

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Pope John Paul II Coat Of Arms



The Arms of JOHN PAUL II are not only famous but singular into Papal Armorial. The Coat of Arms has a **blue shield with golden cross** off-centered towards dexter chief, with a **golden 'M'** in sinister base field. Above the shield there is a **papal tiara** (three times crowned hat), and behind shield are **crossed golden and silver keys**.

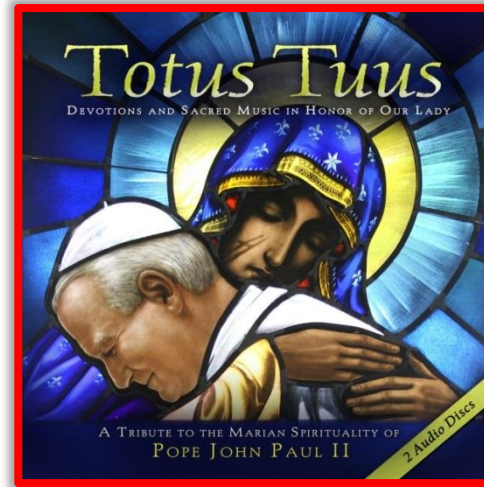
The keys, symbolize the government of the Church as much a Sovereign State as Religious Institution, alluding naturally to the **"keys of the Kingdom of the Heaven"** that Our Lord Jesus Christ gave to Saint Peter constituting him First Pope. The **cord** is red, also all of the gems in the tiara. The **ribbon** emerging from the tiara is red also, with golden crosses and golden fringes.

The design shows the **"Marian Cross"**, a cross with a capital **M for Mary** inscribed in one quarter, recalling the presence of Mary beneath the cross



"Totus Tuus" "Totally Thine"

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S MOTTO



The motto was the result of a deep, enduring devotion to Mary that grew strong when he was a young man, after reading the writings of **ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT**.

The pontiff explained the meaning further in his book **Crossing the Threshold of Hope** where he defines it as not only an expression of piety but also of devotion that is deeply rooted in the **Mystery of the Blessed Trinity**.



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"Do Not Be Afraid Open Wide The Doors For Christ"

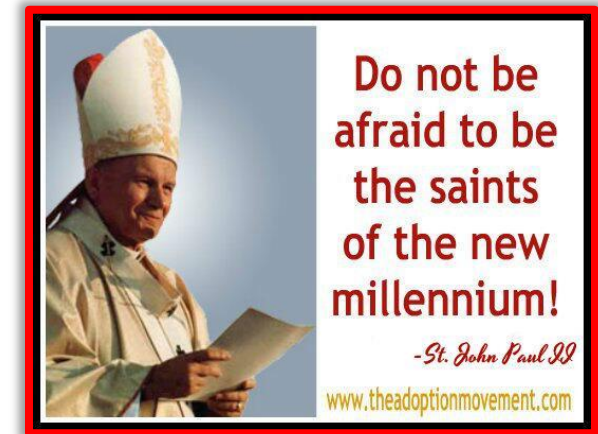
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INAUGURATION OF HIS PONTIFICATE

St. Peter's Square

Sunday, October 22, 1978



Brothers and sisters, **do not be afraid to welcome Christ** and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power **to serve the human person and the whole of mankind**.

To His saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development.

So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about **the meaning of his life on this earth**. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair.

We ask you therefore, we beg you with humility and trust, **let Christ speak to man**.

He alone has words of life, yes, of eternal life.