



Today in History

April 2, 2005

▲ **Pope John Paul II, spiritual leader of 1.2 billion Catholics, died at age 84. Born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland, he was the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years**

1860: Italy's first "National Parliament", the precursor to that of a fully united Italy met at Turin

1905: The Simplon rail tunnel was opened, linking Switzerland and Italy

1989: ASUS, the Taiwan-based computer, phone and electronics company, was founded. In 2017 it was the world's 5th largest supplier of PCs

1995: Scientists announced that water in liquid form had been found on Mars