

## FACULTY OF PUBLIC GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## **VICE-DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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## Letter of condolence

Dear grieving community of the Pontifical University of John Paul II!

On behalf of our Rector, Prof. Dr. Gergely Deli and our Dean, Dr. Réka Varga, I would like to express our sincerest sympathies at the passing of your most honourable Rev. Prof. Dr. Hab. Michał Drożdż, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland. Father Drożdż was not only a beloved member of the university community, but also a professional academic leader, respected scientist and will be missed by many.

We have been honoured to have been able to develop strong professional links between our university and your institution with his help. It has been a great privilege to have him in Budapest to continue his research with our Faculty despite his illness, thanks to the scientific grants he has been awarded. His scientific work, his teachings and his institution-building are a fantastic legacy to leave behind!

While it hurts to say goodbye to someone you love, I hope the university faculty can take comfort knowing that Prof. Drożdż is now with his heavenly father. Hold Romans 10:9 close to your heart, which says, "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rev. Drożdż believed this with his whole heart.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this devastating time.

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