

Wiadomości

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The Figure of Christ after renovation

The Christ sculpture, dating back to the beginnings of the 20th century and the late Baroque column, left without proper professional and restoration care were frequently subject to changes of colour, the losses were being filled in with the gypsum and asphalt mortar, which degraded the structure of the stone.

18 thousand PLN has been allotted for the renovation of the sculpture from the budget for the renovation of the historic chapels in the Wieliczka area.

At the end of June disassembly of the chapel located in the area of the Local Government Kindergarten no 2 in Wieliczka has been performed.

That's when it turned out that the sculpture was seated on a brick foundation, the top layer of which turned to dust. It negatively influenced the stability of the chapel. After it has been disassembled into basic components, the chapel has been transported to the restoration workshop. Samples of surface layers have been made and submitted for the laboratory examination. In effect it turned that originally it hasn't been polychromed. That's why the sculpture, which as a matter of fact is a concrete cast has been covered with an artificial stone mass, the colour of sandstone.

It is also worth stressing that during the conservation works four openings have been discovered on the base of the sculpture which means a canopy crowned the chapel.

Because of this, the Restoration Committee decided to restore the original look of the chapel and today we can admire the Christ figure protected with a canopy.

It's also been decided to leave the spinning wheel with a lock, which once served the purpose of pulling out a light lighting the crossroads by which the figure is located.

Today it is the mute witness of the role which once was played by the chapel. It was the light in the darkness for the tired wanderers who directed their steps at it in order to thank God for the peaceful journey.

Each year the Municipal budget reserves a sum of approximately 100 thousand PLN for renovation of

the historic chapels in the Wieliczka area. Successively, the objects which are of a high historic value and of an especially bad technical condition undergo restoration works. Soon we shall see the end of restoration works concerning the stone pillar Holy Mother chapel in Czarnochowice.