

EPP CONGRATULATES NEW POPE BENEDICT XVI

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On behalf of the European People's Party, President Wilfried Martens, sent today his *warmest greetings and best wishes* to the newly elected Pope Benedict XVI for his *new mission as successor of the throne of Saint Peter*.

Your choice of the name Benedict is of very special significance for those of us who are working for reconciliation and cooperation among the peoples of Europe, Martens stresses in his letter to the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

We see in your pontificate the potential to strengthen the European Union as a zone for peace and solidarity radiating a light of hope for the whole world, he adds.

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