

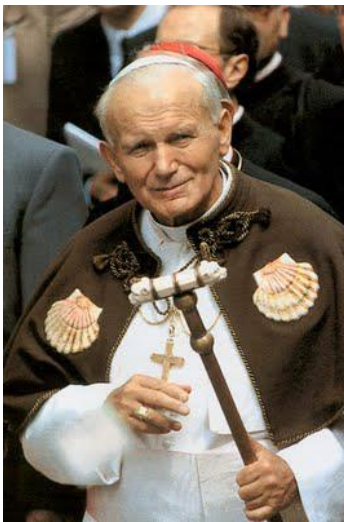
JOHN PAUL II IN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Pope John Paul II visited Santiago de Compostela in two occasions: November 1982, August 1989.

In **November 1982**, Santiago's Holy Year, and after 10 days of travelling through Spain, John Paul II arrives in Santiago as a pilgrim. Here he sent a message to Europe:

“I, bishop of Rome and Shepherd of the universal church, from Santiago de Compostela, send to you, old Europe, a

message full of love: Find yourself again, Be yourself, Discover your origins.”



In **August 1989**, Pope Wojtyla came back to Santiago to commemorate the World Day of Youth, where thousands of young people gathered in Monte do Gozo, the place from where pilgrims see the city of Santiago and its cathedral towers for the first time. He walked a part of the Way, in a symbolic pilgrimage and communicated to his audience **“Santiago de Compostela is not only a sanctuary but also a way, that is, a dense net of itinireraries for the pilgrims. The Way to Santiago has been a way of conversion and extraordinary testimony of faith for centuries.”**

