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Prof. Dr. Grzegorz Godawa has been a faculty member at the Pontifical University of John Paul II (UPJPII) since 2009, serving as a full professor. He is the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, a leading expert in pedagogy, the head of the Department of Social Pedagogy, and the coordinator of pedagogical sciences. Additionally, he has played a crucial role in designing postgraduate programs. He has been actively involved in committees preparing applications for launching pedagogical programs and has contributed to several initiatives aimed at the development and internationalization of UPJPII. Prof. Godawa is the author of over one hundred scientific publications in the fields of social pedagogy, family pedagogy, the foundations of education and didactics, axiology, religious education, thanatopedagogy, youth work, and pedeutology. His latest book, *Pedagogy of Interpersonal Closeness*, was published in 2024. He is engaged in both academic research and teaching. In addition to his academic work, he has experience working in a children's hospice and is currently involved in pastoral care for healthcare professionals. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, hiking in the mountains, and traveling. He is frequently seen in Kraków, commuting by bicycle or riding his Vespa scooter.

Title of the presentation

**THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL BONDS IN DIFFICULT LIFE SITUATIONS. THE CONTEXT
OF HOSPICE CARE**

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Social bonds play a fundamental role in the process of coping with difficult life situations. They are particularly important in hospice care, where patients and their loved ones face the irreversible reality of terminal illness. The presence of loved ones is an invaluable source of emotional strength, fostering the expression of feelings, fears and hopes. Communication between the patient, family and medical team is also important. Open dialogue allows care to be personalized to the patient's individual needs and to take into account the patient's spiritual and emotional expectations. The empathetic attitude of doctors, nurses and volunteers helps create an atmosphere of trust and safety, which contributes to greater patient comfort. Close relationships between staff and patients can reduce the distance resulting from the fear of death and help patients experience the last moments of life more consciously. In addition, hospice staff often become an especially important support for patients and their families in situations where family ties are weakened or absent. The assumptions of interpersonal closeness experienced in difficult situations can be applied to struggling with life's daily obstacles. Strong bonds can strengthen the potential of individuals and communities and make it easier to live through the struggles that occur.

Venue of the lecture:

**University of Debrecen, Faculty of Education for Children and
Special Educational Needs, Conference Hall**

(1-9 D s ny str., Hajd b sz rm ny)

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