

EPP PRESIDENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

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EPP President Wilfried Martens paid tribute to Pope John Paul II, who passed away late today, after longstanding health problems.

◆*For decades, Pope John Paul II offered immeasurable inspiration for millions of Christians around the world. His spiritual legacy and leadership is unprecedented in the history of the Catholic Church. His efforts to encourage closer dialogue among all Christian faiths and his willingness to open dialogue with other major religions are just small examples of his spiritual foresight. The sacred path opened by Pope John Paul II will not be easy to follow,*◆ said Wilfried Martens.

The 84 year old Pope John Paul II, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Cracow, Poland. He was formerly known as Karol Józef Wojtyła, before his October 1978 election to the papacy.

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