

# ***A WEEK BEFORE HIS BEATIFICATION—POPE JOHN PAUL II WAS POSTHUMOUSLY BAPTIZED FOR THE SIXTH TIME BY MORMONS***

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**SALT LAKE CITY—Pope John Paul II**, born ***Karol Józef Wojtyła*** (May 18, 1920 – April 2, 2005), has been baptized by proxy in a Mormon temple for at least the sixth time.

In April 2006, a year after his death, Pope John Paul II, under his birth name, ***Karol Jozef Wojtyla***, was posthumously baptized four times in four different Mormon temples:

***Karol Joseff [sic] Wojtyla was baptized on April 11, 2006 in the Ogden Utah Temple.***

***Karol Jozef Wojtyla was baptized on April 19, 2006 in the Madrid Spain Temple.***

***Karol Jozef Wojtyla was baptized on April 20, 2006 in the Jordan River Utah Temple.***

***Karol Jozef Wojtyla was baptized on April 26, 2006 in the Salt Lake Temple.***

Pope John Paul II was baptized, yet again, in another Mormon temple in 2009:

***Karol Jozef Wojtyla was baptized on November 25, 2009 in the Idaho Falls Idaho Temple.***

On that temple record, ***the late pontiff was confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by proxy on December 1, 2009 in the San Diego California (LDS) Temple.*** (Confirmation would have occurred after each of his previous baptisms.)

About a week before his beatification in Rome on May 1, 2011, the late Pope John Paul II, under his birth name, ***Karol Josef Wojtyla***, was, once more, baptized and confirmed as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by proxy:

***Karol Josef Wojtyla was baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 23, 2011 in the Logan Utah (Mormon) Temple.***

It appears the Mormon submitter of the latest baptism and confirmation for the late pope waited until just before the beatification before performing the recent rites. Earlier copies of that submission show it was ***“In progress”*** and ***“Reserved”*** on September 4, 2010.

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