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### **NOT BY JUSTICE ALONE**

The St. Paul Editions collection of John Paul II's first major trip, to Puebla in Mexico, in January, 1979, contains a charming photo of the handsome new Pope. He is wearing a Mexican cowboy hat, smiling, carrying a cute four year-old local girl.

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Karol Wojtyla then goes into the Basilica of Guadalupe, where Mexican clergy were assembled. "You are priests and religious," he told them. "You are not social or political leaders or officials of a temporal power."

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On the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes*, (15 March 2005), the dying Pope wrote to the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace: "The theme of justice does not exhaust the social doctrine of the Church. The virtue of love that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation and motivates Christian commitment to justice must never be forgotten. It nevertheless remains unquestionable that the topic of justice is the basis for 'the right ordering of human society.'"

*Not by justice alone are we saved, though not without it.*

It was different. That we now know.