Pope John Paul II on Jews and Judaism

- Jews live in covenant with God.
- 2 Anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism are sins.



- 3 Christian teaching, including the misuse of some New Testament texts, has promoted antipathy and violence toward Jews. Conversion is needed.
- **4** There exists a divinely-willed ongoing bond between Judaism and Christianity.
- **5** Judaism has its own distinctive vocation in the divine plan.
- **6** Jesus was and always remained a Jew. His humanity cannot be understood apart from this.
- Christians must affirm Jewish self-understanding of their own religious experience. This includes a respect for Jewish attachment to *Eretz Yisrael* (the land of Israel).
- **3** Christians deepen their own faith when they learn from the living faith of contemporary Jews. Dialogue must be undertaken.
- **9** The Scriptures of ancient Israel have revelatory value as inspired texts beyond the Church's christological reading of them.
- **10** Jews and Christians both have the covenantal responsibility to prepare for the Age to Come.

