

5 Things you don't know about the Vatican

The Holy Bullet related

1- Why is the novel titled *The Holy Bullet*?

According to medical exams and reports, the bullets that injured the Pope managed to avoid every major organ, almost as though it had been guided by a divine hand.

2- What happened to the bullet?

The Pope made it a holy offering. You can see the bullet itself inside the crown of the Virgin Mary statue in Fatima, Portugal.

3- Why did John Paul II offer the bullet to the Virgin Mary?

Because he thought that it was her divine hand that had kept the bullet from killing him. He was especially devoted to Mary.

4- How many bullets struck John Paul II?

Ali Agca shot him six times at a very close range, but only three of the bullets struck the Pope.

5- Were there any secret agencies—the KGB or the CIA, for example--involved in this assassination attempt?

No. It was an inside job as the book describes. That said there were several secret agents in St Peter's Square who were tipped off that something was about to happen. Despite that, Polish secret services had planned at least 22 assassination attempts on John Paul II during his papacy.

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