidates for the Award, during the International Conference of the Veritatis Splendor Award, subject to § 2, section 7;
  - b. Second stage - sending candidates for the Award;
  - c. Third stage - evaluation of candidates by the Award Committee;
  - d. Fourth stage – selection and announcement of a laureate of the Veritatis Splendor Award;
  - e. Fifth stage – granting of the Award;
4. The Award may be granted only to one laureate in a given edition.
  5. The Award can only be received once.
  6. The organiser may withdraw from granting the Award in a given edition.
  7. 1st edition of the Award will be held with the exclusion of the International Conference of the Veritatis Splendor Award.

### § 3

1. A laureate will be selected by the Board of the Małopolskie Voivodeship by resolution, as recommended by the Award Committee.
2. The Committee of the Veritatis Splendor Award selects a laureate of the Award from among the applications submitted by individuals, legal persons or other legal entities.
3. The Award Committee includes 13 members appointed by the Board of the Małopolskie Voivodeship from among the international group of individuals coming from intellectual, social and cultural circles.
4. The members of the Award Committee will be listed in the content of the announcement about the Award.
5. The members of the Award Committee shall perform their functions for one term, which lasts four years.
6. The membership in the Award Committee ceases as a result of resignation submitted to the Board of the Małopolskie Voivodeship by the Member of the Award Committee, the loss of the Member's full legal capacity or death. In this case, the Board of the Małopolskie Voivodeship shall appoint a new member of the Award Committee for the period lasting until the end of the term of the Member whose membership has ceased.
7. In justified cases, the Board of the Małopolskie Voivodeship has the right to dismiss the Member of the Award Committee.
8. Membership in the Award Committee is honorary, and its Members shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses to and from the place of meeting of the Award Committee and the Awards ceremony, as well as to the reimbursement of related costs of accommodation and meals.
9. The works of the Award Committee are headed and chaired by the Chairman of the Award Committee, elected for a given term.
10. The Award Committee, when assessing candidates submitted for the Award, take into account the criteria mentioned in § 1, section 2 hereof.
11. The Award Committee decides about the selection of a laureate of the Award by simple majority vote. The presence of at least 7 members of the Award is required for making a decision in this regard. In the case of an equal number of votes, the Chairman's vote prevails.
12. The Award Committee is permitted to work and vote by using electronic means or mail.
13. The selection of a laureate of the Award is final and without appeal.
14. The works of the Award Committee are handled by the Organiser.

### § 4

1. The applications for the Award may be submitted by individuals, legal persons or other entities within the time specified in the announcement (date of receipt shall be taken as a proof).
2. The application for the Award constitutes acceptance by the applicant of the Regulations of the Award.
3. The application for the Award must include, in accordance with the model annexed to the Regulations:
  - 1) application form (including an electronic version on CD, DVD or similar with saved files in a non-editable format), including in particular: candidate's name and surname or the name of institution / organisation submitted for the Award, details of submitting person and information about candidate's achievements.
  - 2) submitting person and applicant's statement about the consent to the processing of personal data.

### § 5

Any changes to these Regulations will remain valid after their official adoption.

**Appendix No. 1**  
to the Regulations for granting  
the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award  
*of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor,*  
called *the Veritatis Splendor Award,*

for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural,  
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**APPLICATION FORM**  
**for the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award**  
**of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor,**  
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**for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a  
cultural, social and interreligious dimension**

**I. Name and surname of a candidate /name of the company submitted** for *the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor:*

**II. Details of the entity submitting** the candidate for *the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor:*

1. Name and surname or name of the entity submitting a candidature:

2. **Address, tel. number, email,** webpage of the entity submitting a candidature:

Address:

Tel/Mob. tel.:

Email:

Webpage (if available):

**III. Justification/information (in points) about the achievements of a candidate/entity submitted for the Award,** for which *the Małopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor* is to be granted (up to five printed pages, Arial 11 pt font, spacing 1.5).

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**IV. Appendices**

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Date:

Signature and stamp of the entity submitting:

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**Consent of the person / entity submitting a candidate for the Award  
to the processing of personal data**

I consent to the processing of personal data contained in the competition application form for **the Malopolskie Voivodeship Award of John Paul II Veritatis Splendor, called the Veritatis Splendor Award, for outstanding contributions to the promotion of intercultural dialogue between cultures in a cultural, social and interreligious dimension**, according to Personal Data Protection Act of 29 August 1997 (Consolidated Text, Journal of Laws of 2015, item 2135, as amended).

Date:

Signature and stamp of the entity submitting:

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**Consent of the person / entity submitted for the Award  
to the processing of personal data**

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