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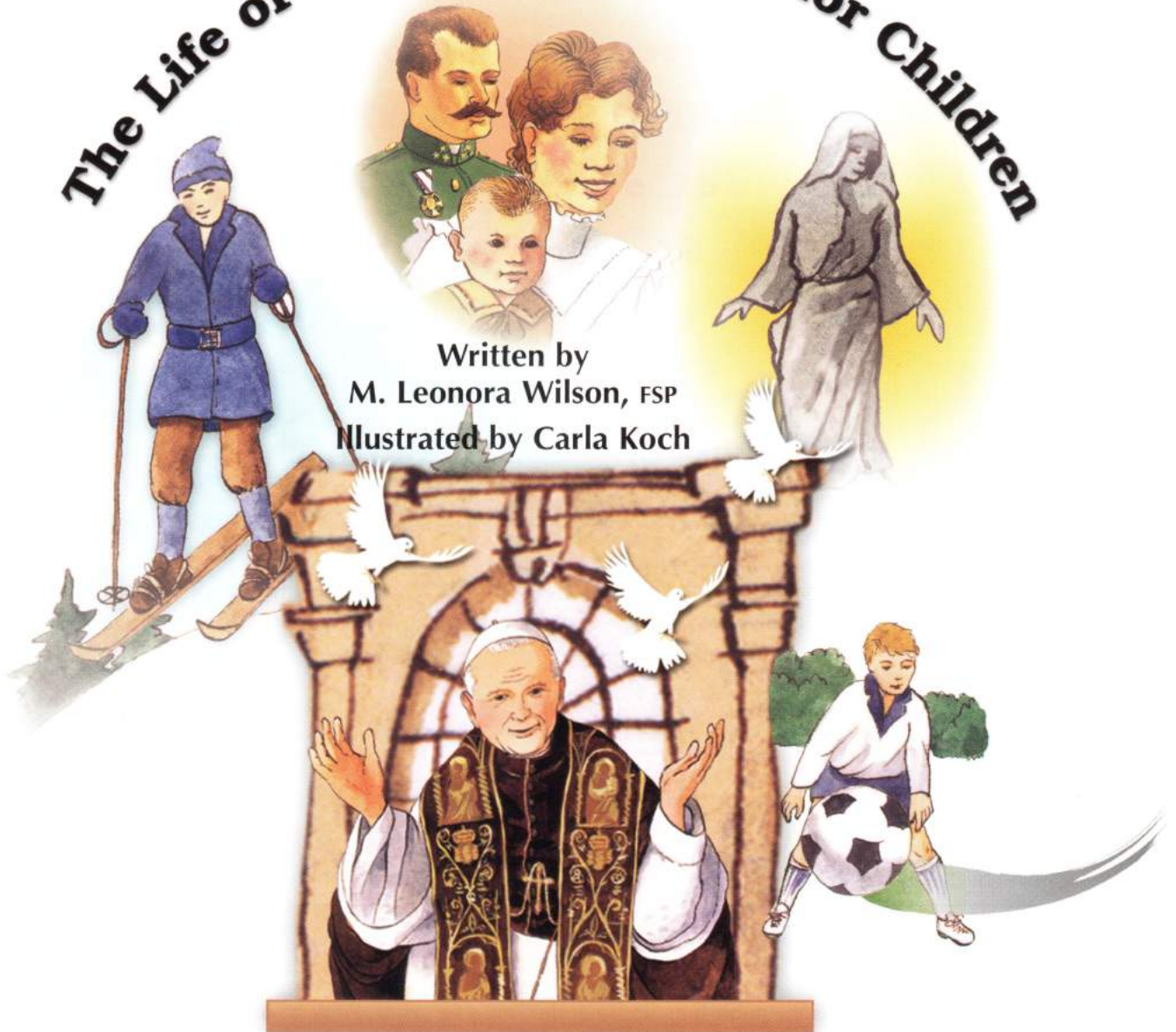
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Karol's House



This is the story of a boy who grew up to do special things for God and other people. The boy's name was Karol Wojtyla. In English, "Karol" means "Charles." We say Karol's last name like this: VOY-TEE-WAH.

The house where Karol lived is very far away from yours. You can't walk there. You can't even drive there by car. Do you know why? It's because there is an ocean between you and it! You would have to take a jet to get to Karol's house.

The house where Karol used to live is in the small town of Wadowice. We say that name like this: VAH-DOE-VEE-CHAY. Wadowice is in the country of Poland.

If you ever go to Wadowice, follow the road until you reach Church Street. Karol's house was number 7. He lived on the second floor.

This house looks like most of the other houses on the street, but to Karol it was special. It was *his* house. It was the house of his mother, his father, and his brother, Edmund. It was a house he loved.

When Karol was born, on May 18, 1920, his family lived in another house. Then they moved. Karol was too small to remember the other house.



Mother, Father, and Edmund



Karol's father was a soldier. Karol was very proud of him. He liked his father's uniform with its bright, brass buttons. He liked the shiny stars on the collar. But most of all he liked the special medal his father had won for being a good soldier. Karol thought that maybe he would be a soldier, too, someday.

Karol had a brother named Edmund. Edmund was fourteen years older than Karol was. When Edmund was at school and his father was at work, Karol would stay at home with his mother.

Mrs. Wojtyla cleaned the house. She sewed the clothes. She cooked many good things for her family to eat. Then, Mrs. Wojtyla would sit on one of the big chairs. She would put Karol on her lap and read him stories. Karol liked these stories. Some of the stories were about God.

Karol's mother told him that God loves us so much that he made us. She taught him that God's Son, Jesus, loves us so much that he came to earth and died to save us from our sins.

Mrs. Wojtyla taught Karol that God is everywhere. She explained that God is always with us and never stops loving us. She told Karol that God wants to be our best friend. God wants us to talk to him. We talk to God when we pray. Karol's mother taught him how to pray. Karol began to pray every morning and every night. He liked talking to God!

