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Message of Condolences
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We in the ELF-RC and the Eritrean public received the news about the death of Pope John Paul the 2nd with shock and dismay, as many peoples the world over have. We all share the pain of the loss that his passing away constitutes not only to the Church but to all peace-loving peoples.

The living message of peace, brotherhood and justice that the Pope carried with him when he tirelessly criss-crossed the planet, sacrificing his life, and reaching out to all, regardless of their religious affiliations, make him the Pope not only of his Church but for all humanity.

During his long mission, Pope John Paul 2nd dedicated his life to uphold the rights and dignity of the marginalised and downtrodden peoples and with unparalleled courage spelled the truth and his unabated call for justice and brotherhood.

The messages of peace and hope that Pope John Paul the 2nd carried mean a lot to the downtrodden and betrayed people of Eritrea suffering under tyranny and rule of terror.

We shall carry the memory of the Pope's courage and the clarity of his human message as we struggle for the realisation of change, democracy and justice in Eritrea and the region.

We in the ELF-RC and the Eritrean people share the sense and pain of this great loss with Catholic Christians in particular, and with humanity in general where his Holiness' heart really belongs. Our condolences!

The Pope has passed away, but the message of Peace and brotherhood he carried lives on to give peoples hope and confidence in the future of mankind.

God bless His Holiness's soul,

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