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# St. John Paul II: Why is it worth giving away a part of Yourself?

"Over and above such outstanding moments, there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life. A particularly praiseworthy example of such gestures is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope."

#### Evangelium Vitae, 1995

"It is a decision to offer, without reward, a part of one's own body for the health and well-being of another person. In this sense, the medical action of transplantation makes possible the donor's act of self-giving, that sincere gift of self which expresses our constitutive calling to love and communion."

#### To Participants of the First International Congress of the Society for Organ Sharing, 1991

"There is a need to instill in people's hearts, especially in the hearts of the young, a genuine and deep appreciation of the need for brotherly love, a love that can find expression in the decision to become an organ donor."

#### To the 18th International Congress of the Transplantation Society, 2000

"With the advent of organ transplantation, which began with blood transfusions, man has found a way to give of himself, of his blood and of his body, so that others may continue to live. [...] We are challenged to love our neighbor in new ways; in evangelical terms, to love "to the end" (Cf. Jn. 13:1), yet within certain limits which cannot be exceeded, limits laid down by human nature itself. [...] a person can only donate that of which he can deprive himself without serious danger or har to his own life or personal identity, and for a just and proportionate reason."

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#### Polish Law requires to register Donors only with a PESEL numer.

( If You are a foreigner, and You want to become a Bone Marrow Donor, You should look for an information in the Internet on the World Marrow Donor Organisation website (www.wmda.info) or to go to the nearest national bone marrow donors organisation in your country.



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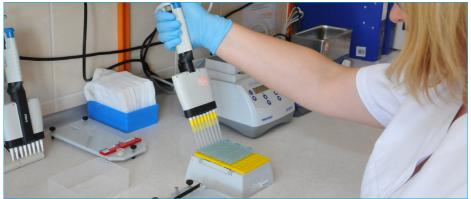
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## Save your Neighbor

Become an honorary bone marrow donor. A transplant of a bone marrow can save a life of a person suffering from leukemia, other blood diseases or some non-cancer diseases. Everyone healthy person can become a donor but only for one condition he or she must be a genetic twin of patient. Such "twins" are extremely rare. Statistically one in a million of registered donors becomes an actual donor! That's why Registers of Unrelated Hematopoietic Cells Donors are developed. One of such Registers exists in Military Institute of Medicine. The more potential donors we find, examine and register, the bigger the chance we can save someone's life!!



To become a donor You must be between 18 and 50 years old and be generally healthy. Persons who at some point in their life went through type B or C liver inflammation or had contact with HIV virus cannot become donors.

Registration is easy, quick and it's culmination point is the collection of blood sample from a potencial donor.

## JULY 27, 28 AND 29

DURING WORLD YOUTH DAYS WE ARE IN KRAKOW, NEAR ST. MARY'S BASILICA ON THE SMALL SQUARE MARKET (MAŁY RYNEK)