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MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj Remembers Saint John Paul II

Ottawa – On Wednesday, April 5, Etobicoke Centre MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj paid tribute in a moving statement on the floor of Canada’s House of Commons to Polish son, Catholic Pontiff and recognized moral and spiritual world leader St. John Paul II.

The touching statement was made in honour of the Ontario’s Pope John Paul II Day and on the twelfth anniversary of the death of the beloved spiritual leader who exemplified true courage and grace while living under the two most brutal totalitarian ideologies in history, fascism and communism.

Wrzesnewskyj’s House of Commons statement read:



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St. John Paul II

Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskyj (Etobicoke Centre, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, Sunday was Pope John Paul II Day in Ontario.

As a young man, Karol Wojtyła entered an underground seminary during the Nazi occupation of Poland and at lethal personal risk, saved Polish Jews. Following the Soviet takeover of deeply Catholic Poland, Stalin scoffed “how many divisions does the Pope of Rome have?” It was at this time that Father Wojtyła was ordained, focussing on youth, organizing secret prayers and theological discussions.

Elected Pontiff in 1978, Pope John Paul II’s experiences as a Bishop and Cardinal in communist atheist Poland provided him with the inner strength and experience to catalyze Poles in opposition to the regime. The peaceful Solidarity Revolution led to the downfall of Poland’s communist rulers, peaceful revolutions in the Warsaw Pact countries and the collapse of the Soviet “Evil Empire.”

Saint John Paul II visited Canada three times, touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of Canadians.

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Attached video file of Wrzesnewskyj’s April 5, 2017 statement on St. John Paul II.

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