MEMORIAL MEDAL ISSUED FOR THE REBURIAL OF JANUS PANNONIUS

The article describes the memorial medal made to mark the reburial of the Bishop of Pecs, Janus Pannonius (1459-1472).

During archaeological research in Pecs Cathedral (Hungary) the skeleton of a young man was found with a lead bull of Pope Paul II (1464-1471). Pope Paul II was in good relations with Janus and he enthroned him as Bishop of the Pecs Bishopric. This fact, the discovery of the bull, and later anthropological and pathological research, confirmed that what had been found was Janus’s grave. During the centuries Janus Pannonius’s tombstone had been destroyed and every trace of the whereabouts of his body lost.

To mark the new ceremonial burial of the body of Janus Pannonius on 21 October 2008 in Pecs Cathedral, a fine memorial medal showing him was made.