



Natura sanat. on ecological aspects of healing
miracles in Kalwaria Pałacowska, Poland

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Kalwaria Paławska on the map of Poland





Kalwaria Paclawska is a Franciscan, Marian Catholic sanctuary which history dates back to the 17th century. It is also a name of a village surrounding the shrine





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Fieldwork in Kalwaria is conducted within a project: „Multisensory Religious Imageries in Selected Catholic Shrines in South-Eastern Poland”.



The main goal of pilgrimages to Kalwaria is the miraculous image of Virgin Mary The Listening



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The main event in Kalwaria is the Great Fair of the Assumption of Virgin Mary in August



Funeral of Virgin Mary, 2007



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Chapel of the Grave of Virgin Mary, 2016





Chapel of Christ's third fall, 2015

Chapels: Meeting with Mother, Christ's First Fall and of St Veronica (in the background), 2011





Crossing the Kidron (Wiar) River, 2015

Natural environment





Kalwaria Paławska is located in the middle of nature reserve, there are also plans of establishing a national park there



Nature and the sacred start to interweave

Franciscan ecological discourse: St Francis and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*




Transitus ceremony commemorating death of St Francis, 2015

Transitus ceremony: kissing relics of St Francis, 2015





Consecration of a figure of St Francis, the patron of ecologists, 2015

The background image shows a church square. On the left, a white church building with a green dome and arched windows is visible. People are sitting on the steps in front of the church. In the center, there is a wooden cross. To the right, there are trees and a white building with a red roof. The overall scene is a public gathering in a church square.

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