

# San Franciscans Celebrate Historic Day For Pope John Paul II

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SAN FRANCISCO (KCBS) – Many Catholics showed up at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco on Sunday to mark the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

Natives of more than 20 nations gathered outside the cathedral, with many waving Polish flags in honor of Poland’s Pope John Paul II.

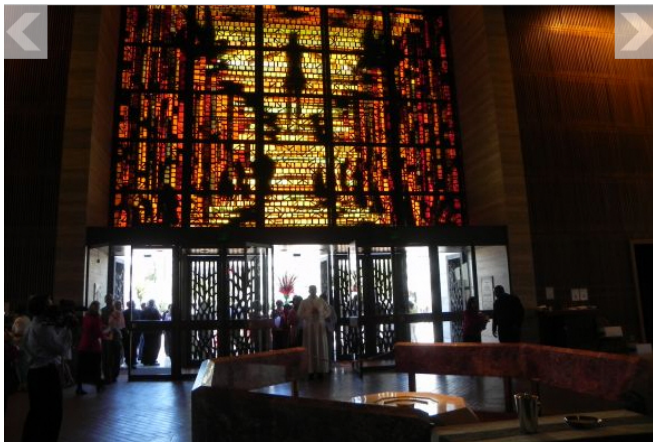
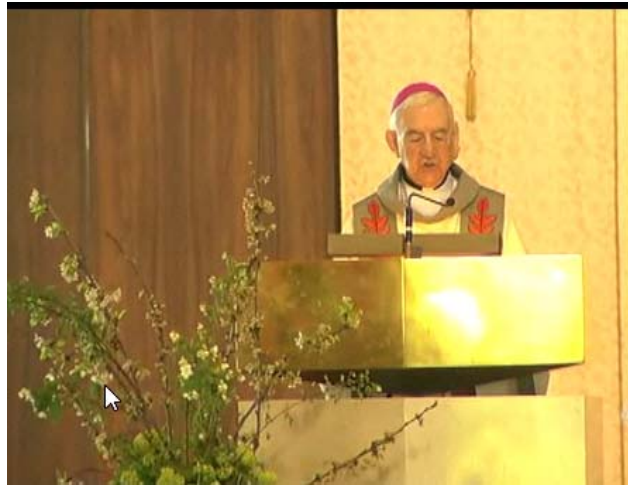
KCBS’ Chris Filippi Reports:

The Bay Area Polish community was especially proud of the moment as the beloved former pontiff moved a step closer to possible sainthood.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in Rome early Sunday morning. Some 1.5 million people gathered in and around St. Peter’s Square for the ceremony. Beatification is the first major milestone on the path to possible sainthood. A second miracle attributed to John Paul’s intercession is needed for him to be canonized.

Pope John Paul II passed away in 2005.





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