

On the obverse, all Polish coins feature:

- face value
- emblem of the Republic of Poland
- legend: Rzeczpospolita Polska
- year of issue



Issuing collector items is an occasion to commemorate important historic figures and anniversaries, as well as to develop the interest of the public in Polish culture, science, and tradition.

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On 24 April 2014, Narodowy Bank Polski will be putting into circulation “Centenary of the birth of Jan Karski” coins with the following face values: PLN 200, PLN 10 and PLN 2.

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Canonization of John Paul II 27 April 2014



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Canonization (Latin: *canonizatio*) means “declaring someone a saint”, which is an official recognition of the sanctity of the person’s life by the Holy See, an announcement by the Pope that the person is worthy of public worship in the universal Church, and the inclusion of the person in the venerable list of saints. The canonization occurs at the conclusion of a canonization process lasting many years and differs from the beatification in that beatification initiates the official cult of the Blessed person in a local Church, that is, in a particular diocese or a country, and canonization extends the cult to the whole Church.

Pope John Paul II, during 51 canonization ceremonies, declared 482 persons to be saints, most of whom were martyrs for the Christian faith. After 9 years since the death of the Polish Pope, John Paul II himself – beatified on 1 May 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI – is included in the canon of saints. This is the fulfilment of the cries of crowds, gathered at St. Peter’s Square in Rome on the day of the Pope’s funeral: “Santo Subito” or “Saint immediately!”. The act of the official canonization confirms the greatness of John Paul II, his steadfastness in confessing and proclaiming the Gospel, as well as huge appreciation and gratitude for the gift of the extraordinary pontificate, which occupies a unique place in the history of the world, the Catholic Church and Poland.

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On 15 April 2014, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation “Canonization of John Paul II – 27 April 2014” coins, with face values of PLN 100, PLN 500, PLN 10 and PLN 2.



Face value: 100 zł
Metal: Au 900/1000
Finish: proof
Diameter: 21.00 mm
Weight: 8.00 g
Mintage: up to 5,000 pcs

Coin designer: Andrzej Nowakowski
Issuer: NBP
The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



Face value: 500 zł
Metal: Ag 999/1000
Finish: proof
Diameter: 100.00 mm
Weight: 1,000.00 g
Mintage: up to 966 pcs

Coin designer: Andrzej Nowakowski
Issuer: NBP
The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



Face value: 10 zł
Metal: Ag 925/1000
Finish: proof
Diameter: 32.00 mm
Weight: 14.14 g
Mintage: up to 50,000 pcs

Coin designer: Andrzej Nowakowski
Issuer: NBP
The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.



Face value: 2 zł
Metal: CuAl5Zn5Sn1
Finish: standard
Diameter: 27.00 mm
Weight: 8.15 g
Mintage: up to 1,600,000 pcs

Obverse designer: Ewa Tyc-Karpińska
Reverse designer: Andrzej Nowakowski
Issuer: NBP
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Obverse of the coins – image of John Paul II after the photograph by Grzegorz Gałązka.