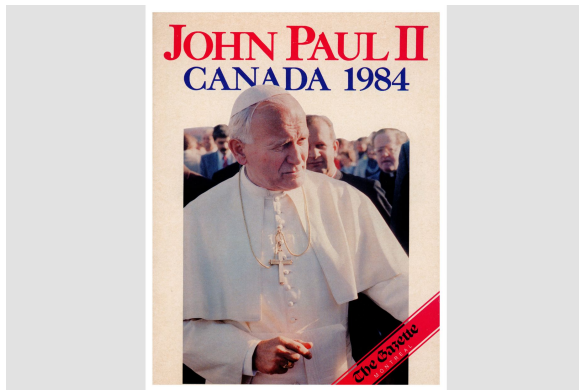


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Special booklet from The Gazette about John Paul II in Canada in 1984.
English booklet.

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Date 1984

Materials ink, paper

Measurements 27,5 x 21 cm

Historical context

Between September 9 and 20, 1984, Pope John Paul II visited Canada. When the papal plane landed in Quebec City on September 9, he became the first pope in history to set foot on Canadian soil. During his tour, he visited 13 Canadian cities from coast to coast, addressing the population with a message of social justice, self-determination for aboriginal peoples and world peace. The tour received extensive media coverage across the country, as evidenced by this special booklet prepared by The Gazette.

One of the highlights of the Pope's tour was his visit to Montreal on September 11. For the occasion, he went in turn to Saint Joseph's Oratory for a meeting with Quebec bishops, to Jarry Park for an open-air mass, to Notre-Dame Church for a mass for schoolchildren, and finally concluded a parade at the Olympic Stadium, where he was welcomed by over 60,000 young people aged 16 to 25. A show involving 2,400 teenagers was prepared especially for the event, and it was then that 16-year-old Céline Dion sang the song *Une colombe* (A Dove) for the Pope, a hymn to peace that would later become very famous.