

Stepping Deeper Within

Honoriusz Kowalczyk OP
(1935–1984)

Editor: Father Stanislaw Honoriusz Kowalczyk of the Polish Province of Dominicans died on May 8 after a car accident near Gniezno. For many years involved in chaplaincy work with students in Poznan and Krakow, he came to have very close and active links with Solidarity. According to information published in Keston College's "The Right to Believe", only a few days before his accident he was warned by the security police what his fate would be unless he severed his links with Solidarity and toned down his sermons. It was widely believed that his car had been tampered with, and the police requested the Dominicans to state publicly during the funeral (which was attended by over 10,000 people) that he had died in "a normal car accident".

Here is a translation of one of his poems.

The hope
we carry with us
is within

The faith
we offer life
is within

The love
with which we conquer life
is within

The truth
on which we found our life
is within

The road
we ever seek in life
is within

And what if
we should tear ourselves away
and step
deeper within?