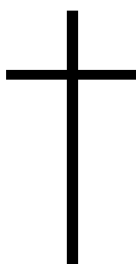


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SUMMUS PONTIFEX

FRANCISCUS PP.

Die 21 m. APRILIS hora 7.35

SANCTISSIME OBDORMIVIT IN DOMINO

VIVIT IN CHRISTO

EXTREMA AEGROTATIO ET OBITUS

Feria II infra Octavam Paschae die XXI mensis Aprilis, Summus Pontifex Franciscus mortuus est hora 7.35 apud *Domum Sanctae Marthae* in Vaticano, quam elegerat domicilium postquam Successor Petri apostoli electus est, et quo die XXIII mensis Martii rediit, post dimissionem e valetudinario Romano «Agostino Gemelli».

Pontifex receptus est in valetudinarium die XIV mensis Februarii propter pneumoniam bilateralem. Per XXXVIII dies suae decubitionis spiritualis propinquitatis signa pro valetudine eius sustinenda in mundo multiplicata sunt. Cum in Vaticanum rediisset, neglecto contrario consilio medicorum, statim seipsum ministerio tradidit, saepius in publico se ostendens. Post Missam in Dominica in Palmis de Passione Domini, cuius celebrationi Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Leonardus S.R.E. Card. Sandri, vices gerens Decani Collegii Cardinalium, praefuit, Papa Franciscus peregrinos et fideles in Foro Petriano adiit, ut iis salutem diceret. Tribus diebus post voluit gratias persolvere moderatoribus et ministris Operis fundati valetudinarii “A. Gemelli”, Catholicae Universitatis et Directionis de Publica Salute et Valetudine Status Civitatis Vaticanae, qui ei adfuerunt curationes largientes. Post meridiem feriae V Hebdomadae Sanctae Domum detentionis *Regina Coeli* visitavit, ubi fere LXX captivis variis e nationibus occurrit. Tandem die XX mensis Aprilis, Dominica Resurrectionis, prospectavit e maeniano Basilicae S. Petri et, postquam Archiepiscopus Didacus Ioannis Ravelli, Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum, nuntium paschalem legit, Papa Franciscus Benedictionem *Urbi et Orbi* fidelibus in Foro Petriano adstantibus atque omnibus celebrationi via radiophonica, televisifica vel per alia instrumenta communicationis iunctis, impertitus est. Postea Sanctus Pater postremum iter papali autocineto agere voluit, ut multitudinem hominum Petriano in Foro salutaret.

Mane diei XXI mensis Aprilis, feria II infra Octavam Paschae, adstantibus ministris medicinae addictis et familiaribus, qui ei assidebant, Summus Pontifex hora 7.35 in Domino obdormivit. Eius decessus, a Prof. Andrea Arcangeli census, etiam per instrumentum electrocardiotanatographicum secundum normas vaticanas confirmatus est. Statim ad obsequium complorato Pontifici reddendum advenerunt Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Petrus S.R.E. Card. Parolin, olim Secretarius Status, Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Coëmgenus

Iosephus S.R.E. Card. Farrell, Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, Exc.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Archiepiscopi Edgarius Peña Parra, Substitutus Sectionis de Generalibus Negotiis Secretariae Status, et Didacus Ioannes Ravelli, Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum.

Professor Andreas Arcangeli, Praefectus Directionis de Publica Salute et Valetudine Status Civitatis Vaticanae, secundum dispositionem *Ordinis Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (n. 21) paravit relationem de pervestigatione corporis Pontificis, de factu eius mortis et de causa, quae decessum provocavit. Deinde, disposuit omnia, quae ad perfectam conservationem corporis spectant, ut dispositio eius maximo cum decore et reverentia eveniret.

Denuntiatio mortis, a Prof. Andrea Arcangeli subsignata, sequens iudicium attulit:

«Ictus cerebri, coma, collasso cardiocircolatorio irreversibile in soggetto affetto da pregresso episodio di insufficienza respiratoria acuta in polmonite bilaterale multimicrobica, bronchiectasie multiple, ipertensione arteriosa e diabete tipo II».

Corpus defuncti Pontificis alba veste talari tectum est et ad sacellum in inferiore tabulato *Domus Sanctae Marthae* translatum est.

Hora 9.47 Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Coëmgenus Iosephus S.R.E. Card. Farrell nuntium de morte Papae Francisci cum dolore obtulit. In sacello *Domus Sanctae Marthae* Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, adstantibus Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Petro S.R.E. Card. Parolin, neenon Exc.mis ac Rev.mis D.nis Archiepiscopis Edgario Peña Parra et Didaco Ioanne Ravelli, sequentem nuntium publicum legit, statim ab Officio Communicationis Sanctae Sedis diffusum:

«Carissimi fratelli e sorelle, con profondo dolore devo annunciare la morte del nostro Santo Padre Francesco.

Alle ore 7.35 di questa mattina il Vescovo di Roma, Francesco, è tornato alla casa del Padre. La sua vita tutta intera è stata dedicata al servizio del Signore e della Sua Chiesa.

Ci ha insegnato a vivere i valori del Vangelo con fedeltà, coraggio ed amore universale, in modo particolare a favore dei più poveri e emarginati.

Con immensa gratitudine per il suo esempio di vero discepolo del Signore Gesù, raccomandiamo l'anima di Papa Francesco all'infinito amore misericordioso di Dio Uno e Trino».

Post nuntium mortis Summi Pontificis Francisci, secundum dispositiones *Ordinis Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 21-40), Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum de mandato Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Cardinalis Camerarii sequentem Notificationem divulgavit de factu mortis et depositionis in capsula corporis Pontificis Romani:

A seguito della comunicazione dell'avvenuto decesso del Romano Pontefice Francesco, secondo quanto previsto dall'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 21-40), questa sera, lunedì 21 Aprile alle ore 20.00, Sua Eminenza Reverendissima il Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, presiederà il rito della constatazione della morte e della deposizione della salma nella bara.

Sono pertanto pregati di prendere parte al rito l'Eminentissimo Decano del Collegio Cardinalizio, i familiari del Romano Pontefice, il Direttore e il Vice Direttore della Direzione di Sanità e Igiene dello Stato della Città del Vaticano, che si troveranno per le ore 19.45 nella Cappella della *Domus Sanctæ Marthæ*. Gli Ecclesiastici indosseranno l'abito corale loro proprio.

Città del Vaticano, 21 Aprile 2022

Per mandato dell'Em.mo Cardinale Camerlengo

✠ DIEGO RAVELLI

Arcivescovo tit. di Recanati

Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie

Eodem die, hora 19.00, Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Coëmgenus Iosephus S.R.E. Card. Farrell Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, Exc.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Edgario Peña Parra, Substituto Sectionis de Generalibus Negotiis Secretariae Status, comitante, adstantibus Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Petro S.R.E. Card. Parolin, olim Secretario Status, Rev.mo D.no Roberto Campisi, Assessore Sectionis de Generalibus Negotiis Secretariae Status, Rev.mo D.no Leonardo Sapienza, Domus Pontificiae Regente, Rev.mis D.nis Paulo Scevola et Brunone Bastos Lins, Officialibus Secretariae Status, egregio viro Dr. Antonio Di Iorio, Notario Officii Camerarii necnon Secretario et Cancellario eiusdem Officii, qui acta rogavit, sigilla imposuit locis ubi Pontifex commoratus est.

Em.mus ac Rev.mus Cardinalis Camerarius primum ad III contignationem Palatii Apostolici se contulit, ubi affirmavit portam aditus in cubiculum privatum Suae Sanctitatis Francisci clausam esse.

Notarius rogans, postquam recognovit portam clausam esse, ad apponendam taeniam processit et sigillum cum signo cerae signatoriae liquefactae, rubri coloris, impressum insigne Camerarii ferentis. Opera persoluta, Notarius rogans clavem portae obsignatae sustulit et statim eam Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Cardinali Coëmgeno Iosepho Farrell tradidit.

Deinde Comitatus ad II contignationem Palatii Apostolici se contulit, ad aulam ante Bibliothecam privatam Suae Sanctitatis Francisci. Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Cardinalis Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae consuluit clausurae ostii aditus ad Bibliothecam cum clavibus, quas habebat. Notarius rogans, postquam affirmavit ostium clausum esse, ad apponendam taeniam processit et sigillum cum signo cerae signatoriae liquefactae, rubri coloris, impressum insigne Camerarii ferentis. Opera persoluta, Notarius rogans clavem portae obsignatae sustulit et statim eam Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Cardinali Coëmgeno Iosepho Farrell tradidit.

Comitatus tandem *Domum Sanctae Marthae* se contulit ad sigillum apponendum habitationi privatae Suae Sanctitatis Francisci, quae in secunda contignatione Domus collocata est. Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Cardinalis Camerarius, ritum clausurae in Palatio Apostolico actum iterans, Notario facultatem dedit apponendi taeniam et sigillum cum signo cerae signatoriae liquefactae, rubri coloris, impressum insigne Camerarii ferentis. Claves habitationis in custodia ipse Cardinalis Camerarius ad idoneam asservationem sumpsit. His de rebus acta parata sunt, subsignata ab Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Cardinali Coëmgeno Iosepho Farrell necnon a Notario rogante, egregio viro Dr. Antonio Di Iorio:

L'anno 2025, il giorno lunedì 21 aprile, alle ore 19,00, Sua Eminenza Rev.ma il Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, accompagnato da Sua Eccellenza Mons. Edgar Peña Parra, Sostituto per gli Affari Generali della Segreteria di Stato, ed assistito da Sua Eminenza Rev.ma il Signor Card. Pietro Parolin, già Segretario di Stato, dal Rev.mo Mons. Roberto Campisi, Assessore per gli Affari Generali della Segreteria di Stato, dal Rev.mo Mons. Leonardo Sapienza, R.C.I., Reggente della Casa Pontificia, e dai Monsignori Paolo Scevola e Bruno Bastos Lins, Officiali della Segreteria di Stato, e da me, Notaro dell'Ufficio del Camerlengo, nonché Segretario e Cancelliere del medesimo Ufficio, rogante il presente verbale, si reca alla Terza Loggia del Palazzo Apostolico Vaticano.

Il Cardinale Camerlengo di S.R.C., constata la chiusura del portone d'accesso all'Appartamento privato di Sua Santità Francesco.

Il sottoscritto Notaro rogante, constata anch'egli la chiusura del portone, procede ad apporre una biffa ed un sigillo con impronta di ceralacca rossa recante impresso lo stemma del Camerlengo. Compiuta questa operazione, il sottoscritto Notaro rogante raccoglie la chiave della porta ora sigillata e la consegna subito all'Em.mo Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell.

Successivamente, il Corteo si reca alla Seconda Loggia nella Sala antecedente la Biblioteca privata di Sua Santità Francesco. Il Cardinale Camerlengo di S.R.C. provvede a chiudere la porta di accesso alla Biblioteca con le chiavi in Suo possesso. Il sottoscritto Notaro rogante, constata anch'egli la chiusura del portone, procede ad apporre una biffa ed un sigillo con impronta di ceralacca rossa recante impresso lo stemma del Camerlengo. Compiuta questa operazione, il sottoscritto Notaro rogante raccoglie la chiave della porta ora sigillata e la consegna subito all'Em.mo Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell.

Il Corteo, infine, si reca presso la *Domus Sanctae Marthae* per apporre il sigillo all'Appartamento privato di Sua Santità Francesco, situato al secondo piano della *Domus*. Il Cardinale Camerlengo di S.R.C. ripetendo il rito di chiusura eseguito presso il Palazzo Apostolico, autorizza me Notaro ad apporre una biffa ed un sigillo con impronta di ceralacca rossa recante impresso lo stemma del

Camerlengo. Le chiavi dell'Appartamento sono prese in custodia dallo stesso Cardinale Camerlengo per opportuna conservazione.

Dal che si è redatto il presente verbale.

Dal Vaticano, 21 aprile 2025

Kevin Joseph Card. Farrell, *Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa*
Antonio Dott. Di Iorio, *Notaro dell'Ufficio del Camerlengo*

CONFIRMATIO MORTIS ET DEPOSITIO IN CAPSA

Hora 20.00, incohatus est ritus recognitionis decessus et depositionis in capsula corporis Papae Francisci.

Celebratio acta est in sacello inferioris tabulati *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, et producta est fere infra horam. Secundum dispositiones normarum *Ordinis Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 21-40), celebrationi praefuit Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Coëmgenus Iosephus S.R.E. Card. Farrell. Particeps fuerunt Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Ioannes Baptista S.R.E. Card. Re, Decanus Collegii Cardinalium, et Petrus S.R.E. Card. Parolin, olim Secretarius Status, Exc.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Archiepiscopi Edgarius Peña Parra, Substitutus Sectionis de Generalibus Negotiis Secretariae Status, et Didacus Ioannes Ravelli Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum, Isonius a Iesu Montanari, Vices gerens Camerarii Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, Rev.mus D.nus Leonardus Sapienza, Domus Pontificiae Regens, Professor Andreas Arcangeli et Doctor Aloisius Carbone, Praefectus et Vices gerens Praefecti Directionis de Publica Salute et Valetudine Status Civitatis Vaticanae, Rev.dus D.nus Fabius Salerno, Secretarius privatus una cum familiaribus Romani Pontificis, Doctor Antonius Di Iorio, Notarius Officii Camerarii, necnon cantores Sacelli Sixtini.

Post salutationem liturgicam Celebrantis, Praefectus Directionis de Publica Salute et Valetudine Status Civitatis Vaticanae coram adstantibus acta de investigatione corporis Pontificis legit. Post orationem et cantum responsum, Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum, adiuvantibus

Rev.do D.no Fabio Salerno necnon caeremoniariis Rev.mis D.nis Ioanne Dubina et Lubomiro Welnitz, corpus vestibus liturgicis rubri coloris induit, veluti in Missae celebratione, additis Mitra et Pallio, sine Pastoralis Pontificio. Corpus Pontificis repositus est in capsula lignea et zinco confecta. Apud capsam cereus paschalis collocatus est.

Cardinalis Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae sequentia authentica acta decessus instruxit, addicto testimonio Praefecti Directionis de Publica Salute et Valetudine Status Civitatis Vaticanae:

A seguito della comunicazione del decesso del Romano Pontefice Francesco, secondo quanto previsto dall'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis*, a norma della Costituzione *Universi Dominici Gregis* (n. 17), il giorno 21 del mese di Aprile, alle ore 7.35, l'Eminentissimo e Reverendissimo Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Diacono di San Giuliano Martire, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, ha compiuto l'atto di constatazione della morte.

Hanno preso parte all'atto, che si è svolto nella Cappella della *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, il Decano del Collegio Cardinalizio, il già Segretario di Stato, l'Eccellentissimo Monsignore Sostituto della Segreteria di Stato, l'Eccellentissimo Monsignore Vice Camerlengo, l'Eccellentissimo Monsignore Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie, il Reggente della Casa Pontificia, il Medico, il Direttore dei Servizi Sanitari dello Stato della Città del Vaticano, nonché il sottoscritto Notaro rogante il presente atto, al quale si allega l'originale della Denuncia di morte di Sua Santità Francesco, redatto dal Direttore della Direzione di Sanità e Igiene dello Stato della Città del Vaticano.

Dal che si è redatto il presente Verbale.

Dal Vaticano, 21 Aprile 2025

Kevin Joseph Card. Farrell, *Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa*
Antonio Dott. Di Iorio, *Notaro dell'Ufficio del Camerlengo*

Post recognitionem decessus, sacellum *Domus Sanctae Marthae* cooperatoribus ad postremam salutationem ferendam Papae Francisco apertum est ab hora 21.00 usque ad mediam noctem eiusdem diei, et deinde a primo diluculo usque ad mediam noctem feriae III, diei XXII mensis Aprilis. Statim multitudo advenit, praesertim Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni S.R.E. Cardinales, Episcopi et Praelati Curiae Romanae una cum Officialibus Vaticanis eorumque familiaribus, qui capsae turmatim appropinquaverunt, orantes pro Sancto Patre. Mane diei XXII mensis Aprilis, circiter hora meridiana, ad obsequium Pontifici reddendum Praeses Reipublicae Italicae Ill.mus D.nus Sergius Mattarella venit, filia comitante. Praeses Sergius Mattarella brevi tempore in silentio commotus mansit, aspiciens corpus Papae quocum postremis annis necessitudinem aestimationis et amicitiae habuit.

Post visitationem Praesidis Reipublicae Italicae, Moderator Senatus Italici D.nus Ignatius La Russa, Urbis Praefectus D.nus Robertus Gualtieri et praecipuus Rabbinus Romae D.nus Richardus Di Segni venerunt. Frequens continuata hominum turma usque ad mediam noctem feriae III, diei XXII mensis Aprilis, in oratione ante capsam apertam stetit.

TRANSLATIO ET DEPOSITIO

Mane diei XXII mensis Aprilis, ab hora 9.00 circiter ad horam 10.30 primus Congressus Generalis Cardinalium in Aula Synodi factus est. Adfuerunt circiter LX Cardinales, qui diem translationis et Missae exsequiarum Romani Pontificis statuerunt, quem Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum deinde publici fecit iuris:

Mercoledì 23 Aprile 2025 alle ore 9.00, la bara con il defunto Romano Pontefice Francesco sarà portata dalla Cappella della *Domus Sanctae Marthae* alla Basilica Papale di San Pietro, secondo quanto previsto dall'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 41-65).

Dopo il momento di preghiera, presieduto da Sua Eminenza Reverendissima il Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, ha inizio la traslazione.

La processione percorrerà la Piazza Santa Marta e la Piazza dei Protomartiri Romani; dall'Arco delle Campanie uscirà in Piazza San Pietro ed entrerà nella Basilica Vaticana attraverso la porta centrale.

Presso l'altare della Confessione il Cardinale Camerlengo presiederà la Liturgia della Parola, al termine della quale avranno inizio le visite alla salma del Romano Pontefice.

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I Patriarchi e i Cardinali, indossando l'abito corale loro proprio, si troveranno nella Cappella della *Domus Sanctae Marthae* per le ore 8.45.

Gli Arcivescovi e i Vescovi, i Canonici del Capitolo Vaticano, i Penitenzieri Minori Vaticani Ordinari e, in conformità al *Motu Proprio* «Pontificalis Domus», tutti i componenti della Cappella Pontificia, indossando l'abito corale loro proprio, si troveranno in Piazza Santa Marta per le ore 8.30.

Città del Vaticano, 22 Aprile 2025

Per mandato del Collegio Cardinalizio

✠ DIEGO RAVELLI

Arcivescovo tit. di Recanati

Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie

Sabato 26 Aprile 2025 alle ore 10.00, primo giorno dei Novendiali, sul sagrato della Basilica di San Pietro sarà celebrata la Santa Messa esequiale del Romano Pontefice Francesco, secondo quanto previsto dall'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 82-109).

La Liturgia esequiale sarà presieduta da Sua Eminenza Reverendissima il Signor Cardinale Giovanni Battista Re, Decano del Collegio Cardinalizio.

Potranno concelebbrare:

- i Patriarchi e i Cardinali, che si troveranno, entro le ore 9.00, nella Cappella di San Sebastiano in Basilica, portando con sé la mitra bianca damascata;
- gli Arcivescovi e i Vescovi, che si troveranno, entro le ore 8.30, al Braccio di Costantino, portando con sé amitto, camice, cingolo e mitra bianca semplice;
- i Presbiteri, che si troveranno, entro le ore 8.30, direttamente nel settore loro riservato in Piazza San Pietro, dove indosseranno l'amitto, il camice, il cingolo e la stola rossa che avranno portato con sé.

Al termine della Celebrazione Eucaristica avranno luogo l'*Ultima commendatio* e la *Valedictio*. Di seguito il feretro del Romano Pontefice sarà portato nella Basilica di San Pietro e da lì nella Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore per la tumulazione.

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In conformità al *Motu Proprio* «Pontificalis Domus», i componenti della Cappella Pontificia che desiderano partecipare alla Celebrazione liturgica senza concelebbrare, dovranno essere muniti della *Notificazione* che va richiesta tramite l'indirizzo e-mail: celebrazioni@celebra.va. Tutti sono tenuti a indossare l'abito corale loro proprio e a farsi trovare sul sagrato della Basilica di San Pietro entro le ore 9.00, al fine di occupare il posto che verrà loro indicato dai cerimonieri pontifici.

Città del Vaticano, 22 Aprile 2025

Per mandato del Collegio Cardinalizio

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Mane diei XXIII mensis Aprilis, memoria s. Georgii, scilicet die caelestis Patroni Papae Francisci, dum sol super Urbem oriebatur, peregrinatio fidelium ad Forum Petrianum incepit in expectatione transitus feretri Papae Francisci a *Domu Sanctae Marthae* ad Basilicam Sancti Petri. Hora 9.00, sollemnis celebratio in Sacello Domus s. Marthae incepta est, cui praefuit Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Cardinalis Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae. Post primam orationem et aspersionem aquae benedictae, capsula aperta cum corpore Pontificis translata est umeris selliferorum pontificiorum. Processio, cruce hastata antecedente, a viris religiosus variarum congregationum incohata est, quos Presbyteri, Praelati, Episcopi et Archiepiscopi secuti sunt et postremo Patriarchae et Cardinales. Corpus a lateribus Milites Hastati Pontificiae Cohortis Helveticae comitati sunt una cum Paenitentiariis, stola rubris coloris amictis et candelas accensas in manibus ferentibus. Processionis passus sonitus campanarum et cantus Sacelli Sixtini Cantorum sequebantur. Post feretrum Secretarii particulares Rev.di D.ni Daniel Pellizzon et Fabius Salerno adfuerunt, operatore privato medicinae addicto Maximiliano Strappetti et adiutoribus camerae Petro Georgio Zanetti et Daniele Cherubini consequentibus.

Processio funebris, postquam *Domu Sanctae Marthae* exivit, viam Sacrarum, Forum Protomartyrum Romanorum ac deinde Arcum Campanarum petiit et denique in Forum Petrianum ingressa est, ubi feretrum diutino plausu fere 20.000 devotorum advenientium salutatum est.

Dum processio Basilicam Sancti Petri ingrederetur, cantus Litaniarum Sanctorum inceptus est. Porta praecipua transacta, corpus Georgii Marii Bergoglio per medium spatium basilicae usque ad Altar Confessionis translatum est. Feretrum super parvum rubrum suggestum parum inclinatum positum est supra tapete in terra. Corpus Papae defuncti aqua sancta aspersum est atque turificatum. Contione in semicirculo constituta, Evangelium proclamatum est ac postea preces intercessionis ad Deum Patrem elevatae sunt, ut Summum Pontificem defunctum in domum aeternam acciperet.

Extra Basilicam autem plurimi fideles donec intrarent expectabant ad Defuncto obsequium reddendum. Postquam hora 11.00 aperta est Basilica, patens tota nocte remansit, quamvis eius clausura media nocte facienda decreta esset, ut incessanti fidelium copiae permitteretur amabilem Pontificem postremo salutare. Diluculo, hora 5.30 parvum intervallum necessarium fuit, sed postea, hora 7.00, peregrinorum adventus rursus incedit. Sequenti die,

post clausuram hora 2.30 nocte factam, ostia Basilicae rursus aperta sunt usque ad horam 5.40. FERIA sexta diei XXV mensis Aprilis, adventus fidelium, qui summatim 250.000 per tres dies fuerunt, productus est usque ad horam 19.00, ut postea ritus clausurae capsae Romani Pontificis celebraretur iuxta notificationem Magistri Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum:

Venerdì 25 Aprile 2025 alle ore 20.00, nella Basilica di San Pietro, Sua Eminenza Reverendissima il Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, presiederà il rito della chiusura della bara del Romano Pontefice Francesco, secondo quanto previsto dall'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 66-81).

Sono pertanto pregati di prendere parte alla celebrazione:

1. S. Em. R. Card. Kevin Joseph Farrell, *Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa*
2. S. Em. R. Card. Giovanni Battista Re, *Decano del Collegio Cardinalizio*
3. S. Em. R. Card. Roger Michael Mahony, *Cardinale Presbitero*
4. S. Em. R. Card. Dominique Mamberti, *Cardinale Protodiacono*
5. S. Em. R. Card. Mauro Gambetti, *Arciprete della Basilica Papale di San Pietro in Vaticano*
6. S. Em. R. Card. Pietro Parolin, *già Segretario di Stato*
7. S. Em. R. Card. Baldassare Reina, *Vicario Generale di Sua Santità per la Diocesi di Roma*
8. S. Em. R. Card. Konrad Krajewski, *Elemosiniere di Sua Santità*
9. S. E. R. Mons. Edgar Peña Parra, *Sostituto della Segreteria di Stato*
10. S. E. R. Mons. Ilson de Jesus Montanari, *Vice Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa*
11. Mons. Leonardo Sapienza, *Reggente della Casa Pontificia*
12. Canonici del Capitolo Vaticano
13. Penitenzieri Minori Vaticani Ordinari
14. Segretari del Santo Padre
15. Altre persone ammesse dal Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie

Tutti si troveranno per le ore 19.30 presso l'altare della Confessione. Gli Ecclesiastici indosseranno l'abito corale loro proprio.

Città del Vaticano, 23 Aprile 2025

Per mandato del Collegio Cardinalizio

✠ DIEGO RAVELLI

Arcivescovo tit. di Recanati

Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie

Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum etiam innotuit voluntati obsequens in Testamento defunctis Papae expressae, tumulationem feretri Romani Pontificis in Basilica Sanctae Mariae Maioris effecturam esse:

Sabato 26 Aprile 2025, al termine della Santa Messa esequiale, il feretro del Romano Pontefice Francesco sarà accompagnato nella Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore per la tumulazione.

Sua Eminenza Reverendissima il Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, presiederà il rito previsto dall'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* (nn. 110-123).

Sono pertanto pregati di prendere parte alla celebrazione:

1. S. Em. R. Card. Kevin Joseph Farrell, *Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa*

2. S. Em. R. Card. Giovanni Battista Re, *Decano del Collegio Cardinalizio*

3. S. Em. R. Card. Roger Michael Mahony, *Cardinale Presbitero*

4. S. Em. R. Card. Dominique Mamberti, *Cardinale Protodiacono*

5. S. Em. R. Card. Stanisław Rylko, *Arciprete della Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore*

6. S. Em. R. Card. Rolandas Makrickas, *Arciprete Coadiutore della Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore*

7. S. Em. R. Card. Pietro Parolin, *già Segretario di Stato*

8. S. Em. R. Card. Baldassare Reina, *Vicario Generale di Sua Santità per la Diocesi di Roma*

9. S. Em. R. Card. Konrad Krajewski, *Elemosiniere di Sua Santità*

10. S. E. R. Mons. Edgar Peña Parra, *Sostituto della Segreteria di Stato*

11. S. E. R. Mons. Ilson de Jesus Montanari, *Vice Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa*

12. Mons. Leonardo Sapienza, *Reggente della Casa Pontificia*

13. Canonici del Capitolo della Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore

14. Penitenzieri Minori Liberiani Ordinari

15. Segretari del Santo Padre

16. Altre persone ammesse dal Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie

Gli Ecclesiastici indosseranno l'abito corale loro proprio.

Città del Vaticano, 23 Aprile 2025

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CAPSAE CLAUSURA

Vesperi feriae VI, diei XXV mensis Aprilis, apud Altare Confessionis in Basilica Petriana, ritus capsae clausurae celebratus est, iuxta praescriptiones *Ordinis Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis*.

Ritui praefuit Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Coëmgenus Iosephus Card. Farrell, S.R.E. Camerarius. Participes fuerunt Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Cardinales Ioannes Baptista Re, Leonardus Sandri, Rogerius Michaël Mahony, Dominicus Mamberti, Maurus Gambetti, Petrus Parolin, Balthasar Reina, Conradus Krajewski; Exc.mi ac Rev.mi Archiepiscopi Edgarius Peña Parra, Paulus Richardus Gallagher, Ilsonius a Iesu Montanari et Didacus Ravelli; Rev.mus D.nus Leonardus Sapienza et Rev.da Sr. Raphaela Petrini, aliqui Canonici e Capitulo Vaticano et Paenitentiarii Fratres Minores Vaticani Ordinarii, Secretarii particulares necnon familiares Summi Pontificis una cum aliquibus a Magistro Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum admissis.

Post introductionem Celebrantis, Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum Rogitum legit, cuius exemplaria aliqui adstantes subsignaverunt. Cantico Zachariae cantato necnon oratione ad Deum ab Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Camerario Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae elevata, Exc.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Didacus Ravelli vultum defuncti albo velo serico operuit. Postea Celebrans aqua benedicta corpus aspersit.

Tandem Magister marsupium in conditorio posuit nomismata continens, quae sub Pontificatu defuncti excusa sunt, ac simul fistulam cum rogito sigillo munito Officii Celebrationum Liturgicarum Summi Pontificis.

Deinde tegimentum super capsam ex zinco factam positum est, super quod erant crux, insigne papale et tabella cum nomine Pontificis, tempore eius vitae et Ministerii Petrini inscripto. Eadem capsula conglutinata est necnon sigilla Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Cardinalis Camerarii Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, Praefecturae Domus Pontificiae, Officii Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum et Capituli Vaticani impressa sunt. Clausa est etiam capsula lignea, supra cuius tegimentum erant crux et insigne defuncti Pontificis. Celebratio hora 21.00 confecta est. Noctu Capitulum Sancti Petri oratione feretro advigilavit.

Hic est Rogiti textus, in Romani Pontificis capsula positi:

Nobiscum peregrinans in spe, semitae lumen et socius ad Caeli, quo vocamur, eminentem metam, die vicesimo primo mensis Aprilis Anno Sancto bismillesimo vicesimo quinto, hora septima, triginta quinque momentis elapsis, ante meridiem, dum lux Paschae feriam secundam infra Octavam illustrabat, Franciscus, Ecclesiae dilectus Pastor, de hoc mundo migravit ad Patrem. Cuncta Communitas christifidelium, potissimum pauperes, Deum collaudabat de munere eius ministerii, quod ardentem fideliterque Evangelio et Christi mysticae Sponsae dono dedit.

Franciscus ducentessimus sexagesimus sextus fuit Pontifex. Eius memoria in universae Ecclesiae atque totius humani generis corde manet perseveranter.

Georgius Marius Bergoglio, die decimo tertio mensis Martii anno bismillesimo tertio decimo Summus Pontifex electus, Bono Aëre die septimo decimo mensis Decembris anno millesimo nongentesimo tricesimo sexto e Pedemontanis migrantibus ortus est: pater eius munere ratiocinatoris apud Societatem Viarum Ferratarum fungebatur, mater autem eius Regina Sivori domui et quinque filiorum institutioni incumbibat. Gradu chemicae scientiae periti adepto, viam eligens presbyteratus, primum Seminarium dioecesanum ingressus est et, die decimo primo mensis Martii anno millesimo nongentesimo duodesexagesimo, ad Novitiatum Societatis Iesu transivit. Humanitatis Studia in Chilia persecutus est et, post reditum in Argentinam anno millesimo nongentesimo sexagesimo tertio, lauream in Philosophia apud Collegium Sancti Ioseph Michaëlopolitanum assecutus est. Litteras et psychologiam docuit in Collegio Beatae Mariae Virginis ab Immaculata in urbe Sancta Fide et in Collegio Sanctissimi Salvatoris Bonaëropolitano. Die tertio decimo mensis Decembris anno millesimo nongentesimo undeseptuagesimo, Archiepiscopus Raimundus Iosephus Castellano presbyteratu eum auxit ac, die vicesimo secundo mensis Aprilis anno millesimo nongentesimo septuagesimo tertio, vota perpetua Iesuitarum professus est. Expletis muneribus Magistri Novitiorum Michaëlopoli apud Villam Barillari, Professoris apud Facultatem Theologiae, Consultoris Provincialis Societatis Iesu et Rectoris Collegii, die tricesimo primo mensis Iulii anno millesimo nongentesimo septuagesimo tertio nominatus

est Moderator Provinciae Argentinae Societatis Iesu. Post annum millesimum nongentesimum octogesimum sextum, aliquot annos in Germania degit ad thesim doctoralem perficiendam et, Argentina repetita, Eminentissimus Dominus Antonius Card. Quarracino eum voluit fidelissimum administrum. Die vicesimo mensis Maii anno millesimo nongentesimo nonagesimo altero, Ioannes Paulus PP. II Episcopum Auxiliarem Bonaërensem et titulo Aucensem eum nuncupavit. Episcopalem sententiam *Miserando atque eligendo* delegit, litteris compendiatis Iesu – quae sunt «IHS» – insigni insertis, Societatis Iesu scilicet nota. Die tertio mensis Iunii anno millesimo nongentesimo nonagesimo septimo, Archiepiscopus Coadiutor Bonaërensis promotus est et, Cardinale Quarracino e vita discesso, die duodevicesimo mensis Februarii anno duodebismillesimo eidem successit velut Archiepiscopus, Primas Argentinae, Ordinarius pro fidelibus orientalibus ibidem degentibus, Universitatis Catholicae Magnus Cancellarius. Ioannes Paulus PP. II in Consistorio die primo et vicesimo mensis Februarii anno bismillesimo primo habito in Patrum Cardinalium Collegium eum rettulit, ecclesiae Sancti Roberti Bellarmino tributo ei titulo. Consequenti mense Octobri, Relator Generalis Adiectus fuit in Decimo Coetu Generali Ordinario Synodi Episcoporum.

Pastor parcus exstitit et in Archidioecesi sua dilectissimus, quam longe lateque percurrit, urbanis adhibitis subterraneis viis ferratis quoque et publicis vehiculis. Domicilium apud cenaculum quoddam habebat et vespertinas epulas sibi ipse parabat, cum unum ex populo sese existimaret.

Post dimissiones Benedicti PP. XVI, die tertio et decimo mensis Martii anno bismillesimo decimo tertio a Patribus Cardinalibus in Conclavi collectis Summus Pontifex electus est, ipse sibi nomen imponens Franciscum, quia de exemplo sancti Assisiensis in primis diligere voluit pauperrimos mundi. E Maeniano Benedictionum in populum prodiit verbis «Fratres et sorores, faustus vesper sit vobis! Hanc viam ingrediamur nunc, viam Episcopi cum populo, Ecclesiae Romanae viam, quae omnibus Ecclesiis caritate praeest; viam fraternitatis, amoris, mutuae fiducia». Et inclinato capite, dixit: «A vobis poscimus, ut pro Nobis Dominum oretis, qui benedicat Nos:

prex populi, qui benedictionem petit pro Episcopo suo». Die undevicesimo mensis Martii, sollemnitate s. Ioseph, Sponsi Beatae Mariae Virginis, ministerium Petrinum officiose incohavit.

In ultimos et e societate reiectos semper intentus, Franciscus, vix electus, degere voluit apud Domum Sanctae Marthae, cum hominum praesentia carere minime posset, et inde a prima Feria Quinta in Cena Domini Missam celebrare maluit extra Vaticanum, identidem carceres petens, instituta pro inhabilibus vel toxicis medicaminibus subiectis accipiendis. Presbyteros hortabatur, ut ad ministrandum sacramentum misericordiae semper essent parati, ad sacraria audacter relinquenda, ut oves peterent deerrantes, et ad ecclesiarum ianuas reserandas, ut omnes acciperentur, qui Vultum Dei Patris convenire exoptarent.

Ministerium Petrinum exercuit indefesso ac dedito studio dialogi cum muslimis et procuratoribus aliarum religionum, quos quandoque ad conventus precis convocavit, Declarationes coniunctas subscribens concordiam foventes inter assecclas diversarum religionum, sicuti Documentum de hominum fraternitate, datum Abudhabii die quarto mensis Februarii anno bismillesimo undevicesimo una cum al-Tayyeb sunnitarum principe. Dilectio erga ultimos, senes et parvulos ad ineundos Dies Mundiales Pauperum, Avorum et Puerorum eum impulit. Dominicam Verbi Dei etiam instituit.

Magis quam Decessores Cardinalium Collegium ipse auxit, decem convocans Consistoria, in quibus centum sexaginta tres Purpuratos creavit, quorum centum triginta tres electores et triginta non electores, e septuaginta tribus nationibus, quarum viginti tres numquam antea habuerant Cardinalem. Quinque Synodi Episcoporum indixit Coetus, quorum tres Generales Ordinarii familiae iuvenibusque et synodalitati dicati, unus Extraordinarius adhuc de familia et alter Specialis pro Universa Regione Amazonica.

Vocem suam pro innocentibus saepius extulit. Pestilentia Viri Coronarii, Covid-19, erupta, vesperi diei vicesimi septimi mensis Martii anno bismillesimo vicesimo orare solitarius voluit in Foro Petriano, cuius columnarum ordo Romam ex imagine amplectebatur et mundum, pro humano genere perterrita et ignoto morbo vulnerato. Novissimi pontificatus anni innumeris distincti sunt monitis pro

pace, contra tertium totius mundi bellum, quod minutatim variis in Nationibus geritur, praesertim in Ucraina, aequae atque in Palaestina, Terra Sancta, Libano et Myanmar.

Postquam die quarto mensis Iulii anno bismillesimo vicesimo primo ob chirurgicam sectionem in Valetudinario «Agostino Gemelli» per decem dies receptus est, illuc die decimo quarto mensis Februarii anno bismillesimo vicesimo quinto Franciscus iterum se contulit in duodequadraginta dierum commorationem utriusque lateris pneumonia laborans. Vaticano repetito, ultimas degit hebdomadas vitae apud Domum Sanctae Marthae, usque ad finem et sueto animi studio ministerio Petrino consecrato, quamvis viribus nondum omnino reffectus. Occurrente Pascha, die vicesimo mensis Aprilis anno bismillesimo vicesimo quinto, postremum e Maeniano Benedictionum Basilicae Petrianae se extulit ad sollemnem benedictionem Urbi et Orbi impertiendam.

Magisterium doctrinale Papae Francisci magnopere eminebat. Testis stili sobrietate et humilitate referti, missionario opere ardoreque apostolico et misericordia innisi, in elationis sui et spiritualis mundanitatis Ecclesiae vitandum periculum intentus, Pontifex apostolicum propositum suum suavit in Adhortatione *Evangelii gaudium* (diei vicesimi quarti mensis Novembris anni bismillesimi tertii decimi). Inter praecipua eius documenta annumerantur: quattuor Litterae encyclicae, scilicet *Lumen fidei* (diei undetricesimi mensis Iunii anni bismillesimi tertii decimi) de fide in Deo, *Laudato si'* (diei vicesimi quarti mensis Maii anni bismillesimi quinti decimi) de oecologia et humani generis officio in caeli status discrimine, *Fratres omnes* (diei tertii mensis Octobris anni bismillesimi vicesimi) de hominum fraternitate et sociali amicitia, *Dilexit nos* (diei vicesimi quarti mensis Octobris anni bismillesimi vicesimi quarti) de humano et divino amore Sacratissimi Cordis Iesu; septem Adhortationes apostolicae, undequadraginta Constitutiones apostolicae, innumerae Litterae Apostolicae, quarum maior pars Motu proprio datae, duae Bullae indictionis Anni Sancti, praeter Catecheses in Audientiis Generalibus traditas et Allocutiones variis in partibus mundi dictas. Post institutas Secretarias pro Communicatione et de Rebus Oeconomicis, necnon Dicasteria pro Laicis, Familia et Vita atque pro Integra

Humana Progressione fovenda, Romanam Curiam ope Constitutionis apostolicae *Praedicate Evangelium* instauravit (diei undevicesimi mensis Martii anni bismillesimi vicesimi alterius). Processum canonicum pro causis declarationis matrimonii nullitatis in Codice Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium et Codice Iuris Canonici immutavit (Motibus propriis *Mitis et misericors Iesus* et *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*) et severiorem effecit legem de criminibus clericorum contra minores et vulnerabiles (Motu proprio *Vos estis lux mundi*).

Omnibus Franciscus reliquit admirabile humanitatis sanctitatisque vitae et universalis paternitatis testimonium.

CORPUS FRANCISCI P.M.
VIXIT A. LXXXVIII, M. IV D. IV
ECCLESIAE UNIVERSAE PRAEFUIT
ANNOS XII MENSES I DIES VIII

Semper in Christo vivas, Pater Sancte!

Celebrationum tumulationisque testes fuerunt:

S.R.E. Card. Coëmgenus Iosephus Farrell, *Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae*

S.R.E. Card. Ioannes Baptista Re, *Decanus Collegii Cardinalium*

S.R.E. Card. Rogerus Michaël Mahony, *Cardinalis Presbyter*

S.R.E. Card. Dominicus Mamberti, *Protodiaconus Collegii Cardinalium*

S.R.E. Card. Maurus Gambetti, *Vicarius Generalis Summi Pontificis pro Civitate Vaticana et Archipresbyter Basilicae Vaticane*

S.R.E. Card. Petrus Parolin, *olim Secretarius Status*

S.R.E. Card. Balthasar Reina, *Vicarius Generalis Suae Sanctitatis pro dioecesi Urbis*

S.R.E. Card. Conradus Krajewski, *Eleemosynarius Suae Sanctitatis*

Exc.mus D.nus Edgarius Peña Parra, *Substitutus Secretariae Status*

Exc.mus D.nus Isonius a Iesu Montanari, *Vices gerens Camerarii Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae*

Exc.mus D.nus Didacus Ioannes Ravelli, *Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum*

Rev.mus D.nus Leonardus Sapienza, *Regens Domus Pontificiae*

Rev.dus D.nus Daniel Pellizzon, *Secretarius particularis Summi Pontificis*

Rev.dus D.nus Fabius Salerno, *Secretarius particularis Summi Pontificis*

Exc.mus D.nus Calogerus La Piana, *Vicarius Capituli Basilicae Vaticanae*

Rev.mus D.nus Daniel Estivill, *Secretarius Capituli Basilicae Vaticanae*

Rev.dus D.nus Ioannes Cruz Villalón, *Membrum Familiae Pontificiae*

D.nus Maximilianus Strappetti, *Membrum Familiae Pontificiae*

D.nus Petrus Georgius Zanetti, *Membrum Familiae Pontificiae*

D.nus Daniel Cherubini, *Membrum Familiae Pontificiae*

MISSA EXSEQUIARUM

Ritus exsequiarum hora 10.00 diei XXVI mensis Aprilis inceptus est.

Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Cardinales concelebantes postquam a capsula Pontificis apud Altar Confessionis posita recesserunt, in medio spatio Basilicae S. Petri se locaverunt, duo agmina ibi facientes, quae processio ad Missam celebrandam transiit, anteeuntibus turibulo, cruce hastata et duobus candelabris.

Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum capsulae Romani Pontificis umeris selliferorum ad summam aream Petriani fori translatae antecessit. Post feretrum procederunt Cardinales, Patriarchae et postremo Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Ioannes Baptista S.R.E. Cardinalis Re, Decanus Collegii Cardinalium, qui celebrationi praefuit. Capsula a selliferis ante altar deposita est, super quam Exc.mus et Rev.mus D.nus Didacus Ioannes Ravelli et Rev.dus D.nus Daniel Pellizzon librum Evangeliorum posuerunt.

Lectio I ex libro Actuum Apostolorum (10, 34-43) lingua anglica proclamata est. Psalmus XXII latine cantatus est. Lectio II ex Epistula s. Pauli

Apostoli ad Philippenses (3, 20 – 4, 1) lingua hispanica enuntiata est. Passus Evangelii (*Io* 21, 15-19) sermone latino cantatus est.

Sequitur textus homiliae, quam Decanus Collegii Cardinalium habuit, post lectionem sancti Evangelii:

In questa maestosa Piazza di San Pietro, nella quale Papa Francesco tante volte ha celebrato l'Eucarestia e presieduto grandi incontri nel corso di questi 12 anni, siamo raccolti in preghiera attorno alle sue spoglie mortali col cuore triste, ma sorretti dalle certezze della fede, che ci assicura che l'esistenza umana non termina nella tomba, ma nella casa del Padre in una vita di felicità che non conoscerà tramonto.

A nome del Collegio dei Cardinali ringrazio cordialmente tutti per la vostra presenza. Con intensità di sentimento rivolgo un deferente saluto e vivo ringraziamento ai Capi di Stato, ai Capi di Governo e alle Delegazioni ufficiali venute da numerosi Paesi ad esprimere affetto, venerazione e stima verso il Papa che ci ha lasciati.

Il plebiscito di manifestazioni di affetto e di partecipazione, che abbiamo visto in questi giorni dopo il suo passaggio da questa terra all'eternità, ci dice quanto l'intenso Pontificato di Papa Francesco abbia toccato le menti ed i cuori.

La sua ultima immagine, che rimarrà nei nostri occhi e nel nostro cuore, è quella di domenica scorsa, Solennità di Pasqua, quando Papa Francesco, nonostante i gravi problemi di salute, ha voluto impartirci la benedizione dal balcone della Basilica di San Pietro e poi è sceso in questa Piazza per salutare dalla papamobile scoperta tutta la grande folla convenuta per la Messa di Pasqua.

Con la nostra preghiera vogliamo ora affidare l'anima dell'amato Pontefice a Dio, perché Gli conceda l'eterna felicità nell'orizzonte luminoso e glorioso del suo immenso amore.

Ci illumina e ci guida la pagina del Vangelo, nella quale è risuonata la voce stessa di Cristo che interpellava il primo degli Apostoli: "Pietro, mi ami tu più di costoro?". E la risposta di Pietro era stata pronta e sincera: "Signore, Tu conosci tutto; Tu sai che ti voglio bene!". E Gesù gli affidò la grande missione: "Pasci le mie pecore".

Sarà questo il compito costante di Pietro e dei suoi Successori, un servizio di amore sulla scia del Maestro e Signore Cristo che “non era venuto per farsi servire, ma per servire e dare la propria vita in riscatto per tutti” (*Mc* 10, 45).

Nonostante la sua finale fragilità e sofferenza, Papa Francesco ha scelto di percorrere questa via di donazione fino all’ultimo giorno della sua vita terrena. Egli ha seguito le orme del suo Signore, il buon Pastore, che ha amato le sue pecore fino a dare per loro la sua stessa vita. E lo ha fatto con forza e serenità, vicino al suo gregge, la Chiesa di Dio, memore della frase di Gesù citata dall’Apostolo Paolo: “C’è più gioia nel dare che nel ricevere” (*At* 20, 35).

Quando il Card. Bergoglio, il 13 marzo del 2013, fu eletto dal Conclave a succedere a Papa Benedetto XVI, aveva alle spalle gli anni di vita religiosa nella Compagnia di Gesù e soprattutto era arricchito dall’esperienza di 21 anni di ministero pastorale nell’Arcidiocesi di Buenos Aires, prima come Ausiliare, poi come Coadiutore e in seguito, soprattutto, come Arcivescovo.

La decisione di prendere il nome Francesco apparve subito come la scelta di un programma e di uno stile su cui egli voleva impostare il suo Pontificato, cercando di ispirarsi allo spirito di San Francesco d’Assisi.

Conservò il suo temperamento e la sua forma di guida pastorale, e diede subito l’impronta della sua forte personalità nel governo della Chiesa, instaurando un contatto diretto con le singole persone e con le popolazioni, desideroso di essere vicino a tutti, con spiccata attenzione alle persone in difficoltà, spendendosi senza misura, in particolare per gli ultimi della terra, gli emarginati. È stato un Papa in mezzo alla gente con cuore aperto verso tutti. Inoltre è stato un Papa attento al nuovo che emergeva nella società ed a quanto lo Spirito Santo suscitava nella Chiesa.

Con il vocabolario che gli era caratteristico e col suo linguaggio ricco di immagini e di metafore, ha sempre cercato di illuminare con la sapienza del Vangelo i problemi del nostro tempo, offrendo una risposta alla luce della fede e incoraggiando a vivere da cristiani le sfide e le contraddizioni di questi nostri anni di cambiamenti, che amava qualificare “cambiamento di epoca”.

Aveva grande spontaneità e una maniera informale di rivolgersi a tutti, anche alle persone lontane dalla Chiesa.

Ricco di calore umano e profondamente sensibile ai drammi odier-
ni, Papa Francesco ha realmente condiviso le ansie, le sofferenze e
le speranze del nostro tempo della globalizzazione, e si è donato nel
confortare e incoraggiare con un messaggio capace di raggiungere
il cuore delle persone in modo diretto e immediato.

Il suo carisma dell'accoglienza e dell'ascolto, unito ad un modo
di comportarsi proprio della sensibilità del giorno d'oggi, ha toccato
i cuori, cercando di risvegliare le energie morali e spirituali.

Il primato dell'evangelizzazione è stato la guida del suo Pontifi-
cato, diffondendo, con una chiara impronta missionaria, la gioia del
Vangelo, che è stata il titolo della sua prima Esortazione Apostolica
Evangelii gaudium. Una gioia che colma di fiducia e speranza il
cuore di tutti coloro che si affidano a Dio.

Filo conduttore della sua missione è stata anche la convinzione
che la Chiesa è una casa per tutti; una casa dalle porte sempre
aperte. Ha più volte fatto ricorso all'immagine della Chiesa come
"ospedale da campo" dopo una battaglia in cui vi sono stati molti
feriti; una Chiesa desiderosa di prendersi cura con determinazione
dei problemi delle persone e dei grandi affanni che lacerano il mondo
contemporaneo; una Chiesa capace di chinarsi su ogni uomo, al di
là di ogni credo o condizione, curandone le ferite.

Innumerevoli sono i suoi gesti e le sue esortazioni in favore dei
rifugiati e dei profughi. Costante è stata anche l'insistenza nell'o-
perare a favore dei poveri.

È significativo che il primo viaggio di Papa Francesco sia stato
quello a Lampedusa, isola simbolo del dramma dell'emigrazione con
migliaia di persone annegate in mare. Nella stessa linea è stato
anche il viaggio a Lesbo, insieme con il Patriarca Ecumenico e con
l'Arcivescovo di Atene, come pure la celebrazione di una Messa al
confine tra il Messico e gli Stati Uniti, in occasione del suo viaggio
in Messico.

Dei suoi 47 faticosi Viaggi Apostolici resterà nella storia in modo
particolare quello in Iraq nel 2021, compiuto sfidando ogni rischio.
Quella difficile Visita Apostolica è stata un balsamo sulle ferite aper-

te della popolazione irachena, che tanto aveva sofferto per l'opera disumana dell'ISIS. È stato questo un Viaggio importante anche per il dialogo interreligioso, un'altra dimensione rilevante della sua opera pastorale. Con la Visita Apostolica del 2024 a quattro Nazioni dell'Asia-Oceania, il Papa ha raggiunto "la periferia più periferica del mondo".

Papa Francesco ha sempre messo al centro il Vangelo della misericordia, sottolineando ripetutamente che Dio non si stanca di perdonarci: Egli perdona sempre qualunque sia la situazione di chi chiede perdono e ritorna sulla retta via.

Volle il Giubileo Straordinario della Misericordia, mettendo in luce che la misericordia è "il cuore del Vangelo".

Misericordia e gioia del Vangelo sono due parole chiave di Papa Francesco.

In contrasto con quella che ha definito "la cultura dello scarto", ha parlato della cultura dell'incontro e della solidarietà. Il tema della fraternità ha attraversato tutto il suo Pontificato con toni vibranti. Nella Lettera Enciclica "*Fratelli tutti*" ha voluto far rinascere un'aspirazione mondiale alla fraternità, perché tutti figli del medesimo Padre che sta nei cieli. Con forza ha spesso ricordato che apparteniamo tutti alla medesima famiglia umana.

Nel 2019, durante il viaggio negli Emirati Arabi Uniti, Papa Francesco ha firmato un documento sulla "Fratellanza Umana per la Pace Mondiale e la Convivenza Comune", richiamando la comune paternità di Dio.

Rivolgendosi agli uomini e alle donne di tutto il mondo, con la Lettera Enciclica *Laudato si'* ha richiamato l'attenzione sui doveri e sulla corresponsabilità nei riguardi della casa comune. "Nessuno si salva da solo".

Di fronte all'infuriare delle tante guerre di questi anni, con orrori disumani e con innumerevoli morti e distruzioni, Papa Francesco ha incessantemente elevata la sua voce implorando la pace e invitando alla ragionevolezza, all'onesta trattativa per trovare le soluzioni possibili, perché la guerra – diceva – è solo morte di persone, distruzioni di case, ospedali e scuole. La guerra lascia sempre

il mondo peggiore di come era precedentemente: essa è per tutti sempre una dolorosa e tragica sconfitta.

“Costruire ponti e non muri” è un’esortazione che egli ha più volte ripetuto e il servizio di fede come Successore dell’Apostolo Pietro è stato sempre congiunto al servizio dell’uomo in tutte le sue dimensioni.

In unione spirituale con tutta la Cristianità siamo qui numerosi a pregare per Papa Francesco perché Dio lo accolga nell’immensità del suo amore.

Papa Francesco soleva concludere i suoi discorsi ed i suoi incontri dicendo: “Non dimenticatevi di pregare per me”.

Caro Papa Francesco, ora chiediamo a Te di pregare per noi e che dal cielo Tu benedica la Chiesa, benedica Roma, benedica il mondo intero, come domenica scorsa hai fatto dal balcone di questa Basilica in un ultimo abbraccio con tutto il popolo di Dio, ma idealmente anche con l’umanità che cerca la verità con cuore sincero e tiene alta la fiaccola della speranza.

TUMULATIO

In fine Missae Decanus Collegii Cardinalium ritum Extremae Commendationis atque Valedictionis egit, qui conclusus est *Supplicatione* primum latine dicta a Vicario Suae Sanctitatis pro dioecesi Urbis, postea autem grece ab orientalibus catholicis Patriarchis, Archiepiscopis Maioribus et Metropolitibus Ecclesiarum Metropolitanarum «sui iuris» cantata.

Postquam Celebrans capsam Romani Pontificis aqua benedicta aspersit cum ritu turificationis, cantu *Magnificat* comitante, selliferi feretrum umeris tulerunt et per processionem aditum Basilicae S. Petri petiverunt per Portam Precis, ubi capsam supra album vehiculum non tectum posita est.

Ultimum iter inchoatum est inter populum fidelium, qui a lateribus viarum Urbis stabant Defunctum salutantes. Ab ingressu v.d. *Perugino*, per mediam historicam regionem Urbis iter faciens usque ad Basilicam Lateranensem, post fere dimidiam horam Francisci corpus basilicam Sanctae Mariae Maioris adiit. Fere XL pauperes Defunctum acceperunt in summa area Basilicae adstantes, unusquisque unam rosam albam in manu habens.

Flores, in duobus cistis collecti, a quattuor pueris ad sacellum *Salus Populi Romani* lati sunt.

Dum capsam in processione ad locum sepulturae transferebatur, cantores Sacelli Sixtini Psalmos 113, 117, 41 et 15 cantaverunt. Hora 13.00 ritus tumulationis incohatus est secundum praescripta *Ordinis Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis* cui Em.mus ac Rev.mus Cardinalis S.R.E. Camerarius praefuit. Adfuerunt Em.mi ac Rev.mi Cardinales Ioannes Baptista Re, Leonardus Sandri, Rogerus Michaël Mahony, Dominicus Mamberti, Stanislaus Rylko, Rolandus Makrickas, Petrus Parolin, Balthasar Reina, Conradus Krajewski; Exc.mi ac Rev.mi Archiepiscopi Edgarius Peña Parra, Ilsonius a Iesu Montanari et Didacus Ioannes Ravelli; Rev.ma Sr. Raphaela Petrini, Rev.mus D.nus Leonardus Sapienza, Canonici Capituli Papalis Basilicæ Sanctae Mariae Maioris, Rev.di Patres Paenitentiarum Minores Liberiani Ordinarii, Secretarii et familiares Summi Pontificis defuncti.

Postquam preces intercessionis ad Deum pro Pontifice defuncto elevatae sunt, supra capsam ligneam sigilla Em.mi ac Rev.mi D.ni Cardinalis Camerarii Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, Praefecturae Domus Pontificiae, Officii Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum et Capituli Liberiani sunt impressa. Corpus Romani Pontificis denique, secundum eius voluntatem, in sepulchro apud sacellum Matris Dei «Salutis Populi Romani» collocatum est et Celebrans aqua benedicta id aspersit, cantu antiphonae marianae *Regina Caeli* comitante.

Notarius Capituli Liberiani, Rev.mus D.nus Ioannes Ricupero, authenticum inhumationis actum confecit idque legit coram adstantibus. Postea documentum peractae tumulationis Em.mus ac Rev.mus D.nus Cardinalis Camerarius Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, Domus Pontificiae Regens, Magister Pontificiarum Celebrationum Liturgicarum et deinde Notarius ipse subsignaverunt.

Sequitur textus documenti tumulationis:

In nomine Domini. Amen.

Tumulazione della salma del Romano Pontefice Francesco

Nell'anno giubilare duemilaventicinque, il giorno 26 del mese di Aprile, al termine della Messa esequiale celebrata sul sagrato della Basilica Vaticana, le spoglie del Romano Pontefice Francesco sono

state accompagnate nella Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore per essere tumulate secondo il rito, previsto nell'*Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis*, presieduto da Sua Eminenza Reverendissima il Signor Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa.

Accolto alle porte della Basilica, mentre il feretro veniva portato al luogo della sepoltura, sono stati cantati alcuni salmi con le loro antifone.

Sulla bara di legno sono stati poi impressi i sigilli del Cardinale Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, della Prefettura della Casa Pontificia, dell'Ufficio delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche del Sommo Pontefice e del Capitolo Liberiano.

Quindi le spoglie del Romano Pontefice Francesco sono state inumate, secondo il Suo desiderio, nel sepolcro situato presso la Cappella della Madonna «Salus Populi Romani».

Erano presenti al rito gli Eminentissimi Cardinali Giovanni Battista Re, Roger Michael Mahony, Dominique Mamberti, Stanisław Rylko, Rolandas Makrickas, Pietro Parolin, Baldassare Reina, Konrad Krajewski; gli Eccellentissimi Arcivescovi Edgar Peña Parra, Ilson de Jesus Montanari, Diego Giovanni Ravelli; Monsignor Leonardo Sapienza, i Canonici del Capitolo della Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore, i Penitenzieri Minori Liberiani Ordinari, i Segretari e familiari del defunto Santo Padre.

Questo atto autentico, che fa fede dell'avvenuta tumulazione, è stato da me redatto per mandato espresso del Capitolo Liberiano, pubblicato e firmato dall'Eminentissimo Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa, da Mons. Leonardo Sapienza, Reggente della Casa Pontificia, dall'Eccellentissimo Arcivescovo Mons. Diego Giovanni Ravelli, Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie e dal sottoscritto Mons. Ivan Ricupero, Notaio del Capitolo Liberano.

Dato nella Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore, il giorno 26 del mese di Aprile, nell'anno 2025.

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Mons. Ivan Ricupero, *Notaio del Capitolo Liberiano*

SUMMI PONTIFICIS FRANCISCI TESTAMENTUM

Miserando atque Eligendo

Nel Nome della Santissima Trinità. Amen.

Sentendo che si avvicina il tramonto della mia vita terrena e con viva speranza nella Vita Eterna, desidero esprimere la mia volontà testamentaria solamente per quanto riguarda il luogo della mia sepoltura.

La mia vita e il ministero sacerdotale ed episcopale ho sempre affidato alla Madre del Nostro Signore, Maria Santissima. Perciò, chiedo che le mie spoglie mortali riposino aspettando il giorno della risurrezione nella Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore.

Desidero che il mio ultimo viaggio terreno si concluda proprio in questo antichissimo santuario Mariano dove mi recavo per la preghiera all'inizio e al termine di ogni Viaggio Apostolico ad affidare fiduciosamente le mie intenzioni alla Madre Immacolata e ringraziarLa per la docile e materna cura.

Chiedo che la mia tomba sia preparata nel loculo della navata laterale tra la Cappella Paolina (Cappella della *Salus Populi Romani*) e la Cappella Sforza della suddetta Basilica Papale come indicato nell'accluso allegato.

Il sepolcro deve essere nella terra; semplice, senza particolare decoro e con l'unica iscrizione: *Franciscus*.

Le spese per la preparazione della mia sepoltura saranno coperte con la somma del benefattore che ho disposto, da trasferire alla Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore e di cui ho provveduto dare opportune istruzioni a Mons. Rolandas Makrickas, Commissario Straordinario del Capitolo Liberiano.

Il Signore dia la meritata ricompensa a coloro che mi hanno voluto bene e continueranno a pregare per me. La sofferenza che si è fatta presente nell'ultima parte della mia vita l'ho offerta al Signore per la pace nel mondo e la fratellanza tra i popoli.

Santa Marta, 29 giugno 2022

FRANCESCO

Plurimae legationes Ecclesiarum et Communitatum ecclesialium, necnon Consociationum Iudaicarum et aliarum Orbis Religionum, quae exsequiis Francisci interfuerunt, hic recensentur:

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Post Summi Pontificis humationem, hoc servato ordine Novendialia celebrata sunt:

Secondo un'antica consuetudine, per nove giorni consecutivi si svolgono particolari celebrazioni dell'Eucaristia in suffragio del Romano Pontefice defunto, a partire dalla Messa esequiale.

Tali celebrazioni sono aperte a tutti. Esse, tuttavia, prevedono, ogni giorno, la partecipazione di un gruppo diverso, tenuto conto dei suoi legami con il Romano Pontefice. Questa varietà di assemblee mostra, in un certo modo, sia l'ambito del ministero del supremo Pastore sia l'universalità della Chiesa di Roma (cfr *Ordo Exsequiarum Romani Pontificis*, nn. 124-125).

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La Messa esequiale del Romano Pontefice Francesco, il primo giorno dei *Novendiali*, avrà luogo il 26 Aprile 2025 alle ore 10.00 sul sagrato della Basilica di San Pietro.

Nei giorni successivi continueranno le celebrazioni dei *Novendiali* in suffragio del Papa defunto nel modo seguente:

2° giorno: domenica 27 Aprile, ore 10.30, sul sagrato della Basilica Vaticana: i dipendenti e i fedeli della Città del Vaticano.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Pietro Parolin, già Segretario di Stato.

3° giorno: lunedì 28 Aprile, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: la Chiesa di Roma.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Baldassare Reina, Vicario Generale di Sua Santità per la Diocesi di Roma.

4° giorno: martedì 29 Aprile, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: i Capitoli delle Basiliche Papali.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Mauro Gambetti, Arciprete della Basilica Papale di San Pietro in Vaticano.

5° giorno: mercoledì 30 Aprile, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: la Cappella Papale.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Leonardo Sandri, Vice Decano del Collegio Cardinalizio.

6° giorno: giovedì 1° maggio, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: la Curia Romana.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo di Santa Romana Chiesa.

7° giorno: venerdì 2 maggio, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: le Chiese Orientali.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Claudio Gugerotti, già Prefetto del Dicastero per le Chiese orientali.

8° giorno: sabato 3 maggio, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: i membri degli Istituti di Vita consacrata e delle Società di Vita apostolica.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Ángel Fernández Artime, già Pro-prefetto del Dicastero per gli Istituti di Vita consacrata e le Società di Vita apostolica.

9° giorno: domenica 4 maggio, ore 17.00, nella Basilica Vaticana: la Cappella Papale.

La concelebrazione sarà presieduta dall'Em.mo Cardinale Dominique Mamberti, Protodiacono del Collegio Cardinalizio.

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Le concelebrazioni delle Cappelle Papali nei giorni: 30 Aprile e 4 maggio sono riservate ai soli Signori Cardinali. Essi si troveranno, entro le ore 16.15, nella Cappella di San Sebastiano in Basilica, portando con sé la mitra bianca damascata.

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In conformità al *Motu Proprio* «Pontificalis Domus», tutti i componenti della Cappella Pontificia che desiderano partecipare alle Celebrazioni liturgiche senza concelebrazioni, sono tenuti a indossare l'abito corale loro proprio.

Città del Vaticano, 23 Aprile 2025

Per mandato del Collegio Cardinalizio

✠ DIEGO RAVELLI

Arcivescovo tit. di Recanati

Maestro delle Celebrazioni Liturgiche Pontificie

MAERORIS TESTIMONIA EXCERPTA SCRIPTIS DATA

A MODERATORIBUS ECCLESiarUM ET COMMUNITATUM ECCLESIALIUM

In an atmosphere of great Paschal joy, this morning, Monday of Renewal Week, came the sorrowful news of the repose of Pope Francis, a precious brother in Christ, with whom from the very moment of his ascent to the papal throne, we had a fraternal friendship and collaboration for the good of our Churches, for their further rapprochement, and for the good of humanity.

Throughout these twelve years of his Papacy, he stood as a faithful friend, a fellow pilgrim and supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a genuine friend of Orthodoxy, a true friend of the least of the Lord's brethren, on whose behalf he often spoke, acted, and even washed their feet in an example of true humility and brotherly love.

We shall always remember him.

When in 2014, just one year after his election and inauguration, upon my proposal and initiative, we went to Jerusalem and prayed on our knees side by side before the Lord's Tomb, and had meetings and discussions during those two or three days we spent together in the Holy Land; I said to him: "Your Holiness, in a few years we shall mark the 1700th anniversary of the convocation of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea of Bithynia. It would be a wonderful and symbolic act for us to go together, to celebrate this historic anniversary, and to speak about the further path of our sister Churches toward the common Chalice".

He showed enthusiasm and said: "It is a tremendous thought, a tremendous idea and proposal. If we are well, God willing, let us make this pilgrimage to Nicaea. If not – if the Lord does not permit it – then our successors".

Indeed, he very much wished to come within the current year to celebrate this historic anniversary jointly, and he stated this many times in the media and to representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate who visited him from time to time in Rome.

As we say, it was not meant to be that he should come in person. If I myself am well, of course the Ecumenical

Patriarchate will do something in this regard. It will not let this historic anniversary pass unnoticed. As for the Catholic Church, it will depend on the person, views, and intentions of the elected Pope – whether he will wish and when he will want to come with us to Nicaea (Iznik) and underline the importance of this great anniversary, a most significant event in the history of Christianity.

Today, as we gather at the Ecumenical Patriarchate with all the holy Hierarchs of the All Venerable Ecumenical Throne (that is, those serving in Türkiye) to exchange the fraternal greeting of the Risen Christ, we commemorate the beloved figure of the recently reposed Pope Francis and we all pray, “with one mouth and one heart”, for the repose of his soul in the land of the living and in the tents of the righteous. We pray that the Lord of life and death will reward him for his many labours for the Church and humanity and will raise upon the Throne of Saint Peter a worthy successor, one who will embrace and adopt the visions of Pope Francis and continue his valuable work for all humanity – especially for Christendom, and even more particularly for the rapprochement of our sister Churches, with the ultimate goal of their full encounter in the common Chalice.

May your memory be eternal, brother Pope Francis.

BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople

New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

The passing of Pope Francis is a loss for all humanity. He called for peace and putting an end to wars across the globe.

In this holy season of Pascha, divine providence has willed that Pope Francis return to the house of the Heavenly Father.

On behalf of myself and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East, clergy and people alike, I extend my deepest condolences and sympathy to the Holy See, the Catholic Church, and all those who loved him and were touched by his noble Christian mission.

JOHN X

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

With deep sorrow and heartfelt anguish, we learned of the passing to the Lord of the blessed Bishop of the Holy See of Rome, Pope Francis, following Easter Sunday, the beginning of the glorious Bright Week, for which we fervently pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, that He may place his blessed soul in the land of the living.

We had the good fortune to personally meet the popular Primate of the Roman Catholic Church, during our official visit to the Holy See, in January 2021, when he dedicated two days to reflection with us, making us sharers in his overall understanding of the Most Holy Church, his general positions on the historical presence of the Church in the 21st century, and his personal philosophy on the imposed simple lifestyle of contemporary clergy.

Since then, a mutual relationship of cooperation has been established, based on mutual respect, altruism – and above all on the unchanging foundation of love in Christ – the culmination of which was the hosting of the deliberations of the International Joint Theological Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, by our Supreme Patriarchate of Alexandria, from June 1 to 10, 2023, at our Apostolic and Patriarchal See in Egypt in the celebrated city of Alexander the Great.

The late Primate of the sister Roman Catholic Church was a humble pioneer of love throughout his priestly and episcopal ministry, a shepherd of the needy and disadvantaged brothers and sisters of beautiful Argentina, a fervent supporter of fraternal relations between the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, a reformer of centuries-old and immutable Papal traditions of the Pontifical Office. Experiencing the Resurrectional pulse of the Gospel throughout his entire conscious ecclesiastical ministry, he left worldly affairs in the Luminous Resurrectional period, indelibly imprinting his Papal ministry in the history of the Ancient Episcopal Throne of Supreme Rome.

May the memory of the venerable Pope Francis, an ecclesiastical man of unquestionable spiritual greatness, a zealot for love, equality, and justice, who skilfully steered our sister Roman Catholic Church, be eternal.

THEODOROS II

Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa

With a heart heavy in sorrow yet anchored in the promise of the Risen Lord, I join the faithful around the world in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, who today has returned to the house of the Heavenly Father.

Pope Francis' life was a luminous testament to the Gospel, a tireless witness to Christ's boundless mercy, a steadfast champion for the poor, and a beacon of peace and reconciliation among all peoples. According to the Lord's call: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Even in frailty and suffering, the late Holy Father revealed the strength of true discipleship, embracing the Cross with humility and hope, teaching that the life of a Christian is one of sacrificial love. His final wishes, for a funeral marked by simplicity and faith, reflect his soul's devotion to the Risen Christ, and to the Church as a humble flock of believers, not as a worldly kingdom.

We entrust his noble soul to the infinite compassion of our Lord, and pray: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:23)

May the memory of Pope Francis be eternal, and may his spirit of love, justice, and peace continue to inspire many spiritual and secular leaders for generations to come.

THEOPHILOS III
Patriarch of Jerusalem

Примите мои искренние соболезнования в связи с кончиной Папы Римского Франциска.

Почивший Понтифик возглавил Римско-Католическую Церковь во время эпохальных перемен (Совместное заявление Папы Франциска и Патриарха Кирилла, 7).

С его именем связан важный этап в отношениях между Русской Православной и Римско-Католической Церквами. Состоявшаяся в 2016 году первая в истории встреча их Предстоятелей ознаменовала желание наших Церквей исцелить «раны, нанесенные в конфликтах далекого и недавнего прошлого» и «объединять усилия для свидетельства о Евангелии Христовом и общем наследии Церкви первого тысячелетия» (Совместное заявление 5, 7).

Для христиан всего мира особое значение имело стремление Его Святейшества к проявлению солидарности со страдающими и обездоленными.

Постоянно напоминая о присутствии Господа Иисуса Христа в лице каждого бедного и нуждающегося в помощи, Папа обращал внимание на подчас намеренно замалчиваемые случаи несправедливости, попрания человеческого достоинства и различных форм преследования. Мы с благодарностью будем помнить о его заявлениях в защиту религиозной свободы и, в частности, гонимой Украинской Православной Церкви.

Всемилоливый Господь да упокоит душу служителя Своего, представившегося на второй день празднования Воскресения Христова христианами всего мира, в селениях праведных. Да приведет Он его «от смерти к жизни» (Ин. 5:24), прощая все прегрешения вольные и невольные, и да сотворит ему вечную память!

С искренними соболезнованиями.

КИРИЛЛ

Патриарх Московский и всея Руси

It was with deep sorrow that we received the news of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, the Pontiff of Roman Catholic Church. On behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Holy Church, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the clergy of our sister Catholic Church, and to all Catholic faithful around the world.

The late Pope Francis will be remembered as a humble, courageous, and kind shepherd who faithfully walked in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. He embraced the high and weighty mission of the papacy during challenging times and bore witness to the Gospel with unwavering commitment, standing firmly for justice and peace, showing special care for the needy, and making significant contributions to the strengthening of inter-church relations.

We shall always remember with gratitude the Holy Father's love toward the Armenian people and his courage in speaking the truth. A profound testament to this was the Holy Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, at which We were also present.

Equally memorable was His Holiness's visit to Armenia in 2016, as well as his proclamation of Saint Gregory of Narek, one of the saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church, as a Doctor of the Universal Church.

It is with particular consolation that we recall how the Holy Father continually offered his prayers for a world wounded by wars and injusti-

ce, and especially for our people suffering the grave consequences of the Artsakh war.

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he may die, shall live” (John 11:25). With faith in these words of our Lord and in heartfelt prayer, we bid farewell to our beloved spiritual brother, entrusting him to the Kingdom of Heaven, to inherit the eternal life promised by our Savior. “Good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord” (Matthew 25:21).

We offer prayers for the repose and peace of the soul of His Holiness the Pope, that he may rest in the abodes of heavenly light. We also pray for the comfort of the entire Catholic Church. May the Lord grant you strength and peace in these days, and may the legacy of Pope Francis remain a lasting example of Christ-given faith, love, and hope in the world.

KAREKIN II

Catholicos of All Armenians

We would like to express our profound sorrow and condolences for the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis. He was, indeed, one of the great Popes of the Catholic Church and he was rightly called “people’s pope”. In fact, with his strong emphasis on the renewal of the church and the vital importance of synodality as well as with his simple style he opened a new page in the life of the Catholic Church, and projected a new image of papacy.

His Holiness articulated clearly and boldly the church’s stand on crises facing the world and he became the voice of voiceless and defender of oppressed and marginalized. He considered ecumenism a high priority, underscoring the crucial importance of visible unity. For the pope pastoral care was of pivotal importance; he firmly believed that it is through pastoral engagement that the church becomes a transforming reality in the life of the people.

For the Armenian people Pope Francis will be also remembered for his recognition of the Armenian Genocide and his solidarity with the Armenians of Karabagh

May he rest in peace in the heavenly Kingdom of God

ARAM I

Catholicos of Cilicia of the Armenians

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, I share in your grief. “Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His Saints” (Psalm. 116:15).

The passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis signifies that he finished His Holy and apostolic mission in this world and left for His eternal home for which He had been preparing with dedication in the service of God, spreading the Gospel.

Most surprising is His passing away in time of the commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which has meaning and message too. His legacy in His noble service in spreading the Gospel and fighting for peace and justice to create a better world for Christianity and for humanity in general is remarkable. He was an advocate of peace and reconciliation, and justice. His Holiness was very much concerned about migrants, war prisoners, displaced people, especially women, children and all the downtrodden everywhere in the world, mentioning these issues in all His messages to world community and world leaders at every occasion.

The last message He left for all is nothing else but it is that of the Apostle St. Paul’s that says: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith hence forth there is laid up for me, the crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge will award to me on that day...” (II Timothy 4:7-8).

All Christians in the world miss His encouraging and comforting messages and teachings. We wish comfort to all these people. We hope and pray God will give the Holy Church and the people great father who will continue the mission of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Let his soul rest in peace among Saints!

MATTHIAS I

*Patriarch of the Ethiopian
Orthodox Tewahedo Church*

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope of Rome Francis. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and convey our sorrow and sympathy to the hierarchs, clergy and congregation of your Church, to all for whom his memory is dear.

We would also like to note that we are very grateful to Pope Francis, because in Rome, in the church he entrusted to us, the Holy Liturgy in the

Georgian language has been celebrated since 2014; and further, after his official visit to Georgia, as a sign of his respect for our country and our Church, he invited the Choir of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Church to the Sistine Chapel and presented the unique Georgian culture — the polyphonic Church hymns and folk songs to the whole world.

It is a generally acknowledged fact that Pope Francis was endowed with many talents, distinguished with his humility, a facilitator of many social projects and an active supporter of peace in the world.

We express our deep respect for him and we are praying for his immortal soul.

ILIA II

Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia

Vi preghiamo di accettare le nostre più sincere condoglianze per la scomparsa di Papa Francesco.

La Settimana Santa di Pasqua, che quest'anno i cristiani di tutto il mondo celebrano contemporaneamente, è segnata da una grande perdita e da un evento umanamente doloroso: la morte terrena della guida spirituale di milioni di cristiani in tutto il mondo. Ma noi cristiani guardiamo sempre alla morte nella prospettiva della fede nella Risurrezione di Cristo, come impegno della futura Risurrezione universale dei morti.

Per noi la Risurrezione è speranza e attesa, cioè una realtà indubbia, una ferma fiducia nella promessa del nostro Salvatore.

Con tale ferma fiducia mandiamo da questo mondo l'anima di Papa Francesco. Non è un caso che il suo ultimo libro autobiografico si intitolò "La Speranza". Con questa speranza con cui ha vissuto la sua vita, con questa viva attesa della Risurrezione, che è già qui, tra noi, nella Persona del Vincitore della morte – il Dio-Uomo Gesù Cristo, rivolgiamoci a Dio in preghiera per il riposo dell'anima di Papa Francesco e per il perdono di tutte le sue trasgressioni volontarie e involontarie.

Che Dio lo perdoni!

Con amore e speranza nel Salvatore Risorto.

DANIIL

Patriarca di Bulgaria e Metropolita di Sofia

With deep sorrow, we received the news about the passing from this world of Pope Francis, a venerable and well-known personality of contemporary Christianity, whose Pontificate leaves a profound mark on the recent history of the Roman Catholic Church.

We share in the grief caused by this loss and convey our condolences to the entire Roman Catholic Church.

We pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life (cf. John 11, 25), to rest the soul of Pope Francis in the light, peace and love of the Most Holy Trinity.

DANIEL

Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church

Христос васкрсе! Са тугом смо примили вест да се на други дан празника Васкрсења Господа и Спаса нашег Исуса Христа, упокојио Папа Франциско.

Имао сам прилику да се, током његовог понтификата, више пута лично сретнем са почившим Папом тако да осећам обавезу да данас посведочим да је био човек који је градио мир и разумевање међу људима и народима, са посебном жељом да развија сарадњу са Православним Црквама. Српска Православна Црква му је благодарна на дубоком разумевању трагичног историјског наслеђа подручја на коме живи српски православни народ.

У име пуноће Српске Православне Цркве изражавам саучешће Римској дијецези и васцелој Римокатоличкој Цркви са молитвом да почившем папи Франциску Господ подари вечни живот и вечни спомен.

Порфирије

АЕМ и Патријарх српски

It is with great sorrow that we would like to express our most heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness the late Pope Francis to You and to all the faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church. May we assure you of our partaking of the grief and mourning of the Christians around the Earth.

He was a powerful personality, who spent himself for the prevalence of all that is good and of the values of the human being as God's creature.

Throughout his ministry as Bishop of Rome, every lowliest brother, the poor, the migrant, the refugees, in particular, occupied a central place in it.

With great emotion we retain in our heart the experience of our interaction and of all that we lived side by side during the two visits of the late Pope to our country, which alone demonstrate the love and the respect he had both for the Church of Greece and for the Greeks and Greece more broadly. Indeed, everyone in Greece will always remember him, not least for his exemplary generosity of returning three fragments from the Parthenon marbles in view of their re-unification with this monument of paramount significance to the entire mankind.

His contribution to the sincere dialogue between the Churches and his anxiety for the desideratum of the unity of all were the main axes of his pastoral activity throughout his papacy.

May his memory be eternal.

IERONYMOS II

Archbishop of Athens and All Greece

Having learned of the falling asleep of His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, I wish to express my condolences to you, to the Members of the College of Cardinals and to all the priests, religious, and lay faithful of the Roman Catholic Church.

The commitment to evangelical simplicity, mercy and fraternal love was certainly embodied in his life, whose zealous pastoral service helped many people rediscover the richness and beauty of the Gospel message in our troubled times.

During his mission as a priest, bishop, and Pope, he always showed a deep commitment to proclaiming the Gospel in various geographical and cultural contexts, especially through his sincere care for the poor and marginalized.

I particularly appreciate his sincere efforts to promote greater understanding between the Orthodox and Catholic Churches. I recall his words during meetings with representatives of the Orthodox Church:

“We walk together as brothers on the path of mercy and love.”

With hope in the Risen Christ Who: “... shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,

neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21 :4), I pray that our Lord, the merciful Father, may give rest to his soul. Eternal memory!

JOHN OF KORÇA

Archbishop of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania

Con profonda tristezza, ma anche con una salda speranza nella Risurrezione, proprio in questi giorni di gioia pasquale condivisa da tutti i cristiani nel mondo, abbiamo accolto la notizia della scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco.

Ci permetta, a nome nostro, del Santo Sinodo della Chiesa Ortodossa Macedone - Arcivescovado di Ohrid, e dell'intera pienezza della nostra Chiesa ortodossa locale, di esprimere le nostre più sincere condoglianze a Lei, al clero e a tutti i fedeli cattolici nel mondo, nonché a tutte le persone che hanno rispettato la persona e le opere di Papa Francesco in occasione della sua dipartita.

Il pontificato di Papa Francesco sarà ricordato nella storia della Chiesa cattolica per la sua profonda comprensione delle difficoltà che affliggono l'umanità contemporanea, per il suo costante impegno nel promuovere il dialogo e la pace tra i popoli, per la sua apertura verso i sofferenti, per il suo coraggioso e umile approccio alle sfide ereditate, per la sua instancabile testimonianza della luce del Vangelo, per la sua paterna compassione e guida arcipastorale, nonché per la sua predicazione semplice, silenziosa e sincera della misericordia di Dio, che ha caratterizzato la sua persona.

Sua Santità Papa Francesco rimarrà nella memoria storica del popolo macedone come l'unico papa che ha desiderato visitare e ha visitato la Repubblica di Macedonia.

Preghiamo Dio, Signore dei vivi e dei morti, affinché conceda a Papa Francesco il riposo eterno e renda eterna la sua memoria.

STEFANO

Arcivescovo di Ohrid e di Macedonia

With deep sorrow, I received the news of the passing of Pope Francis during these Paschal days.

The late Pontiff was a man of faith, who wished to share this treasure with every person. Following the example of the one whose name he took upon his election, he preached humility and love for one's neighbour, performing works of mercy and calling for heartfelt compassion, which our world so greatly lacks.

I would especially like to highlight his kind attitude toward Orthodoxy. I warmly recall our personal encounters in the Vatican, as well as during his visit to the Slovak Republic.

In my prayers, I ask the All-Merciful Lord, who rose from the tomb on the third day, to receive him into the place where the light of His face shines.

RATISLAV

Archbishop of Prešov

Metropolitan of the Czech Lands and Slovakia

In connection with the passing into eternal life of the Bishop of Rome, His Holiness Pope Francis, on behalf of the Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church I send to the hands of Your Excellency our sincere condolences.

Death on the day of Easter is the greatest gift given to man. We deeply believe that our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, Whom Pope Francis faithfully served, will give His soul eternal joy, in a place where there is no pain, sadness or sigh.

SAWA

Archbishop of Warsaw and Metropolitan of All Poland

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

With profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy, we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. His departure is a great loss to the entire Christian world a true shepherd whose voice inspired wisdom, peace, and unity.

It is especially moving that his passing occurred on the very day we celebrated the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe this sacred timing is not a coincidence but a divine sign

that His Holiness has entered eternal life in the presence of the Risen Lord. As the Scripture declares:

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” (Revelation 14: 13)

The Holy Synod of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church holds in great esteem his lifelong ministry and unforgettable service to the Body of Christ. We gratefully recall his thoughtful messages during our feasts and, in particular, his heartfelt words of comfort during the passing of our 5th Patriarch, as well as his warm blessings during my own enthronement as the 6th Patriarch.

In the spirit of Saint Paul, we say: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

May his soul rest in the peace and joy of our Lord, and may his enduring legacy of faith, humility, and service continue to guide and inspire future generations.

BASILIOS

*Patriarch of the Eritrean
Orthodox Tewahedo Church*

It was profound sorrow, yet unwavering hope in the Risen Lord, that we received the news of the repose of His Holiness Pope Francis. During these sacred days of the Feast of the Resurrection, our hearts consoled by the triumphant victory of Christ over death, affirming our shared faith in the promise of eternal life.

His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered as a shepherd of humility, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the Gospel. His dedication to fostering unity among Christian communities has left an indelible mark on the journey toward ecclesial reconciliation.

Under his pontificate, the relationship between the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and the Catholic Church experienced significant growth. His support was instrumental in the signing of bilateral agreements that strengthened our mutual commitment to theological dialogue and fraternal relations.

In 2024, with the blessings of His Holiness, our Church had the honor of hosting a high-level delegation from the Dicastery for Promoting Christian

Unity in India. Furthermore, the meetings held in 2013 and 2023 between the Heads of our Churches were milestones in our ecumenical journey. The Department of Ecumenical Relations of our Church, along with the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa, played a pivotal role in orchestrating these significant events.

On behalf of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, and in my capacity as the Diocesan Metropolitan Diocese of the Diocese of UK, Europe and Africa, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the College of Cardinals, the clergy, and the faithful of the Catholic Church worldwide. May the memory of His Holiness Pope Francis be eternal, and may his life's witness continue to inspire all Christians.

As we hold the Catholic Church in our prayers, we are reminded of the Apostle's words:

"If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

With fraternal love in the Risen Christ.

ABRAHAM STEPHANOS

*Metropolitan of UK-Europe-Africa Diocese
of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church*

On behalf of the International Bishops' Conference (IBC) of the Union of Utrecht of Old Catholic Churches, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Pope Francis.

Together with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, as well as with believers from other Christian denominations, religions, and world-views, we remember with deep gratitude his life and witness and mourn his death.

Pope Francis was a true pontifex – a builder of bridges – who sought to lead the Church into the future in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. Inspired by the Canticle of the Sun by his namesake, the humble Brother Francis of Assisi, he called in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* for a spirit of gratitude toward all of God's creation. His appeal for a responsible and caring stewardship of the world entrusted to us resonated across the globe and continues to shape fundamental conversations about the future of our planet.

Rooted in a deep faith in God's boundless goodness, Pope Francis opened himself generously to the task of overcoming divisions between people. Marked by God's mercy, his care extended especially to the poor and the vulnerable, and he sought to create space for the blessing of same-sex relationships. Until the very end, he remained a tireless advocate for peace, calling for ceasefires both in Russia's war against Ukraine and in the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

In 2014, shortly after his election, Pope Francis invited Archbishop Joris Vercammen and all bishops of the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht for a private audience. For the first time in history, such a welcome was extended to them – and it was done with heartfelt warmth. The official dialogue commission between the Roman Catholic and Old Catholic Churches had just presented its first joint report. This report focused first on what unites us in faith, and then explored whether existing differences truly stand in the way of ecclesial communion. The continuation of this bilateral dialogue remains open.

We have been following the synodal process strongly promoted by Pope Francis with great interest from an ecumenical perspective. We were happy to have been invited to make a contribution to the "Listening to the West" symposium. A particularly joyful sign was the ecumenical prayer service on St. Peter's Square in 2023, before the opening of the Synod on Synodality, where I had the privilege to participate as one of the ecumenical guests invited by Pope Francis to gather with thousands of young people and the Taizé Community for the international youth meeting Together.

Pope Francis brought light into the dark shadows that the abuse scandals had cast over all churches. He did not hesitate to criticize cardinals and bishops who acted unworthily of their high calling, or those who clung to rigid interpretations of church doctrine when what was truly needed was the space of the Gospel. His experiences from South America were never hidden behind the frescoed walls of the Vatican palaces – he remained a pope of the people and for the people. Perhaps this is the greatest honor that can be given to a church leader.

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, having blessed the city and the world with his final breath. May this blessing empower us, by God's grace,

to become instruments of His peace – in memory of Pope Francis, for the further building up of the Church, and for the salvation of the world.

United in the life of our Risen Lord.

BERND WALLET

Archbishop of Utrecht

*President of the International Bishops' Conference
of the Union of Utrecht of Old Catholic Churches*

I write on behalf of the Anglican Communion to extend our prayers for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis, and to express our condolences to all the Catholic faithful on the death of the Servant of the Servants of God. I want to express the deep appreciation of the Anglican Communion for the remarkable leadership that Pope Francis has given to the Catholic Church and to the world at large. Anglicans have so often encountered his great personal warmth and friendship, and have been greatly encouraged by him in the search for Christian unity.

Anglicans rejoice in Pope Francis' profound commitment to evangelisation, to showing justice, mercy, love and reconciliation. His words and actions have touched the hearts of millions, transcending the boundaries of Christian divisions and inspiring people of all faiths to join hands in pursuit of a more just and compassionate world.

His unwavering dedication to the plight of the poor, the refugee and the vulnerable has been a great inspiration. His calls for global solidarity, for the protection of our common home and for the pursuit of peace have resonated deeply within the hearts of people across continents and cultures, especially in my home country, South Sudan. In particular I rejoice in the pastoral journey there, undertaken by His Holiness, Archbishop Justin Welby and Moderator Iain Greenshields.

Renewal of the Church's structures through synodality and the voice of women and lay people within decision-making processes was a major contribution of Francis's Papacy. In this way, he drew upon and deepened friendships across the Christian world, not least as he invited Anglicans to walk together in the process.

Pope Francis dedicated himself to fostering greater unity among Christians and to leading by example. His commitment to deepening the com-

munion we already share opened new avenues of collaboration between the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. We have begun to heal the wounds of division as we learn to walk together toward the fullness of unity that Christ desires for His Church.

I am very grateful for Pope Francis' support of the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome, the

Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), and the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM). The 2024 IARCCUM Summit and the Vespers at St Paul Outside the Walls (where the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury commissioned pairs of bishops for a second time to work together) was powerful and striking.

The welcome Pope Francis gave to the Anglican Communion Primates' Meeting a year ago will be a life-long blessing to us.

Anglicans join with millions around the oikoumene, and with all people of goodwill, in giving thanks to God for Pope Francis. We offer our condolences to our sisters and brothers in the Roman Catholic Church. We pray God's blessing on us all and on all who, like Pope Francis, try to follow Christ in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Our prayers will be with the Catholic Church during the coming days and weeks.

ANTHONY POGGO

Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

We would like to speak in very personal terms and also on behalf of the Worldwide Methodist family.

It is with great sadness that the President and the General Secretary of the World Methodist Council received the news of the death of Pope Francis this Easter Monday morning. It was as recent as December 2024 that a small company of us were received by the Pope in a private audience at the Apostolic Palace in Rome.

Pope Francis welcomed us as sister and brothers. He invited all to have an open mind and heart to one another: "in this way our communities will manage to unite the different minds and wills, letting ourselves to be guided by the Spirit." Pope Francis addressed directly the fact that for a

long time there was suspicion and distrust between ourselves. But that “we can now thank God because, for 60 years, we are progressing together in knowledge, in mutual understanding and love.” He added that: “this has helped us to deepen our mutual communion.”

The Pope referred to the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, “this occasion reminds us that we profess the same faith and, therefore, that we have the same calling to offer signs of hope that bear witness to God’s presence in the world... to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of finding ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus ‘that they may all be one’.”

We speak on behalf of the World Methodist Council to express our great sadness at the loss of Pope Francis. From the seat of Peter he exercised primacy calling us to unity in love and diversity.

The late Pope set an example from the beginning choosing the name Francis. The First Pope to take the name of the saint that brought such renewal to the Church, calling all to a life of holiness, setting an example of humility, and a deep spiritual love for the created world.

He was also the first Pope to come from Latin America, saying that cardinals went to the end of the world to find him. Truthful to his roots, he was always calling us all back to service to the poor, with the poor. He dared and called us to speak prophetically for justice. The Pope also invited us to share in the joy of the Gospel.

Francis was the first Pope from the Order of the Jesuits. Methodists understood his emphasis on a discipline of prayer, and his constant request for us not to forget to pray for him. Which we did.

Pope Francis goes but leaves us with an example to be followed.

We say goodbye Pope Francis, until we meet again in the Eternal City of God. Your sister and brother, personally and on behalf of the WMC.

DEBRA WALLACE-PADGETT
President of the World Methodist Council

REYNALDO FERREIRA LEÃO NETO
General Secretary

With a deep sense of sadness, we woke up to the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis this Easter Monday. Since 2013, Pope Francis has

provided visionary leadership not only to the Roman Catholic Church, but also to the world at large. He has been a moral compass to a world which has constantly strayed from God's intentions. His humility as a Christian leader was remarkable and inspiring.

Pope Francis has been an ardent advocate for justice in the world and for God's creation. These are very close to the heart of the Reformed movement in the world, and we appreciate Pope Francis for championing this cause. In a world in which autocratic rule and exclusion of people groups for all kinds of reasons have become the dominant forces, and many more find themselves marginalized, Pope Francis' voice has been a steady challenge to the powers there be. In the homegoing of Pope Francis, the world has lost a beacon of hope.

Pope Francis was more than a leader – he was a witness – A witness to God's inclusive love, to ecological justice, and to walking with the poor and the forgotten. He lived the Gospel in a way that resonated deeply with people of all traditions. His loss is felt around the world. His encyclical *Laudato Si'*, published in 2015, challenged the world to reconsider its relationship with the planet, blending theology, science and ethics in a call for ecological conversion.

We mourn and grieve with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers at a time like this. Pope Francis' departure on Easter Monday draws us into an affirmation that our grief is not characterized by hopelessness. We believe in the Lord Jesus who died and rose again on Easter. It is that hope of the resurrection that give us comfort which we share with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers.

Our President, Rev. Najla Kassab has this to say: "As we celebrate the victory of Christ over death, even with the death of Pope Francis, death can never conquer the hope and strength that the resurrection of Christ has assured to us. Pope Francis led the church with hope and a dream of a better tomorrow, as he inspired the faithful believers around the world on the journey of becoming a synodal church. A church that listens to her Lord first. We pray that the journey he started will bear fruit and ecumenism will be strengthened by the spirit of walking together. He inspired many young people and was a symbol of humbleness and strived to stand with those who are not welcomed on the Church table. He will be remembered for his lived love."

On behalf of the President of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, Rev. Najla Kassab, the Executive Committee, colleagues in our operating office in Hannover, Germany, and the entire membership of the worldwide Reformed family, we offer our condolences to the Roman Catholic Church and its leadership through the prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, Cardinal Koch and the Dicastery's Secretary, Archbishop Pace.

May His Holiness, Pope Francis rest in perfect eternal peace.

SETRI NYOMI

Interim General Secretary

World Communion of Reformed Churches

In this time of sorrow, we extend our heartfelt condolences on behalf of the entire Baptist World Alliance (BWA) family, a Christian World Communion of 53 million baptized believers in 134 countries and territories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we stand together in our Christian faith and the promise of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the Scriptures remind us in II Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Pope Francis impacted the lives of countless individuals with his dedicated service and commitment to his faith. He leaves a legacy of love, compassion, and faithfulness that will continue to touch many people.

Pope Francis will be remembered by the BWA for his consistent call to accompany Jesus in serving the poor and those who are suffering from the wounds of this world, listening to one another in a spirit of discerning the work of the Holy Spirit, and in humble service to God. As Pope Francis asked myself and many others in various BWA visits with him, "Pray for me." In his dedication to God, humble life of service in Christ, and personal humor and care, Pope Francis gave witness to the world that the Kingdom of God is a matter of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

May God's peace and comfort be present through this season of mourning. May the promise of eternal life give hope and assurance. On this Easter Monday, may there be resurrection peace in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God.

With heartfelt condolences.

ELIJAH M. BROWN
General Secretary and CEO
Baptist World Alliance

We are heartbroken by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis early this morning. I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to the Roman Curia. I pray that the presence of our Lord and Comforter, the Spirit of Christ, may especially accompany you during this time.

With gratitude, we remember Pope Francis's life. We reflect on how, through his life and teachings, he highlighted important issues for our Anabaptist Mennonite communion: the imitation of Christ in his approach to power; his understanding of leadership as service; his commitment to peace; his focus on marginalized individuals, the poor, and immigrants; his dedication to church unity, as demonstrated in his relationships with other Christian communions and the practice of synodality; his respect for different faiths; and his care for God's creation. These efforts, among others, endeared him to many of our brothers and sisters throughout his years of ministry.

The death of Pope Francis has temporarily halted our journey alongside him. However, his ministry and life fill us with profound gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us through him. We join the Catholic Church in mourning his death. Nevertheless, we remember the Apostle Paul's words with hope:

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. (1 Cor. 15:20-22, NRSV)

Walking alongside the Church during this time of grief and gratitude for Pope Francis's life,

CÉSAR GARCÍA
General Secretary
Mennonite World Conference

On behalf of the Worldwide Moravian Church, we express our respect for the legacy of Pope

Francis, who showed solidarity with the poor and vulnerable people around the world. Pope Francis understood and supported the ecumenical work in many ways and took important steps towards greater unity among the Church World Communions. As Moravians, we are encouraged of the ecumenical spirit of the Pope Francis.

We join the Catholic Church in mourning his death. We remember the Apostle Paul's words with hope:

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." (1 Cor. 15:20-22, NRSV)

In the grace of our Lord.

JØRGEN BØYTLER
Unity Board Administrator
Moravian Church

It is with a heavy heart and a deeply held faith in God's promises that I write to convey condolences and prayers following the passing of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis will be remembered as a humble servant of God during a time of great upheaval and crisis throughout the world. His deep concern for the poor and marginalised, commitment to environmental stewardship and dedication to Christian unity will leave a lasting legacy around the globe.

The Salvation Army has been grateful for the Pope's interest in our shared work among the world's most vulnerable people as well as our ecumenical relationship in our continuing dialogue on Christian unity. We are

appreciative of the encouragement and support the Pope has given to The Salvation Army during his papacy.

On behalf of Salvationists everywhere, I offer our deepest sympathy to you and to the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world. I pray that God's presence and the peace that passes all understanding will be with you in the days ahead.

Commissioner Bronwyn joins me in sending our heartfelt prayers.

LYNDON BUCKINGHAM
General of the Salvation Army

It was with sadness that I learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. On behalf of the New Apostolic Christians around the world and on a personal level, I offer my sincere condolences to you and the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope Francis led the universal Church with humility, clarity and love. His dedication to the poor, his message of mercy, and his commitment to peace, dialogue, and the protection of the creation have had an impact far beyond his own denomination. His willingness to serve rather than dominate and his sincere humility were evident to many.

I also feel personally connected to his vision of a Church that does not shine with perfection, but is marked by real life – a “bruised Church” that is close to the people and does not revolve around itself in a sterile way. His pastoral ministry was imbued with compassion and a desire to bring hope where it is most needed.

For the days ahead, I wish your Church spiritual leadership, wise decisions, and the strength for renewal based on the spirit of the gospel.

With sincere condolences and deepest sympathy,

JEAN-LUC SCHNEIDER
Chief Apostle
New Apostolic Church International

It is with both deep sorrow and unwavering hope in the resurrection that we received the news of the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis, on Easter Day, 21 April 2025. On this holiest of days, when we celebrate the

triumph of life over death through our Risen Lord, the earthly journey of a faithful servant of God came to its close and his eternal rest began – in the peace of Christ, in the love of the Father, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Together with the entire Roman Catholic Church, we at the World Council of Churches mourn the loss of an extraordinary shepherd of the People of God. Pope Francis will be remembered with gratitude and love by Christians and all people of good will around the world – as a spiritual father who embodied humility, compassion, and a deep commitment to justice, peace, and unity. His promotion of the synodal way as a means of “listening in the Spirit” profoundly impacted the life of the Roman Catholic Church and extended beyond it, offering a model of discernment, dialogue, and inclusive participation for churches and ecumenical communities worldwide, seeking renewal and deeper communion in the Holy Spirit.

Throughout his ministry, Pope Francis offered a prophetic voice for our times. His witness to the Gospel, his heartfelt call for Christian unity, and his tireless advocacy for the marginalized have left an indelible mark on the global Christian community. His ecumenical vision and pastoral writings will continue to inspire clergy, theologians, and lay people across confessions for generations to come.

Pope Francis lived his life in full devotion to God and the Church, tirelessly building bridges of dialogue – between Christians, between faith traditions, and between the Church and the wider world. He showed us that peace begins with people, with relationships, and with the courage to embrace one another in friendship and love.

We recall with gratitude Pope Francis’s historic visit to the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey in 2018, a moment that symbolized his deep commitment to Christian unity. His vision of ecumenism as a pilgrimage – a journey undertaken together by all who seek justice, peace, and reconciliation – resonated deeply with the World Council of Churches’ Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace. Since 2022, this shared journey continues as the Pilgrimage of Justice, Reconciliation and Unity, to which Pope Francis’ life and ministry gave powerful witness. The WCC leadership appreciated special private meetings with Pope Francis to discuss matters of mutual ecumenical interest and concerns.

We also remember that the year 2025 holds special significance for the global Church, as the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Jubilee Year – a time of renewal, grace, and reconciliation. At the same time, the World Council of Churches marks 2025 as the Ecumenical Year, commemorating together with the global Church 1700 years since the First Ecumenical Council. In this kairos moment, the legacies of Pope Francis – his call to unity, his pastoral compassion, and his vision of synodality – represent a spiritual convergence between these two symbolic milestones, calling the people of God to deeper communion, mutual recognition, and shared witness in the world. Notably, Pope Francis was also a committed advocate for a common date of Easter for all Christians, a sign of his deep hope for visible unity among the churches. It is therefore deeply symbolic that he passed away in the very year when all Christians celebrates the Feast of the Resurrection on the same day – an occasion he longed and prayed for.

In the light of these meaningful convergences and symbolic fulfilments, we now commend his soul to the mercy and light of the Most Holy Trinity, giving thanks to Christ Jesus, who said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.” (John 11:25)

On behalf of the World Council of Churches, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his friends, collaborators in the Vatican, to the entire Roman Catholic Church, and to the whole ecumenical family.

May the legacy of Pope Francis continue to guide us on the path of unity, justice, and love. In the peace and light of the Risen Lord.

JERRY PILLAY

General Secretary of World Council of Churches

HEINRICH BEDFORD-STROHM

Moderator of World Council of Churches

C'est avec beaucoup d'émotion que nous avons appris la nouvelle du retour à la maison du Père du bienaimé Pape François et nous prions pour lui, emplis d'une grande reconnaissance pour sa vie. Dès lundi matin, j'ai annoncé la nouvelle aux nombreux jeunes réunis à Taizé en ce week-end pascal et nous avons fait sonner les cloches.

Il y a quelques semaines, j'aurais dû le revoir pour notre audience annuelle – une tradition entamée par frère Roger et poursuivie par mon prédécesseur frère Alois, avec les Papes successifs. Bien sûr, son hospitalisation ne l'avait pas permis, mais nous avons eu une belle prière œcuménique en lien avec le Dicastère pour l'Unité et les responsables de diverses confessions chrétiennes de Rome.

Nous sommes particulièrement reconnaissants au Pape François d'avoir beaucoup œuvré à l'unité des chrétiens. Il l'a fait par des visites marquantes et par des gestes concrets qui ont fait grandir la communion. Et nous gardons particulièrement le souvenir de la veillée de prière œcuménique « Together » à la veille de l'assemblée synodale. Sa présence sur la place Saint-Pierre et la manière dont il a accueilli les responsables chrétiens de toutes les Églises ont montré un vrai désir de communion fraternelle dans la charité.

Hier soir, en parlant dans notre église de la Réconciliation aux 2000 jeunes présents cette semaine à Taizé, j'ai évoqué ce Pape tant aimé en citant entre autres des paroles qu'il avait dites lors de la veillée : « La vérité n'a pas besoin de cris violents pour atteindre le cœur des hommes. Dieu n'aime pas les proclamations et les clameurs, le bavardage et le vacarme : Dieu préfère plutôt, comme il l'a fait avec Élie, parler dans le « murmure d'une brise légère » (1 R 19,12), dans un « fin silence sonore ».

Le Pape François a ouvert tant de chemins dans l'Église, dans la famille humaine et à l'égard de la Création de Dieu, notre maison commune. Il a donné une valeur aux personnes qui croyaient ne pas avoir de valeur. Sa détermination, à travers sa propre écoute de l'Esprit Saint, à tout faire pour favoriser une Église « en sortie », qui soit synodale et qui permette à tous les baptisés de participer à sa mission en communion les uns avec les autres, laisse un bel héritage pour nous tous.

En ces jours, avec mes frères, nous prions pour sa mémoire et pour le vivant héritage qu'il laisse désormais à l'Église. Et soyez assuré qu'en cette période nous prions tout particulièrement pour le conclave à venir et pour tous ceux qui guident l'Église.

En profonde communion.

FRÈRE MATTHEW

Prieur de Taizé

The Global Christian Forum (GCF) joins our brothers and sisters around the world in heartfelt mourning for Pope Francis. His life and ministry were radiant with hope and joy, grounded in compassion, humility, and a profound commitment to human dignity. Pope Francis touched countless lives across faith traditions with his wisdom, kindness, and genuine love for all people. His dedication to caring for creation inspired meaningful global dialogue and transformative action for our shared environment.

At his heart, Pope Francis was a true ecumenist whose leadership embodied reconciliation, open dialogue, and deep mutual understanding. He passionately believed that our journeys in Christ unite us as one. Reflecting on this conviction, he addressed the fourth global gathering of the Global Christian Forum, Accra, Ghana, April 2024, with these words:

“This year’s theme, ‘that the world may know’ (John 17:23b) calls on Christians to embody the unity and love of the Triune God in their personal and ecclesial lives so that they bear witness to a world scarred by division and rivalry.

Unity is an indispensable element for embracing the vision of the Kingdom of God. As such, there is an intrinsic bond between ecumenism and Christian mission. Throughout its history, the Global Christian Forum has contributed significantly to the promotion of this bond by providing a space in which members, especially those from different historical expressions of the Christian faith, grow in mutual respect and fraternity by encountering one another in Christ.”

With deep gratitude and fond remembrance, we celebrate the faithful witness and impactful life of Pope Francis. We extend our prayers and solidarity to the Roman Catholic Church in this time of loss.

CASELY ESSAMUAH

Secretary of Global Christian Forum

United Bible Societies mourn the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis – a truly evangelical man, a faithful servant of the Gospel, and a prophetic voice in our time.

Pope Francis was a man of the Bible. His deep love for the Scriptures shaped his ministry and inspired millions across the world to encounter the

living Word of God. His preaching and witness were rooted in the truth of the Gospel, and his life reflected the humility, compassion, and courage of Christ himself, whom he faithfully followed.

He was a bridge builder – tirelessly fostering reconciliation in a divided world and opening paths of dialogue across confessional and religious boundaries. His commitment to unity, justice, and peace resonated far beyond the walls of the Catholic Church, inviting all people of goodwill to walk together in hope. His open heart and outstretched hands were a testament to the reconciling love of Christ.

Pope Francis was a friend of the Bible Society movement. He affirmed the vital mission of making the Bible accessible to all people and supported the work of Bible Societies with generosity of spirit and genuine partnership. His appreciation for the mission of Bible translation, distribution, and engagement was unwavering.

Many Bible Societies around the world serve the Roman Catholic Church and Catholic communities, working closely with priests, bishops, religious educators, and lay leaders to ensure that the Scriptures are present, accessible, and alive in the hearts of the faithful. Pope Francis championed this mission, recognising that the Word of God belongs to all and transforms all who encounter it.

As we give thanks for his life and legacy, we also commit ourselves anew to the values he so beautifully embodied: a passionate love for the Word, Gospel-centered living, humble service, a fearless pursuit of reconciliation, unity in diversity, and the transformative power of the Bible.

May the Lord welcome him with the words: “Well done, good and faithful servant,” and may his memory be an encouragement and a blessing for all of us.

UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES

A nome di tutto il movimento Ymca nel mondo desideriamo manifestare il profondo dolore con il quale abbiamo appreso la notizia del ritorno alla Casa del Padre del Santo Padre. In questo momento di grande lutto per la Chiesa universale desideriamo esprimere le nostre più sentite condoglianze, unendoci spiritualmente alla Sua preghiera e a quella di tutta la comunità ecclesiale.

La guida saggia e il luminoso esempio del Santo Padre continueranno ad essere fonte di ispirazione per tutti noi. Il faro nella nebbia del mondo. Preghiamo affinché il Signore, nella Sua infinita misericordia, lo accolga nella gloria eterna.

ALESSANDRO INDOVINA

Segretario Generale

Federazione Italiana delle Associazioni

Cristiane dei Giovani (YMCA)

A IUDAICIS CONSOCIATIONIBUS

Le Comunità ebraiche italiane esprimono alle sorelle e ai fratelli cristiani il cordoglio per l'improvvisa perdita di Papa Francesco, nonostante i miglioramenti delle ultime settimane, partecipando al dolore di tutti i fedeli.

Il suo lungo pontificato, segnato dall'Anno Giubilare in corso, attraversa diversi cambiamenti epocali e crisi mondiali che generano importanti riflessioni, per l'oggi e il domani, nel solco dell'imprescindibile dialogo tra le fedi. Nelle sue ultime parole importante l'attenzione all'antisemitismo crescenti.

UNIONE DELLE COMUNITÀ EBRAICHE ITALIANE

A PROCURATORIBUS RELIGIONUM UNIVERSI ORBIS

فبدایة أتقدم لكم بخالص العزاء في فقدان قداسة البابا/ فرنسيس، بابا الفاتيكان، الذي في عهده شهدت العلاقات بين المسلمين والمسيحيين وبخاصة بين الأزهر الشريف وحاضرة الفاتيكان تطوراً ملموساً شهد له العالم أجمع، وقد بلغ ذروته بتوقيع وثيقة الأخوة الإنسانية عام ٢٠١٦م في «أبو ظبي».

وإنني أرسل لكم بالتعازي الحارة من فضيلة الإمام الأكبر شيخ الأزهر الذي كان يود أن يحضر بنفسه جنازة أخيه قداسة البابا، ولكن حالت ظروفه الصحية دون ذلك؛ بناء على نصيحة الطبيب الخاص لفضيلته.

وبناء عليه فقد أوفد فضيلة الإمام الأكبر شيخ الأزهر ممثلاً رفيع المستوى؛ لينوب عنه ويُمثله في جنازة قداسة البابا وهو سعادة القاضي / محمد عبد السلام، الأمين العام لمجلس حكماء

المسلمين، الذي سيشارك بالمراسم ممثلاً عن فضيلة الإمام الأكبر شيخ الأزهر الشريف وبصفته
- أَيْضًا - أميناً عاماً لمجلس حكماء المسلمين.

رئيس قطاع
مكتب شيخ الأزهر
(د/ أتي سيد أحمد خضر)

We write with great sadness upon learning of the passing of Pope Francis.

His Holiness dedicated his life to serving others with unparalleled compassion and humility, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of millions around the world.

His life of simplicity, in a polarised world where the rich are over indulged, and the poor suffer terribly from hunger and privation, his espousal of material poverty was an inspiration to so many.

Pope Francis's profound messages of mercy, love, and justice transcended borders and religions and touched lives in countless ways.

He championed the cause of the marginalized and called for a greater commitment to peace and care for our planet. His leadership has inspired a renewed sense of purpose within the Catholic Church and members of other world religions.

During this time of mourning, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you gather to honour his memory and navigate the days ahead.

May your Holy Spirit guide you in fulfilling his legacy, and in the election of the new pope.

From the members of The Buddhist Society and the wider Buddhist Sangha we too mourn the passing of what in India would be called a Mahatma, a great soul, and in our tradition a great Bodhisattva. A Being that embodies the ideals of selflessness and compassion and dedicates his life and efforts to the liberation of all beings from suffering.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences to all within the Church and to those who worked closely alongside Pope Francis. May his soul find eternal peace.

DESMOND BIDDULPH

President of the Buddhist Society

A NATIONUM MODERATORIBUS VEL ADMINISTRIS

(scripta missa sunt Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no Cardinali Collegii Decano, Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no S.R.E. Camerario vel Em.mo ac Rev.mo D.no olim Secretario Status)

ALBANIA

It is with deep sorrow that I learned of the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. It is difficult to find the words to express the depth of this loss, which has affected not only Catholics around the world, but also all of humanity. I would like to humbly express my sincerest condolences on behalf of the Albanian people and myself to the Holy See and the Catholic Church. Pope Francis, who humility, simplicity, compassion, and love, nurtured a vision of peace and hope.

His Holiness held a special place in the hearts of Albanians, His historic visit to Tirana on September 21, 2014, was a significant moment in our nation's history. His thoughtful message of harmony and respect among people of different faiths has had a significant impact on our society, encouraging Albanians to maintain their traditional values of religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

The Albanian people will always cherish the memory of the moment when Pope Francis, in front of thousands of believers in St. Peter's Square, announced the canonization of Mother Teresa. The Albanian people are grateful to Pope Francis for his solidarity with the Albanian people during challenging times. Following the earthquake in Albania in 2019, which was devastating for the affected communities, he was a voice of hope and comfort, offering prayers and material support.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to meet His Holiness during my visits to the Holy See. In those meetings, I came to deeply appreciate his wise guidance, his humility, and his unwavering dedication to the dignity of every individual.

As we commemorate the transition of His Holiness back to the Almighty, we pay tribute to his enduring legacy of unity, understanding, and

fraternity, virtues that will undoubtedly continue to guide and inspire generations to come.

BAJRAM BEGAJ

President of the Republic of Albania

ALGERIA

I received with great sadness and emotion the news of the passing under God's care of His Holiness Pope Francis, after a bitter struggle with illness.

At this painful loss, I extend on behalf of the Algerian people and government, and personally, to the august Vatican and its venerable institutions and to all Christians in the world, my sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy for losing a great figure who left a lasting mark with gold letters in our modern history.

The esteemed deceased devoted his life to spreading the love of the One God and to fostering the values of fraternity, cooperation and coexistence among the peoples. He was acknowledged for his sincerity and dedication in serving the cause of the vulnerable people, the oppressed and the poorest, earning him people's great love and affection, until his soul returned to the Supreme Companion.

Sharing your sorrow and pain in this difficult time, which belongs to the sole judgement of God, please accept, Eminence, the assurances of my heartfelt sympathy and solidarity.

ABDELMADJID TEBBOUNE

President of Republic

ANGOLA

Tomei conhecimento, com dor e tristeza, da morte de Sua Santidade o Papa Francisco, Bispo de Roma e líder da Igreja Católica, ocorrida hoje, 21 de abril de 2025, no Vaticano.

A morte do Sumo Pontífice constitui um duro golpe para o mundo e uma imensa perda para os cristãos católicos, que viam nele uma das grandes esperanças na construção de um mundo mais justo e equilibrado, por ter sido um líder comprometido com a paz, com a justiça social e com os mais desfavorecidos.

Durante o Seu Pontificado soube ser um intérprete sagaz das inquietações do mundo moderno e, em face disso, pudemos ter tido o privilégio de O ver avançar em tomadas de posição corajosas que modificaram abordagens desajustadas do nosso tempo e atenderam mais cabalmente questões sobre a diversidade no seio da Igreja Católica.

Quero por isso, em nome do Executivo Angolano e no meu próprio, apresentar ao Estado do Vaticano e aos fiéis da Igreja Católica em todo o mundo as nossas mais sentidas condolências pelo passamento físico desta insigne personalidade universal.

Queira aceitar, Eminência, a expressão dos meus sentimentos de solidariedade nesta hora de dor e luto para a Igreja Católica e para o mundo.

JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES LOURENÇO
Presidente da República de Angola

ANTIGUA E BARBUDA

It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, whose life of unwavering devotion to God, the Church, and humanity has left an indelible mark on the world.

On behalf of the nation of Antigua and Barbuda, and in our personal capacities, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the College of Cardinals, the Holy See, and the global Catholic community at this time of profound loss.

His Holiness embodied the highest ideals of spiritual leadership, humility, and compassion. His commitment to justice, peace, and the dignity of every human being resonated far beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church and offered hope to people of all faiths and backgrounds. Through his example, he inspired countless individuals to live lives of mercy, faith, and service.

We fondly recall the honour of visiting His Holiness Pope Francis in 2015 during an official visit to the Vatican. Accompanied by Her Excellency Lady Williams, members of our diplomatic corps and members of our family, it was a deeply memorable and inspiring experience. The warmth, humility, and wisdom with which His Holiness received us remain etched in our hearts and continue to guide our service to the people of our nation.

As our nation joins the international community in mourning, we offer prayers for the comfort of the faithful who grieve. May his legacy endure as a beacon of unity and grace in these times of challenge and change.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration and continued prayers for the Church during this time of bereavement.

SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS

Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda

ARABIA SAUDITA

علمنا نبأ وفاة قداسة البابا فرانسيس - رئيس دولة الفاتيكان - ونبعث لدولتكم أحر التعازي وصادق المواساة، متمنين لكم موفور الصحة والعافية، وألا تروا أي سوءاً أو مكروهاً.

خادم الحرمين الشريفين
سلمان بن عبد العزيز آل سعود
ملك المملكة العربية السعودية

تلقينا نبأ وفاة قداسة البابا فرانسيس - رئيس دولة الفاتيكان - وإننا إذ نبعث لدولتكم أحر التعازي وصادق المواساة، لنتمنى لكم موفور الصحة والسعادة، وألا تروا أي سوء أو مكروه.

محمد بن سلمان بن عبد العزيز آل سعود
ولي العهد رئيس مجلس الوزراء

ARMENIA

È con profondo dolore che ho appreso della morte di Sua Santità Papa Francesco. La sua scomparsa è una grande perdita per i cattolici e per ogni cristiano.

Sua Santità sarà ricordato come un faro di speranza, compassione e unità. Il suo instancabile operato era volto a diffondere i valori umani universali, instaurare la pace e la solidarietà nel mondo.

Mi stringo a tutti nel dolore per la morte di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, Apostolo di umiltà e umanità.

VAHAGN KHACHATURYAN

Presidente della Repubblica di Armenia

È con profondo dolore che ho appreso la notizia della scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco. A nome mio e del popolo armeno, La prego di accettare le nostre più sentite condoglianze.

La straordinaria guida di Sua Santità e i suoi sforzi per promuovere la pace, diffondere i valori umani universali, stabilire la solidarietà tra i popoli e proteggere i diritti umani e le libertà sono inestimabili.

Papa Francesco rimarrà nella memoria di tutti come un pioniere della compassione e delle idee umanitarie, la cui attenzione costante era rivolta anche alla questione della pace e della stabilità nel Caucaso meridionale.

Partecipiamo profondamente al dolore dei credenti di tutto il mondo per questa grande perdita.

NIKOL PASHINYAN

Primo Ministro della Repubblica di Armenia

AUSTRALIA

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis. I am certain of the immense loss that his passing will represent to millions around the world.

I take comfort in the knowledge that Pope Francis leaves an enduring legacy as head of the Roman Catholic Church for 12 years. His efforts to build a more participative, synodal Church are sure to strengthen its response to the challenges of modern times. Pope Francis also leaves behind a more global Church, one which better reflects the vast human diversity of an institution that is present in every corner of the world.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his committed pastoral vocation, and a warm, informal approach that struck a chord with Catholics and non-Catholics alike. His profound concern for the marginalised defined his pontificate, and his unwavering support for peace and fraternity earned him the admiration of political and faith leaders the world over. But it was perhaps his compelling advocacy for environmental protection which will be remembered as his greatest legacy. Pope Francis's calls to tackle the effects of the climate crisis have inspired bolder and more ambitious action, including in Australia and the Pacific region.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Australia, I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to Roman Catholic communities everywhere, and more generally to all those who are mourning on this sad day. I will be proud to represent Australia at the funeral of His Holiness.

SAM MOSTYN

Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

AUSTRIA

Die Nachricht vom Tod Seiner Heiligkeit Papst Franziskus hat das österreichische Volk und mich persönlich mit großer Trauer und tiefer Betroffenheit erfüllt. Für Österreich, Europa und die Welt bedeutet das Ableben von Papst Franziskus den Verlust einer allseits anerkannten moralischen Instanz für Frieden, Menschenrechte, Gerechtigkeit, den Einsatz für die Bewahrung der Schöpfung und den Kampf gegen Armut. Ebenso unvergessen ist das besondere Engagement dieses großen Brückenbauers für den Dialog zwischen den Religionen sowie seine steten Mahnungen gegen Rassenhass und religiöse Intoleranz.

„Buona sera – guten Abend“, das waren die ersten Worte von Franziskus nach seiner Wahl zum Papst. Direkt, freimütig und den Menschen ganz nah, zu denen er gesprochen hat. Und genau das war er: den Menschen nahe. Er schaute nie weg, er schaute hin. Und mit ihm die Welt. Denn immer wieder richtete er einen Scheinwerfer überall dort hin, wo er das Wohl der Menschen gefährdet sah. Etwa durch Krieg, Diktatur oder Klimaveränderung. Für Millionen Gläubige und darüber hinaus war er eine Inspiration. Ein Wegweiser der Hoffnung.

Bei meinen beiden Offiziellen Besuchen im Vatikan habe ich ihn als interessierten und aufmerksamen Menschen erlebt, als jemanden, mit dem man gut reden kann. Diese Gespräche werde ich in meiner Erinnerung bewahren. Für mich wird der Name Franziskus immer für Nähe und Menschlichkeit stehen.

Ich bitte Sie, Eminenz, meine tief empfundene Anteilnahme an diesem so schmerzlichen Verlust auch im Namen aller Österreicherinnen und Österreicher entgegenzunehmen.

Mit dem Ausdruck meiner vorzüglichen Hochachtung.

ALEXANDER VAN DER BELLEN

Bundespräsident der Republik Österreich

Mit großer Trauer und Betroffenheit habe ich vom Ableben von Papst Franziskus erfahren.

In Zeiten des Umbruchs und des Konflikts war der Heilige Vater für viele Menschen, auch über die Katholische Kirche hinweg, Wegweiser des Friedens. In seinem ausdauernden Bemühen um die Minderung des Leids dieser Welt und als Verbinder zwischen Nationen, Religionen und Kulturen bleibt sein nachhaltiger persönlicher Einsatz für Frieden, Gerechtigkeit und Toleranz beispielgebend.

Sein apostolisches Wirken hat sich auch in der so hoch geschätzten vatikanischen Diplomatie fortgesetzt und in den vielfältigen Krisenherden dieser Welt auf persönlicher Ebene Linderung geschafft, so auch durch seinen erfolgreichen Einsatz für die Freilassung der österreichisch-israelischen Geisel Tal Shoham.

Ich bitte Sie, Hochwürdigste Eminenz, und das Kardinalskollegium, die tiefempfundene Anteilnahme und das aufrichtige Mitgefühl der österreichi-

schen Bundesregierung an diesem so schmerzlichen Verlust auch in meinem Namen entgegenzunehmen und verbleibe

Mit dem Ausdruck meiner vorzüglichsten Hochachtung.

CHRISTIAN STOCKER

Bundeskanzler der Republik Österreich

Mit tiefer Betroffenheit habe ich vom Ableben Seiner Heiligkeit Papst Franziskus erfahren. Im Namen des Nationalrates der Republik Österreich wie auch in meinem eigenen Namen darf ich meine tiefe Trauer darüber zum Ausdruck bringen.

Seine Heiligkeit war ein geistliches Oberhaupt, das über die Konfessionsgrenzen hinweg Brücken gebaut hat. Sein Engagement für Frieden, Gerechtigkeit und die Würde des Menschen bleibt unvergessen.

Ich verbleibe mit dem Ausdruck der tief empfundenen Trauer.

WALTER ROSENKRANZ

Präsident des Nationalrates

Mit großer Trauer und Erschütterung habe ich vom Ableben Seiner Heiligkeit Papst Franziskus erfahren. Ich möchte Ihnen meine tief empfundene Anteilnahme aussprechen und tue dies auch im Namen des Bundesrates der Republik Österreich.

Der Beitrag seiner Heiligkeit zum friedlichen Zusammenleben der Völker kann nicht hoch genug geschätzt werden. Sein unermüdlicher Einsatz für Frieden, soziale Gerechtigkeit und für die Schwächsten der Gesellschaft hat Menschen weltweit inspiriert und wird als sein Vermächtnis weiterleben.

Ich verbleibe mit dem Ausdruck der tief empfundenen Trauer.

ANDREA EDER-GITSCHTHALER

Präsidentin des Bundesrates

AZERBAIGIAN

Abbiamo appreso con profondo dolore la notizia della scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, Capo della Santa Sede e figura religiosa di spicco dei nostri tempi.

Nella persona di Papa Francesco, la comunità internazionale e il mondo cattolico hanno perso una luminosa figura religiosa e una grande personalità dalle elevate qualità spirituali, la cui opera di vita è stata un caritatevole servizio volto alla prosperità dell'umanità.

Papa Francesco ha dedicato tutta la sua vita e la sua attività alla salvaguardia dei valori universali, alla promozione della comprensione interreligiosa e interculturale e degli ideali dell'umanesimo, lavorando instancabilmente per costruire la comprensione reciproca, l'unità e la solidarietà tra le persone. Esempio di un percorso di vita profondamente significativo e onorevole, Papa Francesco si è guadagnato grande simpatia, profondo rispetto e stima in tutto il mondo per le sue nobili azioni che esaltano i valori universali, per i suoi appelli alla compassione, all'empatia e all'elevazione spirituale, nonché per la sua benevolenza e il suo altruismo.

Sua Santità Francesco ha apportato un contributo ineguagliabile allo sviluppo e al rafforzamento delle relazioni di amicizia e di cooperazione tra l'Azerbaigian e la Santa Sede. Ricorderò sempre con profonda stima i miei incontri con il Pontefice e la nostra sincera comunicazione. Il caro ricordo e la ricca eredità spirituale di Papa Francesco vivranno sempre nei cuori e nelle memorie.

Condivido il dolore per questa grave perdita ed esprimo le mie più sentite condoglianze a Lei, alla Santa Sede e a tutti i suoi correligionari, a nome mio e del popolo dell'Azerbaigian.

ILHAM ALIYEV

Presidente della Repubblica dell'Azerbaigian

BAHAMAS

I bring to you and the Holy See the warmth and blessings of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

I wish to inform you that myself, The Bahamas, and indeed, the world are deeply saddened to learn this morning of the passing of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Up to the time of his passing, he remained for many of us, as world leaders, a symbol of hope and courage. The designation of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, encourages us all to be Pilgrims of Hope.

I was pleased to have a Papal Audience with Pope Francis on 14 October 2023, to exchange views on global events and challenges. His insights and ability to clearly identify the issues and to articulate the actions required for resolving world conflicts, while showing compassion and love to all persons, irrespective of religious belief, were a testament that he was well placed in the history of the Church and the world. His passing is a great loss.

As the Roman Catholic Church, and indeed, the world mourn his passing, may we all remember his contributions to humanity and his great strides to show the dignity in all persons, especially the poor and underprivileged.

Please accept, Eminence, my sincerest and deepest condolences on behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

PHILIP E. DAVID, K.C., M.P.

*Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas*

BAHREIN

لقد تلقينا ببالغ الحزن والأسى نبأ إعلان وفاة قداسة البابا فرانسيس بابا الفاتيكان. فباسمنا ونيابة عن شعب وحكومة مملكة البحرين نعرب لكم ولشعوب العالم الصديقة بخالص التعازي وصادق المواساة، راجين الله للفقيد الرحمة والمغفرة، مشيدين في ذات الوقت بالدور الكبير الذي اضطلع به قداسته في دعم الحوار والتعايش بين الأديان والثقافات والحضارات، ونشر قيم الأخوة الإنسانية والتسامح وتعزيز التعايش بين البشر على اختلاف انتماءاتهم، وجهوده في الدفاع عن القضايا العادلة ونبذ الصراعات والحروب، وما حظي به قداسته من احترام وتقدير من شعوب العالم كافة.

حمد بن عيسى آل خليفة
ملك مملكة البحرين

علمنا ببالغ الحزن والأسى نبأ وفاة قداسة البابا فرنسيس بابا الفاتيكان، معربين عن خالص تعازينا وصادق مواساتنا بوفاة الفقيد.

مشيدين بالدور الكبير الذي اضطلع به قداسته في دعم الحوار والتعايش بين الأديان والثقافات والحضارات ونشر قيم الأخوة الإنسانية والتسامح وتعزيز التعايش بين البشر على اختلاف انتماءاتهم وجهوده في الدفاع عن القضايا العادلة ونبذ الصراعات والحروب وما حظي به قداسته من احترام وتقدير شعوب العالم كافة داعين له بالرحمة والمغفرة.

سلمان بن حمد آل خليفة
ولي العهد رئيس مجلس الوزراء

BANGLADESH

On behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh, we, with a heavy heart, express our deepest condolences at the sad demise of His Holiness Pope Francis, a beacon of peace, humanity, and unity.

With his passing away, we have seen the end of an epoch of dignified papacy, honed by suave leadership qualities, carried out for uplifting human dignity, interfaith harmony, and justice for the marginalized. His leadership transcended religious boundaries and inspired millions to step up efforts to build a more inclusive, tolerant and compassionate world.

I have been honoured to meet many times with Pope Francis and to work closely with him to foster peace, human dignity and environmental stewardship.

The people of Bangladesh, who were deeply honoured by His Holiness' historic visit to our country in 2017, join the global community in mourning this great loss.

During this time of sorrow, we stand in solidarity with the Catholic Church and people of faith around the globe, remembering the profound impact of his teachings and the kindness he extended to all.

May the departed soul rest in eternal peace. May we continue to honour his vision of a world united in compassion and understanding.

MUHAMMAD YUNUS
*Chief Advisor of the Government
of the People's Republic of Bangladesh*

BELGIO

C'est avec une grande tristesse que nous avons appris le décès du Pape François. C'était un grand homme, proche des plus humbles et soucieux des problèmes du monde.

Nous partageons le deuil de tous les catholiques dans le monde et de tous ceux qui l'ont aimé et apprécié. Nous exprimons aussi notre gratitude pour l'honneur qu'il nous a fait en visitant notre pays.

PHILIPPE ET MATHILDE
Le Roi et la Reine des Belges

BELIZE

It was with profound sadness that I learnt of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis this morning. I wish to convey the sincerest condolences of the government and people of Belize, as well as the deepest sympathies of my family.

Despite his severe illness, the Pope's energetic devotion to the work of the Church and to Catholics over this Easter season exemplified his papal legacy.

We will remember Pope Francis as a voice of humanism and moral clarity in a world engulfed by conflict, suffering and competition. He challenged all of us to put our faith into action in addressing the most difficult challenges of our times, from poverty to climate change to migration. I have no doubt that Pope Francis' leadership in reshaping a more inclusive and compassionate Catholic Church will continue to inspire generations.

A year ago, I had the honor to meet Pope Francis and to discuss with him, inter alia, the importance of leadership and service. I continue to reflect on and be encouraged by the Pope's words.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

JOHN BRICEÑO
Prime Minister of Belize

BENIN

C'est avec une vive émotion que j'ai appris la nouvelle du rappel à Dieu de sa Sainteté le Pape François, survenu le lundi 21 avril 2025.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, je voudrais au nom du Gouvernement, du Peuple béninois et en mon nom personnel, vous exprimer mes sincères condoléances et mes sentiments de solidarité avec la Communauté catholique à travers le monde.

Je salue la mémoire d'un grand homme de Dieu et artisan du dialogue interreligieux dont la voix a toujours été celle de l'espérance et de l'amour, Son engagement pour la paix dans le monde ainsi que son soutien envers les plus vulnérables resteront gravés dans la mémoire collective.

Puisse Dieu l'accueillir et lui accorder paix et repos éternels.

PATRICE TALON

Président de la République

BOSNIA ED ERZEGOVINA

U ime Vijeća ministara Bosne i Hercegovine i svoje osobno, upućujem izraze sućuti povodom gubitka Njegove Svetosti pape Franje. Njegovo služenje obilježeno je mirom, dijalogom i neumornim zalaganjem za pravdu i ljudsko dostojanstvo, što je duboko inspiriralo ljude diljem svijeta.

Život pape Franje bio je posvećen i u službi onih koji su u najvećoj potrebi. Njegove poruke ljubavi, nade i zajedništva i dalje će živjeti kao svjetionik nade za buduće generacije.

U ovim trenucima tugovanja, naše misli i molitve su s Katoličkom crkvom i svim vjernicima. Neka Njegova Svetost počiva u miru.

BORJANA KRIŠTO

Predsjedateljica Vijeća

Ministara BiH

BRASILE

Com profundo pesar, apresento, em nome do povo brasileiro e em meu próprio, as mais sinceras condolências pelo falecimento de Sua Santidade, o Papa Francisco.

O Papa Francisco foi uma liderança espiritual extraordinária, que transcendeu fronteiras religiosas e inspirou o mundo com sua mensagem de

amor, acolhimento e solidariedade. Seu pontificado será lembrado por sua incansável defesa dos pobres e excluídos, por seu compromisso com a justiça social e por seu apelo constante à paz, ao diálogo entre os povos e à proteção da criação divina.

Tive a honra de encontrar-me com Sua Santidade em diversas ocasiões, e em uma delas discutimos a urgência de uma Aliança Global contra a Fome e a Pobreza – um ideal que se concretizou sob a presidência brasileira do G20, no ano passado. Essa foi apenas uma das muitas manifestações de seu empenho por um mundo mais justo e fraterno.

Francisco foi o Papa da esperança. Com seu sorriso caloroso, seu bom-humor, sua paixão pela vida e sua fé na humanidade, ele nos ensinou que “o amor vence o ódio, a verdade vence a mentira, e o perdão vence a vingança”.

Neste momento de dor, elevamos nossas preces para que sua mensagem perdure entre nós e continue a inspirar a construção de um mundo mais pacífico, solidário e compassivo.

Aproveito a ocasião para renovar a Vossa Excelência Reverendíssima os protestos de minha mais alta consideração e respeito.

LUIZ INÁCIO LULA DA SILVA

Presidente da República Federativa do Brasil

BULGARIA

С дълбоко прискърбие Ви поднасям, от името на българския народ и лично от свое име, най-дълбоки съболезнования по повод Кончината на Негово Светейшество папа Франциск.

Негово Светейшество папа Франциск олицетворяваше в своето служение стремежа към мир, разбирателство и единство между хората. Всеотдайно отстояваше човеколюбието, правото на живот и справедливостта във време на огромни изпитания пред човечеството.

Апостолическата Визита на Негово Светейшество в Република България през 2019 г. е едно от най-значимите събития в нашата нова история заради искреността и дълбокия емоционален заряд, който носеше. Тя засвидетелства обичта на папа Франциск към българския народ и неговата вяра за изграждането на един по-мирен, по-справедлив и по-хуманен свят. Именно от България той отправя своето послание за „Мир на земята – Расет

in terris. Моите лични разговори с Негово Светейшество също оставиха завинаги дълбока следа в мен.

Срещата му със Светия Синод на Българската православна църква – Българска Патриаршия остава символ на значимостта на общуването и толерантността между всички вероизповедания. Неговото посещение в България беше естествено продължение на делото на папите Йоан XXIII и Йоан-Павел II и по-нататъшно утвърждаване на диалога между християнските църкви.

Във време на войни, конфликти и противоречия папа Франциск изграждаше мостове и беше източник на упование и надежда – не само за католиците, но и за много хора с различна етнорелигиозна принадлежност, да живеят в мир и да изповядват общи ценности. Той се превърна в духовна опора и защитник на бедните, онеправданите и уязвимите по целия свят.

Дълбок поклон пред светлата памет на папа Франциск!

Румен Радев
Президент на Република България

С дълбоко прискърбие научихме, че след дълго боледуване на 88-годишна възраст се представи в Господа папа Франциск. Първият папа, носещ името на св. Франциск от Асизи. Първият папа, представител на Латинска Америка, с аржентински произход. Вторият папа, посетил родината ни и оставил трайна следа в духовния ни живот като поклонник на мира. Големият приятел на България, съхранила за вековете свящото дело на Св. св. Кирил и Методий. Истински духовник и истински човек, намерил път към всяка една душа, независимо от раса, пол, вяра и грях.

Няма да забравим това, че в последния ден на жизнения си път, на Възкресение Христово, папа Франциск благослови града и света (Urbi et Orbi), носейки патрахила, който му бе подарен при посещението в България.

Бог да го прости! Вечна и блажена да бъде паметта му!

Росен Желязков
Министър Председател на Република България

BURKINA FASO

C'est avec une grande affliction que le peuple burkinabé et moi avons appris le rappel à Dieu de Sa Sainteté le Pape François.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, je Vous prie d'accepter les sincères condoléances et les sentiments de profonde compassion que je Vous adresse au nom du peuple burkinabé et au mien propre.

Le Pape François, que nous pleurons aujourd'hui, fut un homme qui a consacré pleinement sa vie à la cause des pauvres, des plus démunis et à la cause de la justice sociale et de la paix dans le monde. Je salue la mémoire de ce Souverain pontife qui, durant son règne, n'a eu de cesse de témoigner sa proximité et sa solidarité envers le Burkina Faso, dans l'épreuve du terrorisme qui est imposé à notre pays.

Puisse-t-il reposer dans la paix du Seigneur qu'il a servi avec une humilité remarquable et un fort dévouement.

IBRAHIM TRAORÉ

Président du Burkina Faso

BURUNDI

C'est avec une grande affliction que j'ai appris la triste nouvelle du décès de Sa Sainteté le Pape François dans la matinée de ce lundi 21 avril 2025.

Le monde entier et en particulier l'Église Catholique Romaine, perd un Leader religieux dont la vie a été caractérisée par la recherche permanente d'un monde plus juste, paisible et le cœur plein de compassion et d'amour aux pauvres et aux malheureux ainsi que son appel incessant à plus d'humanité et la protection écologique de la planète terre, notre maison commune.

En cette circonstance très douloureuse, le Peuple burundais se joint à moi pour exprimer à Votre Éminence et à tous les chrétiens mes condoléances les plus émues et ma profonde sympathie.

Puisse le Dieu Tout Puissant Miséricordieux lui accorder la place méritée dans son Royaume éternel et apporter consolation et réconfort aux fidèles de l'Église Catholique Romaine, à la Congrégation des Jésuites ainsi qu'à ses proches.

ÉVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE

Président de la République

CAMERUN

J'ai appris avec une profonde tristesse, la nouvelle du décès de Sa Sainteté le Pape François, survenu ce 21 avril 2025.

L'Église Catholique vient de perdre l'un de ses plus fervents serviteurs et le monde, un partisan engagé de la paix et du progrès.

Je garde en mémoire le souvenir ému des entretiens chaleureux que j'ai eus avec Sa Sainteté lors de mes visites officielles au Saint Siège en octobre 2013 et en mars 2017.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, je voudrais vous adresser, ainsi qu'à la Curie Romaine et à la famille du Pape François, les sincères condoléances du peuple Camerounais tout entier auxquelles j'associe l'expression de ma profonde compassion ainsi que celle de mon épouse.

PAUL BIYA

Président de la République

CANADA

On behalf of all Canadians, I extend my deepest condolences to the Holy See, the College of Cardinals and the clergy on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Pope Francis was a shepherd of great wisdom, humility and compassion, whose spiritual leadership transcended borders and touched the hearts of millions. His tireless commitment to peace, social justice and the dignity of every human being stood as a beacon of moral guidance in a complex and often divided world.

We remember with gratitude his unwavering dedication to dialogue between nations and religions, and his powerful voice for the marginalized and the vulnerable. His legacy will live on not only in the annals of the Catholic Church, but in the lives of countless individuals who were uplifted by his message of hope and reconciliation.

My husband, Whit, and I had the honour of meeting Pope Francis during his penitential pilgrimage to Canada in 2022. During that visit, Pope Francis delivered an apology for members of the Catholic Church who

co-operated with the devastating abuse of Indigenous children at residential schools. This powerful gesture underscored his unwavering dedication to respect, dialogue and collaboration across cultures and faiths – values that were central to his papacy.

At this moment of mourning, our thoughts and prayers are with all those who feel this immense loss. May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his memory continue to inspire unity, compassion and faith across the world.

MARY MAY SIMON
Gouverneure Générale

CAPO VERDE

Foi com imensa tristeza e profunda consternação que recebi a notícia do passamento de Sua Santidade o Papa Francisco, Líder Humanista de rara estatura moral, que marcou de forma indelével a história da Igreja Católica e da Humanidade, na veneranda idade de 88 anos, nesta Segunda-feira do Anjo.

Em nome do povo cabo-verdiano e em meu próprio, endereço a Vossa Eminência as mais sentidas e profundas condolências, rogando que se digne transmitir os nossos sentimentos de pesar à Igreja Católica, ao Colégio Episcopal e a todos os fiéis católicos espalhados pelo mundo, bem como à família enlutada de Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

Ao longo dos seus onze anos de clarividente pontificado, orientado para os mais pobres, os excluídos e os grandes desafios da contemporaneidade – guerras, alterações climáticas, desigualdades, migrações, inteligência artificial –, o Papa Francisco deixou-nos um legado incomensurável, pautado pelo respeito incondicional pela dignidade da pessoa humana, pela fraternidade e pela justiça social, assim como por incansáveis apelos e esforços em prol da paz, da segurança e da estabilidade globais.

Com renovada solidariedade cristã, peço a Vossa Eminência que aceite os protestos da minha mais elevada consideração e estima.

JOSÉ MARIA PEREIRA NEVES
Presidente da República

CHILE

Con hondo pesar hemos recibido la noticia del fallecimiento de Su Santidad, el Papa Francisco. En nombre del pueblo de Chile y del Gobierno que presido, deseo transmitirle y, por su intermedio, a todo el pueblo que sigue a la Iglesia Católica, nuestras más sentidas condolencias.

La partida del Papa Francisco marca el cierre de una era significativa para América Latina y para el mundo. Su pontificado, el primero encabezado por un latinoamericano, se distinguió por una incansable preocupación por los más humildes y por una visión pastoral que puso en el centro a las personas, su dignidad y sus dolores.

A lo largo de doce años de servicio, el Papa Francisco encarnó con valentía el mensaje evangélico abogando por la justicia social, la paz y la protección de la Casa Común. Desde *Laudato SI'* hasta *Fratelli Tutti*, su legado espiritual y ético interpela a nuestra generación a actuar con urgencia y compasión ante desafíos globales como el cambio climático, la desigualdad y el desplazamiento forzado.

Los chilenos además agradecemos profundamente su generoso gesto al acoger en la Santa Sede la conmemoración del cuadragésimo aniversario del Tratado de Paz y Amistad entre Chile y Argentina, un acto que reflejó su incansable vocación por la concordia entre los pueblos.

Que su ejemplo inspire el camino de quienes tienen la responsabilidad de guiar, unir y consolar a la humanidad en estos tiempos inciertos.

Con sentimientos de respeto y recogimiento.

GABRIEL BORIC FONT

Presidente de la República

CHINA

It is with great sorrow and grief that I learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. On behalf of the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), I express my deepest condolences to the Holy See. My thoughts and prayers are with the universal church and Catholic communities around the world.

Pope Francis will be eternally remembered for championing the causes of peace, human fraternity, inter-religious dialogues, and concern for our 'common home.' At the heart of his spiritual leadership was the promotion of a culture of encounter and bridging friendships.

Throughout his pontificate, he touched the lives of countless people. Through his teachings and concrete actions. His legacy will remain for generations to come and enlighten us to act with greater energy and sense of purpose for a better world. I pray for the peace of this generous soul who devoted himself to the rights of the most vulnerable brothers and sisters and those living at the margins of society.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy at this most difficult time.

LAI CHING-TE

President of the Republic of China

CIPRO

It is with immense sorrow that we bid farewell to His Holiness, Pope Francis. On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as on my own behalf, I wish to express our most sincere condolences.

The Apostolic Visit of His Holiness in Cyprus in December 2021 constitutes a perpetual reminder that Cyprus' terrible laceration can be healed merely by concrete steps through dialogue and not gestures of power and shows of force.

The life and legacy of His Holiness will be forever cherished as a beacon of compassion, humble service and selfless contribution towards people across different nations, cultures and religions. His lifelong commitment to building bridges where many build walls will eternally live on as an invaluable contribution towards the preservation of hope, justice and peace.

NIKOS CHRISTODOULIDES

President of Cyprus

COLOMBIA

En nombre del gobierno y del pueblo de Colombia, deseo expresar las más sentidas y sinceras condolencias por el fallecimiento de Su Santidad el Papa Francisco, a quien consideré un gran amigo.

Su Santidad regresa a la casa del Padre tras una estancia terrenal dedicada al servicio en favor de la vida y la convivencia armónica en el mundo, con fidelidad, valentía y un liderazgo que será recordado por todos aquellos para quienes su palabra se convirtió en guía y esperanza.

El Papa Francisco deja en nosotros un legado de humildad y entrega. Sus palabras, oraciones y apoyo indeclinable a los esfuerzos de construcción de paz en Colombia siempre serán recordadas. Así como nos transmitió en su Carta Encíclica *Fratelli Tutti*, su devoción por la dignidad humana y la amistad social, han sido y serán un aliciente para profundizar los esfuerzos de paz en Colombia, y para el renacer entre todos de un deseo mundial de hermandad.

Al Santo Padre agradezco igualmente su labor y su guía hacia la vida fraterna y responsable en nuestra Casa Común, sabiamente referidas en su Carta Encíclica *Laudato Si*, que nos invita a repensar la trayectoria de la humanidad, el pensamiento y las economías que ahora dirigen a las sociedades, y promover un nuevo paradigma de un mundo solidario y sostenible.

GUSTAVO PETRO URREGO
Presidente de la República

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)

C'est avec une grande consternation et une vive émotion que J'ai appris le décès du Pape François survenu le lundi 21 avril 2025, à l'âge de 88 ans. La disparition du Très Saint-Père, le lendemain de Pâques, confère une valeur symbolique indéniable à cet événement fort regrettable.

Souverain emblématique et engagé, le Pape François a su placer les défis les plus cruciaux de l'humanité au cœur de son Pontificat, à l'instar de la lutte contre les changements climatiques, des questions migratoires, de la Paix dans le monde, de la pauvreté.

En s'inscrivant résolument dans la modernisation de l'Église catholique, par ses valeurs de progrès, ses prises de positions d'avant-garde sur les préoccupations sensibles, telles la place des jeunes et des femmes dans la société, la contraception et l'avortement, l'accès de tous au numérique, le Très Saint-Père François lègue au monde entier, pour l'avenir, des images fortes et des formules indélébiles en phase avec les exigences du nouvel ordre contemporain.

Je garderai impérissable le souvenir de ma récente rencontre avec cette personnalité hors pair, le 25 novembre 2024 au Vatican, au cours de laquelle la relation de fraternité, d'amitié et de coopération, qui unit le Saint-Siège et la République du Congo, était au centre de notre entretien. Son sens de la mesure et sa lucidité nous manqueront longtemps.

En cette circonstance particulièrement douloureuse, Je m'incline devant la mémoire de l'illustre disparu et vous adresse, au nom du Peuple et du gouvernement congolais ainsi qu'au mien propre, mes condoléances les plus attristées à vous-même et à toute la famille catholique endeuillée.

DENIS SASSOU N'GUESSO

Président de la République du Congo

COREA

A nome del governo e del popolo della Repubblica di Corea, esprimo le nostre più sentite condoglianze e il nostro più sentito cordoglio per la scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, unendomi al dolore dei cattolici di tutto il mondo nel lutto per questa profonda perdita.

Attraverso il suo insegnamento, ovvero "siamo tutti fratelli e sorelle", Sua Santità ha trasmesso un messaggio di amore e solidarietà a tutta l'umanità. Ha vissuto una vita di pace e riconciliazione, dedicandosi ai poveri e agli emarginati per tutta la sua vita.

Inoltre, attraverso gli insegnamenti del magistero come *Laudato Si'* ed *Evangelii Gaudium*, ha sensibilizzato il mondo sull'importanza della giustizia sociale e della tutela ambientale. Ha inoltre guidato un cambiamento significativo per l'umanità e la Chiesa promuovendo il dialogo interreligioso, proteggendo i rifugiati e rendendo la Chiesa più evangelica e missionaria.

In particolare, durante la sua visita nella Repubblica di Corea nel 2014, ha pregato per la pace e la riunificazione nella penisola coreana e ha offerto un messaggio di speranza alla Chiesa coreana e al suo popolo. Durante la Messa di chiusura della Giornata Mondiale della Gioventù del 2023 a Lisbona, ha annunciato Seul (Repubblica di Corea) come città ospitante della prossima Giornata Mondiale della Gioventù del 2027.

Crediamo che questo rifletta il riconoscimento da parte di Sua Santità della Corea come centro di pace mondiale e il suo profondo affetto per il nostro Paese.

Ricorderemo la lezione di amore e pace che ha condiviso con il mondo.

Possa la nobile anima di Papa Francesco trovare riposo eterno e pace tra le braccia del Dio Padre misericordioso.

HAN DUCK-SOO

*Presidente facente funzione
e Primo Ministro della Repubblica di Corea*

COSTA D'AVORIO

C'est avec une profonde tristesse et une vive émotion que j'ai appris la nouvelle du rappel à Dieu, survenu le lundi 21 avril 2025, de sa Sainteté le Pape François.

Je salue la mémoire de ce grand ami de la Côte d'Ivoire, homme de foi, homme de paix et d'humilité dont la vie a été un témoignage vivant d'amour, de justice et de miséricorde. Son engagement inlassable en faveur des plus vulnérables, qui lui a valu le surnom de « Pape des pauvres », son appel constant au dialogue entre les peuples et les religions, ainsi que sa vision d'un monde réconcilié, resteront à jamais gravés dans nos cœurs.

En cette circonstance particulièrement douloureuse, je voudrais, au nom du peuple et du gouvernement ivoirien, ainsi qu'en mon nom propre, exprimer nos condoléances les plus émues à son pays l'Argentine, au Collège des cardinaux, au peuple chrétien et à tous ceux qui, au-delà des confessions, ont été touchés par ses enseignements.

Puisse son âme reposer dans la paix éternelle et son héritage continuer d'inspirer l'humanité.

ALASSANE OUATTARA

Président de la République

COSTA RICA

En nombre de mi Gobierno y en el mío propio, le hago llegar los sentimientos de pesar y nuestras más sinceras condolencias por el sensible fallecimiento en esta fecha de Su Santidad el Papa Francisco.

Su Santidad, lideró la Iglesia Católica con justicia, misericordia, visión y será recordado, más allá de las creencias religiosas, como un hombre humilde y servidor de Dios ese qué, mediante su ejemplo, luchó siempre por acercar la Iglesia a su pueblo. Me valgo de esta ocasión para transmitir las muestras de dolor y unirme a la pena que embarga a la comunidad católica mundial, al pueblo argentino, así como a la familia de Su Santidad.

RODRIGO CHAVES ROBLES
Presidente de la República

CUBA

Descanse en paz, incansable defensor de los humildes, de la casa común, como llamaba a nuestro planeta, y de la fraternidad entre los pueblos. Recibir la noticia de su deceso nos entristeció profundamente.

La humanidad tuvo en Usted a un tenaz defensor de la paz, que abogó por el cese de las agresiones, los bloqueos y las sanciones unilaterales. Las muestras de afecto y cordial cercanía que siempre transmitió a los habitantes de nuestra patria, a la que calificó de amada tierra, fueron reciprocadas por los hijos de esta nación, que recuerdan con sumo afecto sus visitas a Cuba y las palabras de cariño que dedicó a nuestro país en sus mensajes.

La humildad, sabiduría, autoridad moral y espíritu transformador que guiaron su vida y pontificado, contribuyeron a fomentar un diálogo constructivo y de entendimiento entre ambos Estados, que permitió continuar desarrollando las positivas relaciones entre Cuba y la Santa Sede.

Lamentamos profundamente su partida y anhelamos que su ejemplo perdure en las actuales y futuras generaciones,

MIGUEL DÍAZ-CANEL BERMÚDEZ
Presidente de la República

DANIMARCA

It is with profound sorrow that the Queen and I have learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

We have fond memories from our meeting with His Holiness in 2018 at the Vatican. We will remember him as a Pope dedicated to promoting peace, justice, and always advocating for people living in vulnerable situations.

Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences for the Church in this time of loss.

FREDERIK X

King of Denmark

Please accept my deepest condolences upon the passing of Pope Francis.

On behalf of the people of Denmark, I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family, the clergy and Catholics around the world whose lives he touched through his leadership and continuous call for peace and justice.

His Holiness was a man of deep faith, wisdom and compassion. Throughout his time as Pope, he dedicated himself to serving humanity.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his fight against poverty and his focused attention on the challenges facing the poorest countries of the World.

METTE FREDERIKSEN

Prime Minister of Denmark

ECUADOR

Con el corazón apesadumbrado por la partida de Su Santidad, el Papa Francisco, ducentésimo sexagésimo sexto Vicario de Cristo, me dirijo a usted para expresar mis más sinceras condolencias en nombre del Gobierno de la República del Ecuador, del pueblo ecuatoriano y en nombre propio. La noticia de su fallecimiento, acaecido en este día, ha sumido a la Iglesia y, de manera particular, a los fieles hispanoamericanos, en un profundo dolor.

El Papa Francisco, con su carisma, sencillez, valentía y su infatigable compromiso con los pobres, los marginados y la creación, fue un pastor que iluminó al mundo con su mensaje de misericordia y esperanza. Su histórica visita a Ecuador, en julio de 2015, permanece en nuestra memoria como un momento de unidad y avivamiento espiritual, resonando todavía sus exhortaciones a construir una sociedad más justa y fraterna. Su legado continuará inspirando a pueblos de todas las latitudes.

Es también motivo de entrañable recuerdo, la reunión que tuve la honra de sostener con el difunto Pontífice en mayo de 2024 en el Palacio Apostólico del Vaticano, en la que Su Santidad tuvo la gentileza de recibir y elogiar una escultura de la Santísima Virgen María, en su advocación de El Cisne, tan representativa para los fieles ecuatorianos.

En este tiempo de Sede Vacante, ruego a su Eminencia que se digne transmitir al Sagrado Colegio Cardenalicio la solidaridad y oración ferviente del pueblo católico ecuatoriano por el descanso eterno del Papa Francisco y por la guía del Espíritu Santo a la Iglesia en la elección de su sucesor.

DANIEL NOBOA AZIN

Presidente Constitucional de la República

EGITTO

With deep sadness and sorrow, President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi profoundly mourns the passing of the Head of the Catholic Church, His Holiness Pope Francis. His departure leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of compassion and humanity that will forever remain etched in the conscience of mankind.

His Holiness Pope Francis was an exceptional global figure, who dedicated his life to the service of the values of peace and justice, and worked tirelessly to promote tolerance and understanding among religions, and build bridges of dialogue among the peoples of the world. He was a supporter of the Palestinian cause, championing legitimate rights, and urging for an end to conflicts and the establishment of a just and lasting peace.

The loss of His Holiness Pope Francis represents a profound loss for the entire world, as he was a voice for peace, love, and mercy and an example to be emulated in devotion to noble values. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi extends his sincere condolences to the Vatican State, the followers of His Holiness Pope Francis, and his admirers, praying to Allah the Almighty to envelop him in His vast mercy.

ABDEL FATTAH AL SISI

President of Egypt

EL SALVADOR

A nome del Governo e del popolo di El Salvador, di mia moglie Gabriela e mio personale, desidero esprimere le nostre più sentite condoglianze per la scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco.

Il Santo Padre è stato una guida di pace per la Chiesa Cattolica, portando sempre un messaggio di speranza e mostrando una dedizione particolare verso i più vulnerabili. Il suo messaggio di fraternità e giustizia ha superato i confini religiosi, ispirando molti nella ricerca di una società più equa.

In questo momento di lutto, ci uniamo in preghiera alla Chiesa Cattolica e a tutti i fedeli che piangono la sua dipartita. Possa il suo esempio continuare a illuminare i cuori di coloro che cercano un mondo più giusto e umano. La prego di accogliere, Eccellenza, il nostro rispetto e la nostra solidarietà in quest'ora di dolore, unitamente all'espressione della mia più alta considerazione.

NAYIB BUKELE

Presidente della Repubblica

ERITREA

We have received the sad news of the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis whose distinguished life was dedicated to the service of humanity

and especially to advance the cause of social justice for marginalized segments of our global society.

On this sad occasion, allow me to express my heartfelt condolences, on behalf of the people and Government of the State of Eritrea and on my own behalf, to Your Eminence, and through you, to the cardinals, the clergy and all faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church across the world.

ISAIAS AFWERKI
President of Eritrea

ESTONIA

On behalf of the Estonian people and myself, I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis – a humble and principled leader whose unwavering call for justice, compassion for the vulnerable, and profound message of unity resonated far beyond the Catholic Church. Pope Francis was wholeheartedly devoted to reaching every individual while also nurturing dialogue with other churches and faiths. His legacy will continue to guide and inspire us all. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

We in Estonia continue to hold dear the memory of the Apostolic Visit of His Holiness during the Centenary Celebrations of the Republic of Estonia in 2018 – a moment of great spiritual significance for our nation.

Please accept our deepest sympathies to the Holy See, and to the entire Catholic community.

ALAR KARIS
President of the Republic of Estonia

FEDERAZIONE RUSSA

Примите самые искренние соболезнования в связи с кончиной Его Святейшества Папы Римского Франциска.

Папа Римский Франциск пользовался большим международным авторитетом как верный служитель христианского учения, мудрый религиозный и государственный деятель, последовательный защитник высоких ценностей гуманизма и справедливости.

В течение всех лет своего понтификата он активно способствовал развитию диалога между Русской православной и Римско-католической церквями, а также конструктивного взаимодействия между Россией и Святым престолом.

Мне довелось неоднократно общаться с этим выдающимся человеком, и я навсегда сохраню самую светлую память о нём.

В этот скорбный час хотел бы передать Вам и всему католическому клиру слова сочувствия и поддержки.

Владимир Путин
Президент России

FIJI

It is with profound sorrow that I extend, on behalf of the people of the Republic of Fiji and in my personal capacity, our heartfelt condolences to the Holy See and the global Catholic community on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His Holiness will be remembered not only as spiritual shepherd to over a billion faithful, but as a visionary global leader who embodied compassion, justice, and humility. He championed the dignity of the poor, the promotion of peace, and the protection of our planet-principles that deeply resonate with the values of the people of Fiji.

In particular, *Laudato Si'*, his ground-breaking encyclical on the environment, called on the world to care for “our common home” and challenged us to act urgently on climate change. This message found special meaning in the hearts of the people of Fiji and the wider Blue Pacific Continent, where the impacts of a warming world are lived realities. Pope Francis stood as a moral voice for Small Island Developing States and vulnerable communities across the globe.

While I did not have the honour of meeting His Holiness personally, I recall with reverence the audiences granted to my predecessors, Presidents

Jioji Konrote and Ratu Wiliame Katonivere. It was during these historic audiences that an invitation was extended to His Holiness to visit Fiji and the Pacific a region that held a meaningful place in his ministry and advocacy.

The Catholic Church has long played a vital role in the life of our nation. Through its schools, clinics, pastoral outreach, and community initiatives, the Church has contributed immensely to education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, development, social cohesion and nation-building in Fiji. The passing of Pope Francis is felt deeply by our citizens, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

May the soul of His Holiness rest in eternal peace. Fiji joins the Holy See and the Catholic faithful around the world in mourning his passing and in offering prayers for strength and comfort during this solemn time.

NAIQAMA T. LALABALAVU
President of the Republic

FILIPPINE

On behalf of the Filipino people, and in my personal capacity, it is with profound sorrow that I extend my deepest condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The Holy Father was an inspiration to many Filipinos — a beacon of humility, compassion, inclusivity, and unwavering Faith.

Filipinos across the globe mourn this great loss, remembering with gratitude the Holy Father's pastoral care and his closeness to our nation. His legacy will live on in the hearts of the faithful and in the continuing mission of the Church he so dearly served.

We join the entire Catholic community in prayer for the eternal repose of his soul, and for strength and consolation for all who grieve.

FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR
President of the Philippines

FINLANDIA

Let me express my deepest condolences on the passing away of Pope Francis. He was a devoted leader of the Catholic community around the world and a strong advocate of ecumenism and interfaith dialogue.

Pope Francis' constant plea for peace is today more important than ever. His tireless work for justice and equality and for those suffering will not be forgotten. We also remember Pope Francis' strong messages for the protection of nature and biodiversity. By urging us to join in climate action he showed the way for a more sustainable future.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALEXANDER STUBB

President of the Republic

FRANCIA

C'est avec une profonde tristesse que j'ai appris la disparition du Pape François ce 21 avril 2025, au lendemain de la fête de Pâques. Je présente à Votre Éminence mes très sincères condoléances en ce moment douloureux.

La France regrette un ami qui a toujours plaidé pour la paix et pour l'humanité.

Le Pape François était une référence spirituelle non seulement pour les catholiques français mais aussi pour tous les artisans de paix et de solidarité dans notre pays. Son départ affecte tous ceux qui ont, à ce titre, aimé sa personnalité et son message.

Dans la vie internationale, j'ai toujours apprécié son engagement inlassable en faveur du dialogue entre les civilisations et les États. Son plaidoyer pour les périphéries et pour une révision des relations internationales a ramené l'attention de la communauté des nations sur des conflits oubliés et sur l'urgence d'une réforme du multilatéralisme. La France était solidaire de son action, y compris sur les thèmes très sensibles de la paix, des migrants et des abus sexuels.

Dans la mémoire vivante du disparu, la France se tient prête à poursuivre avec le successeur que l'Église désignera, notre engagement conjoint et notre coopération pour ces causes communes.

EMMANUEL MACRON
Président de la République

GABON

C'est avec une grande tristesse que je viens d'apprendre le décès du Pape François, qui a rejoint ce matin la maison du Père, laissant orphelins des millions d'hommes et de femmes à travers le monde, en particulier des fidèles catholiques, ayant aimé son sourire permanent et son engagement résolu pour les plus faibles, les blessés de la vie.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, je voudrais rendre hommage à cet Homme de paix et de justice, attaché à l'idée d'une Église plus inclusive, plus synodale. Sa parole, qui résonnait aux quatre coins du monde, manquera durablement en ces temps troublés.

Que l'Église catholique universelle et celle du Gabon reçoivent ici mes sincères condoléances, ceux du Gouvernement et du Peuple gabonais, ainsi que ma profonde compassion.

BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA
Président de la République

GAMBIA

It is with deep sorrow that I extend, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of The Gambia, as well as on my own behalf, our heartfelt condolences to the Holy See, the global Catholic community, and the people of Vatican City on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His Holiness was a beacon of peace, compassion, and humility — values that resonated across faiths and borders. His enduring commitment to the dignity of humanity, social justice, and the care of our common home left

an indelible mark on the world. His leadership during challenging times served as a moral compass, guiding not only Catholics but all people of goodwill toward dialogue, unity, and hope.

The Gambia mourns with the global community, and we stand in solidarity with the Church in this moment of grief. May the legacy of Pope Francis continue to inspire generations to come, and may his soul rest in eternal peace.

ADAMA BARROW

President of the Republic

GEORGIA

On behalf of the Government of Georgia and that of my own, allow me to extend my most heartfelt condolences over the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis — a remarkable personality, setting a moral example across the globe.

His Holiness's steadfast dedication to peace, compassion and human dignity has left a significant mark on the world. His pontificate stands as a pillar of spiritual leadership, courage and deep humility. The Holy Father's tireless efforts to promote a world that is fairer for all will leave a lasting legacy.

Pope Francis holds a special place in the hearts of the Georgian people. His historic visit to Tbilisi in 2016 has set a new milestone in enduring relations between Georgia and the Holy See, deeply rooted in Christian culture.

In this moment of immense grief, we stand in unwavering solidarity with Your Eminence, all Catholics across the world, and the Roman Catholic Church. May the Holy Father's memory guide us as we strive to build a world that reflects his vision for love, justice and compassion.

IRAKLI KOBAKHIDZE

Prime Minister of Georgia

GERMANIA

Im Namen des Deutschen Bundestages und persönlich spreche ich Ihnen und der Kirche zum Tode Seiner Heiligkeit Papst Franziskus meine tief empfundene Anteilnahme aus.

Mit tiefem Bedauern habe ich vom Tod dieses außergewöhnlichen geistlichen Oberhauptes erfahren, der mehr als ein Jahrzehnt lang an der Spitze der römisch-katholischen Weltkirche stand. Als erster lateinamerikanischer Papst hat Franziskus die Herzen von Katholikinnen und Katholiken und unzähliger Nicht-Katholiken berührt. Im Namen des Deutschen Bundestages verneige ich mich in Trauer und Respekt vor dem Lebenswerk dieses Papstes.

Bereits in den ersten Momenten seines Pontifikats zeigte sich, dass dieser Papst anders sein würde: Franziskus wollte nah bei den Menschen sein, sprach in einfachen Worten und verzichtete auf übermäßigen Pomp. Mit den demütigen Worten „Fratelli e sorelle, buonasera! – Brüder und Schwestern, guten Abend!“ begrüßte er die Welt auf der Loggia des Petersdoms.

Sein schlichtes Weiß, ohne Prunkgewänder, und seine Entscheidung, lieber im Gästehaus Santa Marta zu wohnen als im apostolischen Palast, symbolisierten Bescheidenheit und neue Nähe. Papst Franziskus war ein Pontifex, der die Kirche gleichsam „wieder auf die Erde holte“ – ein geistliches Oberhaupt, das Erdung und Menschlichkeit lebte.

Franziskus war eine Stimme der Menschlichkeit und des Gewissens in einer Zeit großer globaler Umbrüche. Seine Demut – sichtbar in einfachen Gesten, in der persönlichen Zuwendung zu Kranken und Armen – machte ihn glaubwürdig als Autorität des Mitgefühls und der Gerechtigkeit weit über die Grenzen seiner Kirche hinaus. Als Hüter der Lehren seiner Kirche scheute Franziskus nicht davor zurück, diese Lehren im Licht der Gegenwart neu zum Leuchten zu bringen. Er betonte die Barmherzigkeit über die Dogmatik, streckte Ausgegrenzten die Hand entgegen und verkörperte jene *cultura del encuentro*, die Kultur der Begegnung, für die er stets eintrat.

Schon mit der Wahl seines Namens – Franziskus, nach dem Heiligen aus Assisi – gab Jorge Mario Bergoglio ein Programm vor: Er wollte ein „Papst der Armen“ sein, der Schwachen, der Vergessenen, der Vertriebenen. Dieses Versprechen hat er eingelöst. In seinem ganzen Pontifikat erhob er die Stimme für diejenigen, die keine Stimme haben: die Kinder in den

Elendsvierteln, die Alten und Einsamen, die Opfer von Hunger, Ausbeutung und Menschenhandel.

Papst Franziskus verstand es in einzigartiger Weise, Brücken zu bauen – zwischen Religionen, Kulturen und verfeindeten Parteien. Von Anfang an lag ihm der interreligiöse Dialog am Herzen. Er suchte die Begegnung mit anderen christlichen Konfessionen ebenso wie mit den Weltreligionen außerhalb des Christentums. Den jüdisch-christlichen Dialog förderte er mit warmherziger Freundschaft; zugleich streckte er die Hand aus zu den Muslimen, zu Hindus, Buddhisten und allen Menschen guten Willens. Unvergessen bleibt das historische Dokument der Brüderlichkeit, das er gemeinsam mit einem Groß-Imam unterzeichnete – ein Zeichen dafür, dass dieser Papst die Geschwisterlichkeit aller Menschen über Religionsgrenzen hinweg betonte. Er verkörperte die Hoffnung, dass Religion nicht trennen, sondern verbinden kann. Durch sein Beispiel und seine Worte wurden Vertrauen und Verständnis zwischen den Glaubensgemeinschaften gestärkt. Er baute Brücken der Versöhnung, wo vorher Gräben des Misstrauens waren, und war somit tatsächlich ein globaler Brückenbauer, wie wir ihn nur selten erleben durften.

Weltpolitisch bedeutsam bleibt seine Rolle bei der Annäherung zwischen den USA und Kuba: Franziskus förderte diskret den diplomatischen Tauwetter-Prozess zwischen Washington und Havanna und wurde zu einer Schlüsselfigur jener historischen Versöhnung. Sein unermüdlicher Einsatz für Frieden und Versöhnung wird in die Geschichte eingehen.

Mit dem Tod von Papst Franziskus verliert die Welt eine herausragende Persönlichkeit – einen großen Papst, einen umsichtigen Hirten und einen mutigen Erneuerer. Franziskus hat die Kirche erneuert, ohne ihre Wurzeln zu kappen; er hat Brücken gebaut, ohne Unterschiede zu verleugnen; er hat gemahnt und ermutigt, getadelt und getröstet. Er war geistliches Oberhaupt, moralische Instanz und wahrhaft ein globaler Brückenbauer.

Wir werden ihm ein ehrendes Andenken bewahren.

JULIA KLÖCKNER

Präsidentin des Deutschen Bundestages

Die Nachricht vom Tod Seiner Heiligkeit Papst Franziskus erfüllt mich mit großer Trauer.

Durch seinen unermüdlichen Einsatz für den Glauben und seine Aufrufe zu Menschlichkeit und Brüderlichkeit hat er den Menschen weltweit Kraft, Zuversicht und Inspiration geschenkt.

Meine Gedanken sind bei jenen, die ihm zuletzt Stütze und Hilfe gewesen sind. Ihnen und den Gläubigen weltweit gilt mein Mitgefühl.

In stiller Anteilnahme.

OLAF SCHOLZ

Bundeskanzler der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

GHANA

It is was with a deep sense of sadness that I received news on the sudden passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis, Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church on 21 April 2025.

On behalf of the government and people of the Republic of Ghana and in my own name, I convey heartfelt condolences to Your Eminence, the College of Cardinals, the global Catholic community, and all who mourn the loss of the pope.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his humility, great love for humanity, and his efforts at championing inter-faith harmony. He was a critical voice on issues of climate change and social inequality as well as a bold advocate of global peace.

Indeed, our world has lost an irreplaceable leader who has left in his wake a great void to fill. Whilst we mourn his loss, it is my prayer that the almighty God grant all of us the fortitude to go through a difficult period like this.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration in these difficult moments.

JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMA

President of the Republic

GIAPPONE

It is with profound sorrow that The Empress and I have learnt of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Recalling my meeting with him during his visit to Japan in 2019, I wish to express to Your Eminence our deepest condolences.

I also convey the sincere condolences to you from the Emperor Emeritus and the Empress Emerita in this time of profound sadness.

NARUHITO

Emperor of Japan

I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of Pope Francis. On behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I would like to express our deepest condolences.

Since 2013, Pope Francis has been in his position on the papal throne, and with a background of approximately 1.4 billion Catholics, he has been making efforts to protect the environment and promote peace diplomacy, among other things, with a strong communicative power.

As the first Pope from the Jesuit Order, I am aware that His Holiness Francis had been hoping to visit Japan as a missionary like Francis Xavier. In 2019, he made his first visit to Japan after 38 years, since Pope John Paul II's visit in 1981, and visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki to deliver a strong message of peace.

The Government of Japan expresses its heartfelt respect and condolences to Pope Francis for his past achievements.

SHIGERU ISHIBA

Prime Minister of Japan

GIBILTERRA

I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Holy Father. On behalf of His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar and of the People of Gibraltar, I offer sincerest condolences to you and to the entire Roman Catholic Community.

I will always be grateful to you for affording me the privilege of meeting Pope Francis on two separate occasions. I will treasure the memories of meeting him and the opportunity I had to exchange views with him. He was truly a remarkable person, full of humility, love and kindness.

On this truly sad day, my thoughts and prayers are with all Roman Catholics in Gibraltar and worldwide.

FABIAN PICARDO
Chief Minister of Gibraltar

GIORDANIA

Queen Rania and I were deeply saddened to receive the news of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, a global spiritual leader whose legacy will remain etched in the hearts of millions across the world.

The Pope of the People will be remembered as a moral compass in times of uncertainty and division – a voice for the poor, a tireless advocate for the environment, and a leader who placed human dignity at the centre of his mission.

The Jordanian people remember with great respect His Holiness' principled stance during the war on Gaza and his calls for the protection of innocent lives. We also recall with deep admiration his daily personal calls to the Catholic parish in Gaza, through which he offered spiritual comfort, solidarity, and hope to a community enduring unimaginable hardship. These acts of empathy were not mere gestures – they were lifelines of faith and humanity.

His Holiness' profound commitment to building bridges of peace and understanding between nations, faiths, and cultures is also deeply valued by Jordan, a land of harmony, coexistence, and shared religious heritage.

On behalf of the people and Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I extend our sincere condolences to the College of Cardinals, the Holy See, and the global Catholic community. In mourning his loss, we also celebrate his life – a life dedicated to justice, humility, and love

for all humanity. May his legacy continue to inspire future generations to walk the path of peace and compassion.

‘ABD ALLĀH II
King of Jordan

GRAN BRETAGNA

My wife and I send our deepest condolences following the death of His Holiness Pope Francis. Before His Holiness’ Ordination to the priesthood, he wrote down his own “personal confession of faith” in God “who poured out his Spirit in my life to make me smile and to bring me thus to the kingdom of eternal life.” We give thanks for Pope Francis’ example of Christian service and we commend him into the everlasting love of God.

CHARLES R.

It is with great sadness that I have learnt of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis. I join all those around the world in grieving the death of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His tireless efforts to promote a more just and equal world will leave a lasting legacy.

His leadership in a complex and challenging time for the world and the church was courageous and always came from a place of deep humility.

With his death, I am reminded once more of his call to care for one another across different faiths, backgrounds, nations and beliefs.

My thoughts are with Catholics across the world, and the Roman Catholic church. I wish to extend, on behalf of the people of the United Kingdom, my sincerest condolences at this difficult time.

May His Holiness Rest in Peace.

KEIR STARMER
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

GRECIA

It is with profound sorrow that I extend, on behalf of the people of Greece and personally, our heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Pope Francis will be remembered as a spiritual leader of extraordinary stature, whose Pontificate left an indelible imprint on the contemporary history of the Roman Catholic Church and humanity at large. He stood as a beacon of humility, simplicity and compassion while his life was a testament to the holy message of Christian love and mercy – offered without reservation to the weak, the marginalized, and all those suffering across the globe.

A true philanthropist and a tireless advocate for reform and truth, Pope Francis spoke to the conscience of the world and touched the hearts of millions. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the complex challenges of our times.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the assurances of my highest consideration and the expression of the profound sympathy of the Greek people during this time of mourning.

CONSTANTINE AN. TASSOULAS
President of the Hellenic Republic

La nouvelle de la disparition de Sa Sainteté le Pape François a plongé le monde dans une douleur profonde.

Sa foi inébranlable en Dieu, sa détermination à défendre la liberté et la dignité humaine, ainsi que son sens du sacrifice qu'il a manifesté jusqu'à ses derniers instants ont élevé le Pape François au rang de champion de l'humanisme et d'avocat ecuménique de l'Évangile.

Ses efforts pour la paix et pour la défense des plus démunis, y compris des réfugiés, ont gravé dans la mémoire collective du monde entier le portrait d'un

Pontife inoubliable.

Participant à votre deuil, je vous prie d'agréer, Votre Éminence, l'expression des condoléances les plus sincères du peuple grec, de mon gouvernement et de moi-même.

KYRIAKOS MITSOTAKIS
Premier ministre de la République hellénique

GRENADA

On behalf of the Government and People of Grenada, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis I on April 21, 2025.

His Holiness was a remarkable figure, a true beacon of hope and compassion who devoted his life to upholding the values of the Christian faith. His kindness and understanding resonated deeply with countless individuals around the globe, serving as a source of inspiration and strength during challenging times.

He profoundly reminded us that “Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that create huge inequalities.” These words reflect not just his wisdom but also his unwavering dedication to social justice and the betterment of humanity. His tireless advocacy for the marginalized and his commitment to peace touched the lives of many and will continue to resonate in our hearts.

As we grieve his passing, the Government and People of Grenada will keep him in our thoughts and prayers, wishing for his soul to find eternal peace. We are deeply thankful for the lasting impact this extraordinary man has made on our world, and we will carry forward his legacy of love and compassion.

DICKON MITCHELL

Prime Minister of Grenada

GUATEMALA

Con profundo pesar he recibido la noticia del fallecimiento de Su Santidad el Papa Francisco. En nombre del pueblo de Guatemala, del Gobierno que presido y en el mío propio, deseo hacerle llegar nuestras más sentidas condolencias, extensivas a toda la Iglesia Católica y al Estado de la Ciudad del Vaticano.

El Papa Francisco fue un pastor cercano, profundamente humano, cuya palabra y ejemplo marcaron un tiempo de renovación espiritual, apertura

al diálogo y compromiso con la justicia, la paz y el cuidado de la creación. Su voz, serena y firme, supo guiar e interpelar a la conciencia de creyentes y no creyentes por igual.

Hoy, junto a millones de personas en todo el mundo, elevamos nuestras oraciones por el eterno descanso de su alma, y damos gracias por su vida, su testimonio y su entrega generosa a la humanidad

Le ruego, Eminencia, hacer llegar estos sentimientos al Colegio Cardenalicio y a quienes, en la Santa Sede, acompañaron al Santo Padre en su noble misión.

BERNARDO ARÉVALO
Presidente de la República

GUYANA

I join the multitudes across the world in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. As the spiritual head of more than 1.3 billion Roman Catholics, his death will be deeply felt across all continents. On behalf of the government and people of Guyana, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the global Catholic community and especially the Faithful of our local diocese.

Pope Francis's election to the papacy, twelve years ago, generated a wave of excitement, especially considering that he was the first person from the Americas to become Pope. His papacy sparked important conversations about acceptance and belonging within the Church. The recent synod that he convened has laid the foundational stones for a new Way of being Church.

Apart from his religious legacy, he will long be remembered for the simplicity of his lifestyle, his enlightened stance on global concerns such as climate change, inequality and migration, and his role in fostering improved inter-faith dialogue and relations.

The environment was close to his heart. In his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis called for shared responsibility for protecting the environment. Referring to the planet as "our common home" His Holiness said:

We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single family, There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference.

He highlighted the plight of migrants and refugees, reminding us that “[They] are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women, and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more.”

He was a tireless advocate for the need to address inequality, often framing this need as a moral and social imperative rooted in the principles of human dignity, solidarity, and the common good.

Pope Francis was a shepherd of compassion and conscience. His pontificate has had far-reaching impacts, and assures him of a revered place in the history of the papacy and the course of human history. May he rest in eternal splendor!

MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI
President of Guyana

HAITI

C’est avec une profonde tristesse que j’ai appris le départ de Sa Sainteté le Pape François, pasteur infatigable, témoin lumineux de l’Évangile, et artisan du dialogue, de la paix et de la dignité humaine.

Au nom du peuple haïtien, du gouvernement de la République, du Conseil Présidentiel de Transition et en mon nom personnel, je tiens à exprimer à Votre Éminence, au Collège des Cardinaux, ainsi qu’à toute la communauté catholique universelle, nos condoléances les plus sincères et l’assurance de notre prière fraternelle.

Le peuple haïtien, profondément enraciné dans la foi chrétienne, garde une reconnaissance particulière envers le Saint-Père qui, à travers ses paroles comme ses gestes, a su témoigner d’un amour constant pour notre nation. Dans les heures sombres comme dans les moments d’espérance, il n’a jamais cessé d’élever la voix en faveur d’Haïti, appelant avec insistance la communauté internationale à la solidarité, à la justice et à la fraternité.

FRITZ ALPHONSE JEAN
*Président du Conseil Présidentiel
de Transition de la République*

INDIA

It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis on 21 April 2025.

On behalf of the government and the people of India, I convey our deepest condolences to you and to the global Catholic community on this immense loss. The thoughts and prayers of 1.4 billion Indians are with you at this difficult time.

Pope Francis was an extraordinary spiritual leader whose message of love, humility, and service transcended borders and faiths. He devoted his life to the values of compassion, justice, and human dignity. His unwavering commitment to the upliftment of the poor and the marginalised stands as a testament to his profound moral courage and enduring faith.

I recall with deep respect and warmth my meetings with His Holiness. I was personally moved by his vision for an inclusive, harmonious, and sustainable world, as well as by his special affection for the people of India.

As the world mourns his passing and pays tribute to his legacy, His Holiness will be remembered as the “People’s Pope” a beacon of spiritual strength, simplicity, and hope for millions across the globe. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.

Please accept, Excellency, my deepest sympathies, and the assurances of my highest consideration.

NARENDRA MODI

Prime Minister of India

INDONESIA

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

On behalf of the people and Government of the Republic of Indonesia, and of myself, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Holy See and the global Catholic community. His Holiness Pope Francis was an exemplary figure who dedicated his life to the world.

The visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Indonesia last year was a momentous and historic occasion, strengthening bilateral relations and fur-

ther deepening the bonds of friendship and spiritual connection between Indonesia and the Holy See. His Holiness's presence profoundly inspired our nation and left a lasting legacy.

As a gesture of respect and solidarity from the people of the Republic of Indonesia, I have appointed H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo, the 7th President of the Republic of Indonesia, accompanied by H.E. Mr. Natalius Pigai, H.E. Mr. Thomas A.M. Djiwandono, and H.E. Mr. Ignasius Jonan, to serve as Special Envoys of the Republic of Indonesia to attend the funeral of Pope Francis at the Vatican.

While wishing that the soul of His Holiness may rest in eternal peace, please accept, Your Eminence, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

PRABOWO SUBIANTO

President of the Republic

IRAQ

باسمنا وباسم جمهورية العراق حكومة وشعباً تقدم لكم ولدولة الفاتيكان والشعوب العالم أجمع خالص التعازي برحيل قداسة بابا الفاتيكان فرنسيس إلى بارئهِ، مبتهلين إلى الرب العلي القدير أن يتغمده برحمته وبنين على محبيه والأوفياء والمصلين له من شعوب العالم السكينة والسلام وهي تودع الفقيد إلى مثواه الأخير.

تجدد وقوفنا إلى جانبكم ومواساتنا الصادقة لهذا الفقد الكبير المنظور بمشيئة الرب والجميع القائمين على حاضرة الفاتيكان المقدسة.

محمد شياع السوداني

رئيس مجلس الوزراء

القائد العام للقوات المسلحة

IRLANDA

On behalf of the people of Ireland and as President of Ireland, may I extend deepest sympathy on the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

I join with all those across the world, from their different stations in life, who have expressed such profound sadness on learning of the death of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis, in his important messages and in the presentation of his Papacy with a unique humility, sought to show in the most striking and

moving of ways the extraordinary importance of the spiritual as a powerful source of global ethics in the challenges of contemporary life.

On the vital issues of our time – such as global hunger and poverty, of climate change and justice, of the plight of migrants and indigenous peoples, of the dispossessed, of the fundamental necessity of global peace and diplomacy – Pope Francis’ voice constituted a consistent invocation of a shared humanity that is represented by acknowledgement of the essential dignity of each human person.

For example, in *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis’ encyclical in 2015, he called upon us all to face the urgent challenge of protecting our common home, to accept the challenge of bringing the whole human family together in cooperative search of a sustainable and integral form of living.

These issues I had the privilege of discussing at length with Pope Francis across our five meetings over the course of his Papacy.

Pope Francis’ last visit to Ireland was as part of the World Meeting of Families in 2018. I was pleased on that occasion to welcome Pope Francis to Áras an Uachtaráin, where we continued the discussions which we had begun upon his Installation in 2013 and in the Vatican in 2017, and subsequently continued in our further discussions there in 2021 and 2023. The warmth and encouragement offered by Pope Francis was greatly valued by Sabina and myself.

During his visit to Ireland, Pope Francis spoke of the scandal of child abuse, including in the Church, and its consequences for victims and families. On such matters, and on others such as attitudes towards women and those of the LGBTQ+ community within the Church, Pope Francis sought to play a positive role. I recall at the end of our meetings he would say as to his work on such issues, “it is very difficult,” as he asked for and offered prayers. It is important that the steps he took are built upon as they constitute a source of hope in the years to come.

In paying tribute to Pope Francis’ legacy, may we all reflect on the ethical approach that is necessary to tackle the many vital issues, including the serious danger of what he termed “the globalisation of indifference,” to which he drew the attention of office holders and their publics.

There was a warmth to Pope Francis and an abolition of any distance between himself and those with whom he was engaged. In reflecting on his

Papacy, I think of Pope Francis' own words in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* with regard to Francis of Assisi, after whom he chose his name.

Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters.

May I express my deepest sympathies to the Apostolic Nuncio, to Archbishop Eamon Martin and all Religious in Ireland, to members of the Catholic faith throughout Ireland and across the world, to all those who will particularly feel his loss in his native Argentina and across South and Central America, and to all those of all faiths and none who were so inspired by his life and work.

MICHAEL DANIEL HIGGINS

President of Ireland

It is with profound sadness that the world has learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Ireland, I offer my heartfelt sympathies and my deepest condolences to all who mourn him, to His Eminence Cardinal Battista Re, the Dean of the College of Cardinals, to his family and friends, and to the Catholic community worldwide that has lost an exceptional leader.

Pope Francis' long and distinguished papacy was marked by his unwavering commitment to the principles of compassion, peace, and human dignity. He spoke out for the poor, the marginalised, and the oppressed. His solidarity with refugees, his calls for climate action, and his insistence on global peace and equality set him apart as a champion of justice in the modern world.

Pope Francis holds a special place in the hearts of the Irish people. During his visit to Ireland in August 2018 for the World Meeting of Families, he was welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm that spoke volumes about the respect and affection in which he was held by Irish people.

During his visit to Ireland, many will also remember Pope Francis' expression of pain and shame about historic child abuse in the Catholic Church and his outrage about the failure of Church authorities to adequately address these appalling crimes.

I had the honour of meeting Pope Francis in Dublin Castle during that visit and was impressed by his vision of a Catholic Church that is open, compassionate, and focused on the needs of the most vulnerable. He shared with us his deep concern with the issues of social justice and human rights, and his profound commitment to alleviating suffering.

Pope Francis's legacy is his message of peace, reconciliation, and solidarity that lives in the hearts of those he inspired.

May he rest in peace, and may his memory continue to guide us as we strive to build a world that reflects his vision of love and compassion for all.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

MICHEÁL MARTIN

Taoiseach of Ireland

ISLANDA

On behalf of the people of Iceland, I want to express my sincere condolences on the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

We will remember the Holy Father's compassion and sense of justice, his unselfish service and how he consistently used his voice to serve humanity. May the wise words Pope Francis offered in *Laudato Si'* continue to inspire our souls and encourage each of us to use our voice and work in service of shared prosperity.

Many Icelanders have expressed their sorrow and respect today, including our Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Catholic Bishop in Reykjavik.

HALLA TÓMASDÓTTIR

President of Iceland

It was with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. Allow me on behalf of my Government and the people of Iceland, to convey my deepest condolences at this moment of grief and reflection.

Pope Francis was not only a great leader of faith and compassion to the Catholic world. He was an inspiration to hundreds of millions of people

all over the world across faiths and beliefs. His humanity, humility and compassion was deep rooted and moving. Through his tireless advocacy and love for the most vulnerable he drew admiration and will always be remembered for his respect and dignified approach to all people, everywhere.

Pope Francis was a distinct voice of hope and humanity in a world that is mired in conflicts and global environmental challenges on an unprecedented scale. His legacy of compassion will continue to inspire.

KRISTRÚN FROSTADÓTTIR
Prime Minister of Iceland

ISRAELE

On behalf of the State of Israel, I send my deepest condolences to the Catholic Christian world and especially to the Christian communities in Israel — the Holy Land on the loss of their great spiritual father, His Holiness Pope Francis.

As a man of deep faith and boundless compassion, he dedicated his life to uplifting the poor and calling for peace in a troubled world. He rightly saw great importance in fostering strong ties with the Jewish world and in advancing interfaith dialogue as a path towards greater understanding and mutual respect.

I truly hope that his prayers for peace in the Middle East and for the safe return of all the hostages, who are barbarically being held captive by Hamas terrorist organization, will soon be answered.

May his memory continue to inspire acts of kindness, unity, and hope.

ISAAC HERZOG
President of the State of Israel

ISOLE MARSHALL

On behalf of the people and Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I would like to express our sincere condolences and sympathies

to the Holy See and the global Catholic community on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The passing of Pope Francis marks the end of an extraordinary era of spiritual leadership, characterized by his compassion, humility, and tireless advocacy for the vulnerable and the environment. Pope Francis' unwavering commitment to addressing climate change was profoundly meaningful. His advocacy highlighted the plight of vulnerable communities, including ours, and underscored the need for global solidarity. His Holiness demonstrated that true strength lies in service, and his unwavering commitment to peace and justice inspired millions across the globe, including the people of our islands. Pope Francis' legacy will continue to remind us all of the power of hope and kindness.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the College of Cardinals, the clergy, and all who mourn this monumental loss. May the enduring impact of His Holiness' life offer solace during this time of grief.

HILDA C. HEINE

President of the Republic

ISOLE TURKS E CAICOS

It is with profound sorrow that I write on behalf of the Hon. Premier, Government and people of the Turks and Caicos Islands to extend our deepest condolences to the Holy See, the College of Cardinals and the global Catholic community on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His Holiness was a shepherd of immense wisdom, humility and compassion. Throughout his pontificate, he stood as a tireless advocate for peace, justice and the dignity of all people. His unwavering commitment to the poor, his voice for the voiceless and his pursuit of dialogue with all, earned him respect far beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church.

He demonstrated that faith is not just a belief but a call to action – one that asks us to serve with courage, uplift others and walk with humility. May his legacy of compassion and service continue to inspire individuals and nations alike.

In the Turks and Caicos Islands, the life and example of His Holiness Pope Francis resonated deeply across our Islands, strengthening the faith

of many. He was revered for his ability to illuminate his guidance and sense of purpose in navigating a complex world and uncertain times.

On behalf of the people of Turks and Caicos Islands, I offer our heartfelt prayers and sympathies to the Holy See. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul and stand in solidarity with the Church in this time of mourning.

DILEENI DANIEL-SELVARATNAM

Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands

ITALIA

Scompare con il Santo Padre Francesco una figura di intensa, fondamentale testimonianza di fratellanza umana e di pace, protagonista del nostro tempo.

La notizia della sua morte suscita profonda commozione nel popolo italiano.

Fin dalla sua prima, memorabile, apparizione dalla loggia della Basilica di San Pietro egli ha saputo interpretare le aspettative di rinnovamento di milioni di donne e uomini, fedeli di religioni anche non cristiane o non credenti, attratti dal suo limpido messaggio e dalla sua testimonianza di vicinanza nei confronti di quanti vivono le diverse forme assunte dalla povertà e dall'esclusione nel mondo contemporaneo.

Costante la sua attenzione per le periferie del mondo e forte il suo magistero di costruttore di pace, ricordando i molti contesti in cui la dignità della persona è sfigurata da guerre e conflitti. Ancora nel giorno di Pasqua ha ricordato la necessità che non venga mai meno il principio di umanità come cardine dei nostri comportamenti quotidiani.

Nel commosso ricordo delle occasioni di incontro che ho avuto in questi anni con il compianto Pontefice, esprimo i sentimenti di affettuoso, profondo cordoglio degli italiani tutti e mi unisco a quelli della comunità internazionale.

SERGIO MATTARELLA

Presidente della Repubblica

Ho appreso con profonda tristezza la notizia della scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, una perdita che lascia un vuoto incolmabile in tutta la comunità cristiana e in ciascuno di noi.

In questo doloroso momento desidero ricordare l'uomo di fede, in grado di parlare a tutti, credenti e non credenti.

Il Papa venuto dalla fine del mondo, sin dai primi giorni del pontificato nel 2013, ha operato con fede e passione, animato da una forza straordinaria e da una grande vocazione, si è donato senza limiti e con instancabile impegno ha promosso giustizia, solidarietà e pace, anche quando le difficoltà legate al trascorrere del tempo e all'età sono diventate purtroppo compagne di vita.

Papa Francesco è entrato nelle nostre case e nelle nostre coscienze con la modestia della persona e la forza dello Spirito.

Con questo animo lo ricordo insieme a tutti i colleghi senatori e desidero esprimere a nome dell'Assemblea di Palazzo Madama i sentimenti di sincero e partecipe cordoglio.

IGNAZIO LA RUSSA

Presidente del Senato della Repubblica

JAMAICA

On behalf of the Government and people of Jamaica, I extend sincere condolences on the passing of Pope Francis.

The first pontiff from Latin America, Pope Francis distinguished himself as a voice for the voiceless, the poor and the dispossessed. He endeared himself to the world with his quiet humility and deep compassion. He was fearless in his advocacy for social inclusion, equity and climate change and other issues of the day, as he challenged leaders to implement policies which would shape a more just and humane world.

Pope Francis' death, which came at the end of the holiest period in the Christian calendar with his appearance on Resurrection Sunday, is a poignant reflection of the Pope's dedication to duty and to the people. He has influenced and touched the lives of millions, inspiring hope in every

corner of the globe and leaving behind a legacy of love and peace in a divided world.

On this very sad occasion, I extend deepest condolences to the Catholic community, Christians and all who mourn the passing of Pope Francis. May his soul rest in peace.

ANDREW HOLNESS

Prime Minister of Jamaica

KAZAKHSTAN

Ho accolto con profonda tristezza la notizia della morte di Papa Francesco.

Il Papa, guida spirituale che ha ampiamente promosso la pace e i valori umani nel mondo, è una grande figura che ha dato un contributo incommensurabile allo sviluppo della Chiesa cattolica, alla promozione dell'equità e della misericordia, alla promozione del dialogo tra religioni e culture, e si è dedicato al bene comune.

Papa Francesco ha compiuto notevoli sforzi per risolvere pacificamente i conflitti e le guerre per stabilire la pace attraverso i negoziati.

Sono particolarmente apprezzati il suo significativo contributo all'umanesimo globale e il suo ruolo e le sue coraggiose iniziative nel rafforzamento della cooperazione internazionale. Per queste nobili qualità era amato e rispettato da milioni di persone di ogni fede.

Papa Francesco è una figura di particolare importanza per il nostro Paese.

Ha dato un contributo significativo allo sviluppo delle molteplici relazioni tra il Kazakhstan e il Vaticano. La sua visita apostolica ad Astana nel 2022 è diventata un simbolo di tolleranza religiosa, pace e comprensione reciproca. Grazie al suo sostegno, la cooperazione tra il Kazakhstan e il Vaticano si è approfondita ed è stata aperta l'Ambasciata del Kazakhstan presso la Santa Sede.

Ricorderò sempre gli incontri indimenticabili che abbiamo avuto con il Papa. La sua immagine luminosa, la sua saggezza, la sua intuizione spirituale e la sua vera umanità rimarranno per sempre nella memoria della comunità mondiale.

Condivido il vostro dolore in questo triste momento e, a nome del popolo del Kazakhstan e mio personale, esprimo le mie condoglianze all'intera comunità cattolica.

Che l'anima del defunto riposi in pace.

KASSYM-JOMART TOKAYEV
Presidente della Repubblica

KIRIBATI

It is with profound sorrow and deep respect that I convey, on behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of Kiribati, our heartfelt condolences to the Holy See and to the global Catholic community on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. His departure marks a solemn moment in history, and we join in prayerful solidarity with the faithful around the world in mourning the loss of a most revered shepherd of peace and humility.

His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered for his unwavering devotion to the values of compassion, justice, and unity. Through his exemplary leadership and tireless advocacy for the poor, the vulnerable, and our planet, he has left an enduring legacy of moral clarity and spiritual guidance that transcended borders and faiths.

We stand in heartfelt solidarity with our Catholic brothers and sisters here in Kiribati and around the world during this time of mourning, offering our deepest prayers, love, and thoughts. May his soul be granted eternal peace and may the abiding grace and comfort of the Lord bring solace to all who grieve his passing.

TANETI MAAMAU
President of the Republic

KUWAIT

علمنا بتأثر نبأ وفاة قداسة بابا الفاتيكان فرنسيس الأول.
وإذ نعرب لكم عن خالص تعازينا وصادق مواساتنا بهذا المصاب الأليم ، فإننا نشيد
بإسهامات الفقيد في نشر وتعزيز ثقافة التعايش والمحبة والسلام بالعالم أجمع ، وما كرسه خلال

حياته الحافلة بالعطاء من مفاهيم العدالة والتسامح بين مختلف الشعوب عبر احترام الأديان السماوية ، متمنيا لكم ولأسرة الفقيد جميل الصبر وحسن العزاء.

مشعل الأحمد الجابر الصباح
أمير دولة الكويت

تلقينا ببالغ الحزن والأسى نبأ وفاة قداسة بابا الفاتيكان فرنسيس الأول، بعد مسيرة حافلة بالعمل والعطاء كرس فيها الفقيد الكبير حياته لخدمة الإنسانية، والدعوة إلى التعايش السلمي بين الأديان، والسعي لتحقيق العدالة الاجتماعية، فقد كان صوتا للسلام والمحبة والتسامح، وسيظل إرثه محل تقدير واحترام كبيرين.
ونبعث إليكم ومجمع الكرادلة والمجتمع الكاثوليكي بخالص التعازي وأصدق مشاعر المواساة بهذا المصاب الأليم، سائلين الله (عز وجل) أن يتغمده بواسع رحمته ورضوانه، ويلهم أسرته وذويه جميل الصبر والسلوان.

صباح خالد الحمد الصباح
ولي العهد

تلقينا ببالغ الحزن والأسى نبأ وفاة قداسة بابا الفاتيكان فرنسيس الأول، معربين لكم عن خالص تعازينا وصادق مواساتنا بوفاة الفقيد، مشيدين بإسهاماته المشهودة في نشر وتعزيز المحبة والسلام في العالم أجمع، وما كرسه خلال حياته الحافلة بالعطاء في مفاهيم العدالة والتسامح بين مختلف الشعوب واحترام الأديان السماوية، أملين لأسرة الفقيد وذويه جميل الصبر.

أحمد عبد الله الأحمد الصباح
رئيس مجلس الوزراء
دولة الكويت

KYRGYZSTAN

Рим Папасы Ыйык Мартабалуу Францисктин дуйнеден кайткандыгы тууралуу суук кабарды терең кайгыруу менен кабыл алдым.

Кыргыз Республикасынын элинин жана жеке эзүмдүн атымдан Сизге жана Ыйык Тактыга, бардык католиктерге аза кайгысын тен белушуп кенул айтам.

2024-жылдын 4-опабрындагы Рим Паласы Ыйык Мартабалуу Франциск менен Ватиканда болгон жолугушуумду ар дайым жылуу сезимдер менен эстейм.

Дуйнэдэ гуманизмди, толеранпуулукту, кечиримдуулукту, кайрымдуулукту жана мамлекепер ортосунда эз ара тушунушууну сактоого Рим Папасы Ыйык Мартабалуу Францисктин кошкон чон СаЛЫМЫ дуйнэлук коомчулуктун эсинде кала берет.

Терен кайгыруу менен.

Садыр Жапаров
Президент Кыргызстана

LESOTHO

It is with profound sorrow and shock that I learned of the passing of the Holy Father, His Holiness Pope Francis, who left us due to a stroke and irreversible heart failure.

The Government and all the people of the Kingdom of Lesotho share in your grief and that of the Roman Catholic Church during this painful time. His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered by the global Roman Catholic community and by all people of faith as a spiritual leader who dedicated his life to serving humanity.

As we mourn his loss, we also wish to express our gratitude to our kind and loving God for blessing the Catholic Church and all people of faith with such a compassionate leader. He courageously and resolutely fought for social justice, peace, reconciliation, and religious and political tolerance.

Her Majesty Queen 'Masenate and I have had the honour and privilege of meeting His Holiness on more than one occasion. In his presence, our hearts were always touched by his humility and kindness. As Catholics and Christians, our faith has been strengthened and nourished through those unforgettable and deeply spiritual conversations. His passing leaves a profound void in our hearts.

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and indeed on my own behalf, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Your

Eminence, and through you, to the Roman Catholic Church worldwide, as well as to all those who found spiritual strength, inspiration, and guidance in His Holiness Pope Francis.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the people of God during this time of sorrow. We hope and pray that Pope Francis' legacy of humility, kindness, compassion, and moral leadership will continue to inspire humanity for many years to come.

May the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis rest in eternal peace.

LETSIE III

King of Lesotho

LIBANO

C'est avec une profonde émotion et un immense chagrin que j'ai appris le rappel à Dieu, ce matin, de Sa Sainteté le pape François, Pontife suprême de l'Église catholique.

Au nom de la République libanaise, de son peuple et en mon nom propre, je m'incline respectueusement devant la mémoire de cet illustre pasteur, dont le pontificat fut marqué par une inlassable quête de paix, de justice et de fraternité entre les peuples.

Sa Sainteté le pape François restera à jamais gravé dans la conscience universelle comme un homme de foi, d'humilité et de miséricorde, un défenseur infatigable des plus démunis, un apôtre du dialogue entre les religions, et un artisan de la réconciliation dans un monde ébranlé par les conflits et les divisions.

Le Liban, auquel il a toujours témoigné un attachement sincère et constant, garde le souvenir reconnaissant de ses paroles de soutien et de ses prières ferventes pour notre stabilité, notre unité et notre vocation plurielle.

En cette heure de deuil pour l'Église catholique et pour l'humanité tout entière, je vous adresse, Sainteté, ainsi qu'au Collège des cardinaux et à l'ensemble des fidèles, l'expression de notre solidarité, de notre compassion et de nos prières.

Que le Seigneur accueille son serviteur fidèle dans la paix et la lumière éternelles.

JOSEPH AOUN

Président de la République

LIBIA

نعبر لكم عن تعازينا ومواساتنا لوفاة قداسة الحبر الأعظم: البابا فرنسيس، حيث شكلت وفاته فقد أليم للإنسانية جمعاء، للدور العظيم الذي كان يقوم به قداسته في الحوار بين الأديان ومكافحة الفقر والظلم، ونشر رسالة السلام والمحبة بين الشعوب.

د. محمد يونس المنفي

رئيس المجلس الرئاسي

رئيس دولة ليبيا

ببالغ الأسى والحزن تلقينا نبأ وفاة قداسة البابا فرنسيس، إن رحيله يمثل خسارة كبيرة للعالم أجمع، حيث كان رمزا للسلام والمحبة، وعمل بلا كلل من أجل تعزيز الحوار والتفاهم بين الثقافات والأديان.

باسمي وباسم حكومة الوحدة الوطنية والشعب الليبي بهذه المناسبة الأليمة نشارككم هذا الحزن العميق ونعبر عن تعازينا القلبية الدولة الفاتيكاني وللعالم المسيحي بأسره. لقد ترك قداسة البابا إرثا راسخا من القيم الإنسانية والدعوة للسلام.

عبد الحميد محمد الدبيبة

رئيس حكومة الوحدة الوطنية

LIECHTENSTEIN

With profound sorrow, we have received the sad news of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. In deep and heartfelt solidarity with the Holy See, I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences, also on behalf of my father Prince Hans-Adam II, my entire family and all Liechtenstein citizens.

Our grief is accompanied by immense gratitude for the devoted service and the extraordinary legacy of Pope Francis. We were blessed to witness

his wisdom and kindness through personal encounters and remain deeply appreciative of the exemplary relationships he fostered.

HEREDITARY PRINCE ALOIS OF LIECHTENSTEIN

È con grande dolore e ancor più mestizia che abbiamo appreso della morte di Sua Santità Papa Francesco.

Con la morte del Santo Padre, il mondo ha perso un uomo che ha sempre anteposto l'unità alla divisione. Egli si è adoperato instancabilmente per la pace. La via della riconciliazione ha guidato il suo lavoro.

Questo messaggio di un mondo migliore, più giusto e più pacifico, vivrà anche dopo la dipartita del Santo Padre e ci ricorderà ciò per cui ognuna e ognuno di noi può impegnarsi ogni giorno.

A Voi e a tutti i credenti del mondo porgo la mia più sentita partecipazione.

BRIGITTE HAAS

Primo Ministro

LITUANIA

On behalf of the people and the entire Government of the Republic of Lithuania, I extend my deepest and most heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Pope Francis was a truly extraordinary spiritual leader, whose message of compassion, peace, and social justice inspired millions across the globe. His humility, authenticity, and constant concern for the dignity of every human being left an indelible mark not only on the history of the Catholic Church, but also on the conscience of the world.

For the people of Lithuania, especially the faithful, Pope Francis was deeply revered and held close to our hearts. His Apostolic Visit to Lithuania in 2018 remains etched in our national memory as a profound moment of grace – one that strengthened our faith, our unity, and our hope. We are sincerely grateful for the Holy Father's attention and closeness to our nation during that historic and spiritual encounter.

We mourn alongside the entire Catholic community and all those who cherished the Holy Father's mission. May his enduring legacy – a witness of faith, love, and mercy – continue to inspire generations to come.

GINTAUTAS PALUCKAS
Prime Minister of the Republic

LUSSEMBURGO

La Grande-Duchesse et moi sommes très attristés par l'annonce du décès de Sa Sainteté le Pape François. Une tristesse d'autant plus grande que nous avons encore eu l'honneur et l'immense joie de l'accueillir en Visite officielle au Luxembourg en septembre dernier.

Le Pape François fut un homme de grande compassion, partageant les maux et les souffrances d'autrui. Se souciant en permanence des problèmes des personnes les plus défavorisées ainsi que des réfugiés, il fut dévoué aux plus vulnérables, tout en restant attentif aux espérances de la jeunesse.

Il a été, pour nous et pour le monde au-delà de l'Eglise, un guide spirituel.

Nous Vous présentons nos plus sincères condoléances et, à travers Vous, à toute la Communauté catholique.

HENRI
Grand-Duc de Luxembourg

MACEDONIA DEL NORD

Со голема тага и чувство на празнина ја примив веста за упокојувањето на поглаварот на Католичката црква, Неговата светост палата Франциск. Во името на македонските граѓани и во мое лично име, упатувам искрено и длабоко сочувство до Католичката црква.

Понтификатот на папата Франциск ја симболизираше обновата во време на длабоки кризи. На 7 мај 2019 година, за време на неговата историска посета на нашата држава, палата Франциск се осврна на неколку аспекти на таа обнова — соживотот меѓу различните,

солидарноста кон ранливите и одговорноста кон младите. Во таа прилика тој нè охрабри нас, македонските граѓани, да го следиме верно започнатиот пат и да ја градиме државата како „светилник на мирот, гостопримството и интеграцијата која ќе роди плодови помеѓу културите, религиите и народите.“

Неговите зборови соодветствуваа на неговите дела, Воден од длабоката вера во воскреснатиот Христос, папата Франциск го вложи својот морален авторитет во решавање на големите глобални предизвици. Со длабока човечност се застапуваше за социјална правда, еднаквост, човекови права и слободи за сиромашните, мигрантите и маргинализираните. Придонесуваше кон меѓурелигиозниот дијалог и помирувањето меѓу христијанските деноминации. Наспроти вооружените конфликти и поларизацијата, даваше пример за дипломатија посветена на мирот, Уверен дека мирот меѓу луѓето зависи и од мирот со природата, тој помогна да се донесат некои од најважните глобални одлуки за одржлив развој и климатска акција.

Како народен папа, тој му го честиташе на христијанското семејство Христовото воскресение со порака за мир и ослободување и си замина во вечноста, јас пак, по четириесетината минути незаборавен разговор, ќе го помнам по исклучителниот ум, мудрост, топлина и едноставност, но и по храбрите примери со коишто нè поттикнуваше да не отстапуваме од патот на милоста, добрината и човечноста.

Нека милостивиот и човекољубив Бог му даде на својот верен слуга, локојниот папа Франциск, царство небесно.

Гордана Сиљановска-Давкова
Претседател на Македонија

MALAYSIA

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

On behalf of the people of Malaysia and in my personal capacity, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Holy See and to the global Catholic community at this time of great sorrow.

His Holiness will be remembered for his humility, compassion, and deep devotion to peace, justice, and the dignity of all peoples. His moral leadership and dedication to the poor, the vulnerable, and the care of our common home touched the hearts of many across the world.

I deeply appreciate His Holiness' efforts in advancing interfaith understanding and dialogue, which is closely aligned with Malaysia's own commitment to promoting unity and mutual respect within a diverse society.

As I join the international community in mourning this profound loss, I honour the memory of His Holiness and trust that his legacy of faith and service will continue to inspire generations to come.

IBRAHIM

King of Malaysia

On behalf of Malaysians of every creed and conviction, I wish to convey our deepest condolences to the Holy See and members of the Catholic community around the world on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His Holiness will be remembered as one of the eminent moral figures of our time – a steadfast champion of peace, human dignity and global solidarity. Throughout his life, he spoke with conviction on the urgent challenges of our age, including the plight of those affected by war, displacement and deepening inequality. His was a life of service to his flock and far beyond.

He was a powerful voice of conscience for many as the war in Gaza unfolded. His appeals for restraint and the sacred value of human life reflected a deep commitment to justice and humanity that resonated far beyond the Catholic world.

I fondly recall the singular opportunity I had to meet Pope Francis in the early years of his papacy. His kindness shone through with extraordinary warmth and clarity. His passing is a profound loss to all seeking a more compassionate and peaceful world.

ANWAR IBRAHIM

Prime Minister of Malaysia

MALTA

It is with a heavy heart that I write to convey deepest condolences on behalf of the People of Malta, on the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The people of Malta and Gozo remember with fondness and warmth the Apostolic visit of His Holiness Pope Francis in 2022, which further strengthened the spiritual ties between Malta and the Holy See.

The legacy of humility and service of His Holiness Pope Francis shall continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

MYRIAM SPITERI DEBONO

President of Malta

MAROC

It was with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis – may Almighty God accept him in His vast Paradise.

On this sad occasion, I send you, Christians around the world, and especially the esteemed Roman Catholic Church, my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy. The world has lost an eminent religious figure, who dedicated his life to serving lofty human ideals and common values rooted in faith, freedom, peace, love and solidarity among different peoples. The late Pope also consistently called for protecting and preserving the environment, which is the home of all mankind.

As we ponder on the life of the deceased, we see that it was full of generosity and sacrifice. The late pontiff dedicated himself to combatting marginalization and poverty and defending human dignity. He condemned, in particular, the circumstances relating to the scourge of illegal migration and called untiringly for the ideals of peace, dialogue, tolerance and coexistence among the revealed religions to be consolidated.

I recall, with great reverence, the historic visit His Holiness the late Pope Francis paid to Morocco in March 2019. That visit strengthened the foundations of the close and special relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Holy See. It was a significant milestone in our common desire to continue enhancing dialogue, understanding and mutual respect

between Christians and Muslims. That auspicious visit culminated in the signing by His Holiness Pope Francis and myself of the ‘Jerusalem Declaration’, which calls for guaranteeing the right of the followers of the three monotheistic religions to freely enter the Holy City and perform their religious rituals therein.

I share your grief and pray that Almighty God comfort you, grant you solace and bless the soul of the deceased. To God we belong and to Him shall be our return.

MOHAMMED VI
King of Morocco

MAURITIUS

It is with profound sorrow and deep reverence that I convey, on behalf of the people of the Republic of Mauritius and in my personal capacity, our heartfelt condolences following the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His Holiness was a guiding light to the world, embodying humility, mercy, and compassion. Through his tireless commitment to social justice, care for the environment, and dialogue among faiths, he elevated the papacy with a moral clarity and humanity that will be remembered for generations.

We, in Mauritius, hold in sacred memory the pastoral visit of His Holiness to our island in 2019. His gracious presence amongst us was a moment of great spiritual significance. His words of encouragement, his blessings, and his closeness to the people left a lasting legacy of hope and faith within our community.

May his exemplary life continue to inspire and guide those called to serve.

DHARAMBEER GOKHOOL
President of the Republic

I extend my deepest sympathies on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. Our hearts are united in mourning a global spiritual leader whose compassion, humility, and dedication to justice resonated across oceans.

Here in Mauritius, we hold in our hearts the blessed memory of his Apostolic Visit in September 2019. His presence among us was a moment of profound grace and joy. We felt truly seen, loved, and encouraged by the Holy Father, and that day remains a radiant milestone for our nation.

Pope Francis's embrace of interfaith dialogue mirrors the values we cherish in Mauritius, a nation where diverse faiths and cultures harmoniously coexist. His teachings inspired hope and unity, reminding us that love and service transcend all boundaries.

In this time of profound sorrow, I join the universal Church in mourning the loss of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

May our Lord, whom he served with humility and love, welcome him into eternal peace.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the expression of my heartfelt condolences and my prayers for the Church in this time of transition.

JEAN YVAN ROBERT UNGLEY
Vice President of the Republic

It is with deep sorrow that I learnt of the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis.

On behalf of the Government and people of Mauritius, as well as in my personal name, I wish to express our deepest condolences to the Holy See and the global Catholic community during these painful moments.

The Republic of Mauritius will always remember with gratitude the apostolic visit that His Holiness made to our country in September 2019. His presence amongst us was a moment of grace that remains engraved in the collective memory of all Mauritians, regardless of their faiths.

Pope Francis leaves behind an indelible spiritual and moral legacy. His tireless commitment to social justice, environmental protection, interre-

ligious dialogue, and peace among peoples resonates particularly in our multicultural Mauritian society. His simplicity, humility, and closeness to the most vulnerable have inspired millions of people around the world.

During this time of mourning, Mauritius joins the universal prayers for the eternal peace of His Holiness and for the lasting impact of his teachings on brotherhood among all peoples.

NAVINCHANDRA RAMGOOLAM
Prime Minister of Mauritius

MESSICO

Tengo el agrado de saludarlo y, al enterarme tristemente de que el santo padre Francisco ha regresado a la casa del Padre Celestial, ofrecerle a nombre de la presidenta de México, doctora Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, del pueblo mexicano, y del mío propio, mis más sentidas condolencias.

Desde el inicio de su pontificado Jorge Mario Bergoglio promovió la fraternidad, nos pidió proteger la casa común, celebró la dignidad de las personas dejadas en las periferias de la vida, exhortó a la Iglesia a permanecer siempre en misión, fustigó las guerras y las armas, rezó con nosotros durante las pandemias y nos pidió rezar también por él. Francisco pasó el último día de su ministerio petrino, el Domingo de Resurrección, como un pastor entre su gente y recorrió la Plaza de San Pedro viviendo esa cultura del encuentro que tanto profesó. México y el mundo lo recordarán siempre. Por eso le agradezco hacer extensivo los sentimientos de tristeza y pesar del pueblo guadalupano, pero también de alegría por una buena misión cumplida, a sus hermanos cardenales y, a través de ellos, a toda la familia que conforma la Iglesia universal.

Al confirmarle la cercanía de México, y al trasmitirle los saludos y condolencias del gobierno, aprovecho la ocasión para reiterarle mi amistad y las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

ROSA ICELA RODRÍGUEZ VELÁZQUEZ
Secretaría de Gobernación del Gobierno de México

MICRONESIA

It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. On behalf of the Government and the People of the Federated States of Micronesia, allow me to express our heartfelt sympathies and condolences on the passing of His Holiness.

“As the People’s Pope”, His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered by the Catholic community for his selfless contributions to the Catholic faith, emphasizing social justice, promoting environmental stewardship as well as promoting peace and prosperity. His Holiness also led the way in fostering dialogue and synodality within the Church and broadening its global representation. The tireless efforts of Pope Francis in promoting inter-religious dialogue and harmony are particularly pertinent for a multi-religious and multi-racial society in our global community, and his legacy will remain in the hearts and minds for generations to come. .

In this time of global mourning, we join Your Eminence in honoring the legacy of the late Pope Francis. As eternal peace is granted upon his departed soul and as the Lord embraces him, we offer our prayers during this time of grief.

WESLEY W. SIMINA

President

MOLDAVIA

It is with profound sorrow that I learned of the passing into eternity of His Holiness Pope Francis, the 266th Bishop of Rome – a spiritual leader of extraordinary moral courage and deep humanity.

On behalf of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova and in my own name, I extend heartfelt condolences to Your Eminence and to the entire Roman Catholic Church. In these days of mourning, we join you in honoring a man who reminded the world that true strength lies in compassion, who gave voice to the forgotten, and who called us all to care more deeply – for one another and for our common home. His legacy of love, justice, and

hope will continue to inspire generations to come.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the assurances of my highest consideration and deepest sympathy.

MAIA SANDU

President of the Republic of Moldova

It is with deep sadness that I learned about the passing into eternity of His Holiness Pope Francis, one of the most important thinkers of our time and one of the greatest supporters of peace and inter-religious dialogue.

In these moments of mourning, I want to express my sincere condolences along with the deepest feelings of compassion to the entire Roman Catholic Church.

May the good God rest him in peace!

MIHAI POPȘOI

Deputy Prime Minister

and Minister of Foreign Affairs

MONACO

C'est avec une infinie tristesse et une profonde affliction que nous avons appris le décès de Sa Sainteté le Pape François en ce lundi de Pâques.

Particulièrement émus, ma famille, moi-même tenons avec toute la Principauté à présenter nos plus sincères condoléances à l'Église catholique et à l'ensemble des fidèles avec lesquels nous partageons une immense peine.

En ce moment de douleur et de deuil, nous gardons présentes à l'esprit et dans nos cœurs les bénédictions apostoliques que le Saint-Père nous avait accordées en abondance au cours de Son Pontificat et prions avec ferveur pour le repos de son âme.

Puisse son inlassable message d'amour, de fraternité, de paix, de foi, de justice, de miséricorde, de compassion et de respect pour notre nature continuer à nourrir nos pensées et nos engagements au service du bien commun et à rayonner sur un monde qu'il aura marqué de son empreinte. Avec une reconnaissance éplorée, nous rendons hommage au très grand serviteur de l'humanité qui vient de nous quitter.

Nous prions Votre Eminence Révérendissime de vouloir bien croire à la part que nous prenons, avec tous les habitants de la Principauté, au deuil de l'Eglise et de la Cité Vaticane.

PRINCE SOUVERAIN ALBERT

MONGOLIA

A nome del popolo della Mongolia, esprimo le mie più sentite condoglianze per la scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, Capo di Stato della Santa Sede. La sua scomparsa è una grave perdita non solo per i fedeli cattolici, ma anche per innumerevoli persone in tutto il mondo che lo sentivano con profondo rispetto e riverenza.

L'inestimabile contributo di Papa Francesco al rafforzamento della fiducia e del rispetto tra le civiltà globali, nonché alla promozione della pace tra l'umanità, sarà ricordato per sempre.

La visita del Capo della Santa Sede in Mongolia nel 2023 è stata scritta a lettere d'oro nella storia delle nostre relazioni, risalenti all'epoca del Grande Impero Mongolo e dell'Impero Romano.

Le sentite e sincere parole che Papa Francesco ha rivolto al popolo della Mongolia, durante la visita che ha avvicinato i due popoli e le relazioni storiche tra i nostri Paesi ai giorni nostri, saranno eternamente custodite calorosamente nei cuori di tutti i mongoli.

Sua Santità Papa Francesco, simbolo di compassione e misericordia e caro amico dei mongoli, possa riposare in pace eterna.

UKHNAAGIIN KHÜRELSÜKH

Presidente della Mongolia

MONTENEGRO

Sa ogromnom tugom sam primio vijest o smrti Njegove Svetosti Pape Franja. Imao sam privilegiju da ga upoznam i da svjedočim prisutnosti bića koje je sublimacija blagosti, hrabrosti i mudrosti.

Papa Franjo je bio glasnik dijaloga i nade. Njegova Svetost nas je stalno pozivala na povratak razgovoru kao ključu za postizanje mira u svijetu koji je, nažalost, suočen sa brojnim izazovima na mnogim frontovima.

Njegove poruke ljubavi, pomirenja i hrabrosti ostaće trajna inspiracija za sve nas, a jednakost, za koju se zalagao, putokaz za sve države i vjernike svijeta.

Neka njegova duša počiva u miru.

JAKOV MILATOVIĆ

Predsjednik Crne Gore

MOZAMBICO

Foi com profundo sentimento de pesar e consternação que o Povo e Governo da República de Moçambique receberam a triste notícia do passamento de Sua Santidade Papa Francisco, Sumo Pontífice da Igreja Católica Romana e líder espiritual de milhões de fiéis em todo o mundo.

Em nome do Povo e do Governo da República de Moçambique e, no meu pessoal, gostaríamos de apresentar as nossas mais sentidas condolências a Vossa Eminência, à Santa Sé, à comunidade católica global e, em especial, aos fiéis em Moçambique, que tanto se inspiraram no seu legado de paz, diálogo e solidariedade com os mais vulneráveis.

O Papa Francisco será sempre lembrado como um incansável defensor da justiça social, da reconciliação entre os povos e do cuidado com a nossa Casa Comum, a Terra.

Ao longo dos seus 12 anos de Pontificado, o Papa Francisco permaneceu um símbolo de estabilidade e de defesa dos valores da Igreja Católica Apostólica Romana, do amor ao próximo, de Solidariedade e o Apoio aos Pobres e aos Desprotegidos e da importância da Reconciliação e do Perdão.

Sua Santidade Papa Francisco contribuiu para o estreitamento das relações entre a Santa Sé e a República de Moçambique, e sua visita histórica a Moçambique em 2019 deixou um marco indelével em nosso país, reforçando a mensagem de esperança, paz e união num momento crucial de nossa história.

Neste momento de dor, elevamos nossas preces para que Deus conceda o eterno descanso à sua alma e conforte os corações daqueles que lamentam sua partida. Que o seu exemplo continue a guiar-nos na construção de um mundo mais fraterno e compassivo.

Que a alma do Papa Francisco descanse em paz!

DANIEL FRANCISCO CHAPO
Presidente da República

MYANMAR

I was deeply saddened to hear about the news of the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis, Supreme Pontiff of Vatican City on 21 April 2025.

On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and on my own behalf, I wish to extend my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Your Eminence and the people of Vatican City.

His Holiness Pope Francis will be held in high esteem for his service and dedication for the Lord as well as his contribution to the world peace.

MIN AUNG HLAING
*Chairman of the State Administration Council
and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar*

NAMIBIA

It is with profound sadness that I extend, on behalf of the government and people of the Republic of Namibia, and indeed on my own behalf, our deepest condolences to you, the entire global community of members of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and indeed all sympathizers upon the passing of the late Holy Father, Pope Jorge Mario Bergoglio Frances, on 21 April 2025.

Pope Francis was a distinguished and inspiring leader, contributing significantly to the welfare of the people of global communities and the Vatican nation. During his tenure, he brought many reforms to the Catholic Church and a reputation for humility. His significant achievements include

the publication of his 2015 encyclical which addresses the climate crisis environmental stewardship, including highlighting global inequalities, as well as his efforts to promote unity across all faiths.

His unwavering commitment to peace, unity, and justice, touch countless lives across nations and global communities. His legacy will endure as a testament to the spiritual and moral strength of the papacy and Holy Catholic Church.

May the memories of Pope Francis's live on and may the Good Lord provide solace and strength to your Eminence, the College of Cardinals and Vatican community during this difficult time of bereavement.

NETUMBO NANDI-NDAITWAH
President of the Republic

NAURU

It is with deep sorrow and profound respect that I convey, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Nauru, our heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025.

His Holiness was a true shepherd of peace, humility, and compassion. Throughout his papacy, he inspired the world through his tireless advocacy for the poor and the vulnerable, his courageous voice for justice and equality, and his unwavering call for unity, mercy, and hope.

I consider myself deeply blessed to have had the opportunity to meet His Holiness during his recent visit to Papua New Guinea. That encounter will remain a treasured memory and a source of spiritual strength. His warmth, wisdom, and humility left a lasting impression not only on me but on all who were privileged to be in his presence.

At this solemn time, we join the Holy See, the Catholic Church, and the global community of the faithful in mourning this irreplaceable loss. We offer our prayers for the eternal repose of his soul and for comfort to all who grieve his passing.

May his legacy of faith, love, and humanity continue to guide us all.

DAVID W.R. ADEANG
President of the Republic

NEPAL

I am deeply saddened by the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis, who embodied humility, kindness, and a lifelong dedication to the service of humanity.

Pope Francis's message of universal love, courage, peace, inclusiveness, and care for the marginalized communities, resonated far beyond the Catholic world. His profound spiritual leadership and tireless advocacy for the poor and vulnerable, will be remembered with respect and admiration.

On behalf of the people of Nepal and on my own, I extend my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Catholic community across the world.

RAM CHANDRA POUDEL

President of Nepal

It was with profound sadness that I came to learn of the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis, the beloved leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

His Holiness's papacy was distinguished not only by his spiritual leadership but also by his profound commitment to peace, compassion, and social justice. His message of universal love, respect for human dignity, and care for the vulnerable extended far beyond the Catholic community.

At this moment of profound loss, I, on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal as well as on my own, wish to convey a heartfelt condolences and solidarity with the Catholic community of the world.

KP SHARMA OLI

Prime Minister of Nepal

NIGER

J'ai appris avec une profonde tristesse le décès de Sa Sainteté le Pape François survenu le 21 avril 2025 à la Cité du Vatican.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, j'adresse au nom du Gouvernement du Peuple nigérien et en mon nom mes sincères condoléances et ma profonde compassion à la famille éplorée de l'Illustre Disparu, à l'Église Catholique et à l'ensemble de la communauté chrétienne à travers le monde

Tout au long de son Pontificat, Sa Sainteté le Pape François a prêché sans relâche la paix et invité au dialogue entre les peuples, les cultures et les religions.

Je forme le vœu de voir perpétuer à travers les temps, son œuvre de recherche de paix universelle et de dialogue entre les peuples, les cultures et les religions.

En vous renouvelant mes sincères condoléances et la solidarité du peuple nigérien dans cette dure épreuve je vous prie d'agréer, Votre Éminence, l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

ABDOURAHAMANE TIANI
Président de la République

NIGERIA

It was with deep sorrow and a heavy heart that I received the news of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis on Easter Monday, 21st April 2025.

Pope Francis was to us in Nigeria, a humble servant of God and a tireless champion of the poor. The passing of Pope Francis at a time that Christians all over the world celebrated the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is symbolic of a sacred return to his Maker at a time of renewed hope for Christians.

Throughout his life, His Holiness was a veritable symbol and instrument of peace who deeply embodied the message of Christ: love for God and love for humanity. He was also a credible and respectable voice for global justice and understanding, focusing on the various conflict zones in the world. He stood firm in his belief that we all have a duty to protect our common home – this Earth. At a time of divisions across the globe, he also sought to build bridges between faiths, as well as the rich and the poor.

As we mourn the late Pontiff, we take solace in the fact that Pope Francis lived a long and impactful life. His legacy would therefore live forever.

On behalf of the government and the people of Nigeria, I extend my heartfelt condolences to you, the Catholic Church, and all Christians globally. It is my fervent prayers that God will grant the soul of Pope Francis

eternal rest. At this difficult time, Nigeria stands with you as we share in your grief.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the assurances of my highest esteem and warm wishes for your personal well-being.

BOLA AHMED TINUBU
President of Federal Republica

NORVEGIA

I was deeply saddened to learn that His Holiness Pope Francis has passed away. On behalf of myself and the people of Norway, I send you my heartfelt condolences.

Pope Francis was highly respected and loved for being a passionate and clear voice for the most vulnerable in society.

My sympathy is with all Catholics in Norway and around the world on this sad occasion.

HARALD V
King of Norway

NUOVA ZELANDA

On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand, I extend our deepest condolences to the Holy See on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. We join in mourning his loss and honour his enduring legacy.

It is a time of great sorrow for all those in New Zealand and around the world who admired his compassion and humility. His message of hope and joy is one in which all humanity can share, especially at this time during Jubilee Year 2025.

His Holiness will be particularly remembered for his unwavering commitment to the vulnerable, to social justice, and to interfaith dialogue.

CHRISTOPHER LUXON
Prime Minister

We extend our deepest condolences to the Holy See and the Roman Catholic community around the world on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His papacy was one of firsts, including being the first pope from the Southern Hemisphere. His Holiness' leadership was courageous in the face of many global challenges. His message of hope, reflected in the Jubilee Year 2025 and his last Easter homily, is particularly apposite during a time of increasingly complex strategic challenges, where conflict has become so prevalent.

We join in remembering His Holiness Pope Francis and mourning his loss. We honour his enduring and profound legacy of humility and compassion.

WINSTON PETERS

Minister of Foreign Affairs

OLANDA

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Pope Francis. On behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, please allow us to convey through you our heartfelt condolences to the Roman Catholic Church and its members around the world.

We have very fond memories of our personal encounters with Pope Francis, both privately – together with our daughters in 2016 – and during our state visit in 2017. We will cherish the memory of his warm and approachable personality.

We will remember Pope Francis as an inspirational religious leader for millions of Catholics all around the world and for people of other faiths too. He worked hard to make the Roman Catholic Church a place where everybody feels welcome. Furthermore, he significantly advanced interreligious dialogue, travelling extensively to engage in dialogue with people from varying backgrounds. As a world leader, Pope Francis used his great moral power to put human dignity first. He underlined the importance of caring for our common home. He was indefatigable in his efforts to foster peace and end violence and human suffering across the world.

The Roman Catholic Church has lost an inspirational leader, and the world has lost an esteemed and respected voice. He will be greatly missed.

WILLEM-ALEXANDER R. and MÁXIMA

OMAN

With profound grief, we received the news of the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis.

We extend to Your Eminence, the bereaved family, and the friendly people of Vatican our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies on this loss.

May the departed soul rest in eternal peace.

HAITHAM BIN TARIK

Sultan of Oman

With profound sorrow, we were grieved to learn of the death of Pope Francis.

We are offering our sincere condolences and sympathy to your Eminence, and the people of the Vatican, and to Christians all over the world.

FAHAD AL-SAID

Deputy Prime Minister for Council of Ministers of Oman

PALAU

On behalf of the people and the Government of the Republic of Palau, I offer our deepest condolences to you, the Roman Catholic Church, and all the Christians around the world on the passing of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis was a remarkable leader whose dedication and service to Faith and the Catholic Church has left a lasting mark on the history of the world. His commitment to social justice and his efforts to engage in global issues will be remembered with deep respect and admiration.

During this time of loss, we stand in solidarity with Christians around the world, sharing in your grief and honoring the life and legacy of a truly

extraordinary leader. May you find comfort in the enduring impact of his work and the cherished memories he leaves behind.

Please convey our heartfelt sympathies to Pope Francis' family, church, and loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

SURANGEL S. WHIPPS, Jr.

President of the Republic

PALESTINA

بمزيد من الحزن والأسى، نودع نحن وشعبنا، ومعنا شعوب العالم كافة، قامة عالمية وإنسانية وروحية رفيعة، وقوة في الحكمة والأخلاق، ورسولاً للمحبة والسلام، وصديقاً كبيراً لفلسطين، ومناضلاً من أجل المظلومين، ومدافعاً شجاعاً عن العدل والحق، قداسة الحبر الأعظم البابا فرنسيس.

وفي هذا الرحيل الجلل، نتقدم باسم دولة فلسطين وشعبها، وبالأصالة عن نفسي، إلى نيافتكم وإلى قيادة حاضرة الفاتيكان، وإلى جميع أتباع الكنيسة الكاثوليكية حول العالم، بأصدق عبارات التعزية والمواساة، في فقدان هذه الشخصية الاستثنائية التي نالت - وستظل تنال - محبة العالم واحترامه، لما جسده من قيم التسامح والتعايش، ونبذ العنف والعنصرية والظلم. سيبقى اسم قداسة البابا فرنسيس محفوراً في ذاكرة ووجدان شعبنا الفلسطيني، لما أبداه من مواقف مبدئية وشجاعة في الدفاع عن السلام وحقوق الفلسطينيين في الحرية والكرامة. وتحت قيادته، اعترفت حاضرة الفاتيكان بدولة فلسطين، ورسمت قديستان من بنات شعبنا، وزار أرضنا المقدسة، في بيت لحم والقدس الشرقية، ووقف أمام جدار الفصل، رافعاً صلاته من أجل بناء جسور السلام، وواصل التواصل مع شعبنا حتى اللحظات الأخيرة من حياته. إلى روح قداسة البابا فرنسيس، السلام والطمأنينة، وله منا كل المحبة والوفاء.

محمود عباس

رئيس دولة فلسطين

رئيس اللجنة التنفيذية لمنظمة التحرير الفلسطينية

PARAGUAY

En nombre del Pueblo y del Gobierno de la República del Paraguay, así como en el mío propio, quisiera expresar a Vuestra Eminencia nuestras más

sentidas condolencias por el fallecimiento de Su Santidad el Papa Francisco, cuyas enseñanzas quedarán eternizadas en la historia y en el corazón de innumerables personas alrededor del mundo.

Su Santidad se destacó por su liderazgo cercano, cálido y servicial, guiado por los valores de la humildad, el amor y el respeto al prójimo, especialmente hacia los más vulnerables, así como por su incansable compromiso con el cuidado del medio ambiente, lo cual constituye un importante legado que trasciende las fronteras de la fe.

En medio del pesar que embarga a la comunidad internacional, el Paraguay recuerda con particular emoción su visita pastoral en el año 2015, así como el profundo afecto que manifestó siempre hacia nuestro pueblo. En especial, evocamos con gratitud sus palabras dedicadas a la mujer paraguaya, a quien distinguió como “la más gloriosa de América”. Hoy, sus mensajes nos inspiran y desafían a seguir trabajando unidos por un país más justo y solidario.

Al reiterar los sentimientos de hondo pesar por tan irreparable pérdida, hago propicia la ocasión para extender a Vuestra Eminencia las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

SANTIAGO PEÑA

Presidente de la República

PERÚ

Conmovida hondamente por el fallecimiento de su Santidad el Papa Francisco, a nombre del Gobierno y del pueblo peruano, hago llegar a Vuestra Eminencia mi más profundo pesar por esta irreparable pérdida.

El gobierno y el pueblo del Perú recordarán siempre con muy especial afecto la visita del Papa Francisco a nuestro país en enero de 2018 en las que impulsó y renovó la Fe de los creyentes.

Este hecho tan doloroso ha sumido al pueblo peruano en el recogimiento y el dolor, pero al mismo tiempo recordará el constante llamado de Su Santidad al diálogo y reconciliación como vías para la construcción de una sociedad cada vez más justa e inclusiva.

Comparto con Vuestra Eminencia la seguridad de que el gobierno y el pueblo peruano acompañan los sentimientos de pesar que agobian a las autoridades, clero y religiosos católicos en todo el mundo.

Al reiterarle los sentimientos de tristeza del pueblo peruano deseo expresar nuestra convicción de que el ejemplo y legado de la vida del Papa Francisco permitirá llevar adelante su visión de la Iglesia para beneficio de sus fieles católicos.

DINA ERCILIA BOLUARTE ZEGARRA
Presidenta de la República

POLONIA

Profondamente toccato dalla notizia della scomparsa di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, porgo a Vostra Eminenza, a nome mio e di tutti i cittadini della Repubblica di Polonia, le espressioni più sincere di cordoglio e profondo rammarico.

In veste di Presidente della Repubblica Polacca, conservo con particolare apprezzamento il ricordo degli incontri personali con Sua Santità, durante i quali Egli ha sempre manifestato il suo rispetto e la sua simpatia per la Polonia e per il popolo polacco. Nel mio Paese, Papa Francesco verrà ricordato come colui che ha annoverato tra i santi, Papa Giovanni Paolo II – il più eminente figlio della terra polacca, che ha cambiato il corso della storia dell'Europa e del mondo.

Custodiamo nella memoria la visita del Santo Padre in Polonia, compresa la Sua partecipazione alla 31ª Giornata Mondiale della Gioventù a Cracovia, straordinaria celebrazione della fede dei giovani cattolici di ogni angolo del globo.

Papa Francesco, con il Suo operato, ha costantemente dimostrato di schierarsi a favore dei poveri, degli oppressi e dei sofferenti. Egli sottolineava che l'assenza di soluzioni adeguate per il ripristino della pace e della giustizia nel mondo rappresenta una concreta minaccia per l'umanità.

Di fronte alla continuazione, da parte della Russia, di una guerra brutale e spietata contro l'Ucraina in un periodo particolarmente significativo per i fedeli della Chiesa cattolica – nell'Anno Giubilare – restano attuali le

parole di Sua Santità espresse nel “Messaggio per la LVIII Giornata Mondiale della Pace”: “Che il 2025 sia quell’anno in cui si svilupperà la pace! Una pace vera e duratura, che non si fermi ai formalismi degli accordi o ai limiti dei compromessi umani. Cerchiamo la vera pace, donata da Dio al cuore disarmato (...)”. Tali parole di Papa Francesco continuano a infondere speranza nel ripristino della pace a fronte dell’enormità del male e della brutalità che ogni giorno colpiscono l’Europa e il mondo.

In questi dolorosi momenti, dopo la scomparsa del successore di San Pietro, il popolo polacco si unisce in lutto con la Santa Sede.

ANDRZEJ DUDA

Presidente della Repubblica

Profondamente commosso per la notizia della morte di Sua Santità Papa Francesco, 266° Vescovo di Roma, Sommo Pontefice della Chiesa Cattolica Romana e Capo della Santa Sede, desidero, in questo momento di lutto e raccoglimento, esprimere a Vostra Eminenza la più sentita vicinanza, mia personale e dell’intero Governo della Repubblica di Polonia.

Con la sua costante testimonianza, Papa Francesco ha dimostrato in molteplici occasioni di schierarsi al fianco degli emarginati e degli oppressi. È stato per noi un instancabile difensore della dignità inalienabile della persona umana.

Dinanzi alle complesse sfide del nostro tempo, abbiamo riconosciuto con profonda gratitudine il Suo generoso operato, volto ad elevare la coscienza collettiva verso ideali di giustizia, solidarietà e pace.

È stato un Pastore straordinario, che ha intrapreso con coraggio il cammino della riforma della Chiesa affinché essa potesse rispondere con rinnovata efficacia alle sfide della contemporaneità. I Suoi meriti in questo ambito sono degni della più alta considerazione.

Nel mio Paese, il Santo Padre sarà ricordato con particolare affetto anche per aver elevato agli onori degli altari il nostro illustre connazionale, San Giovanni Paolo II. Indimenticabile rimarrà per noi la Sua visita in Polonia nel 2016, in occasione della Giornata Mondiale della Gioventù, iniziata dal Pontefice polacco quarant’anni or sono.

Permetta, Eminenza, che esprima anche la mia personale gratitudine per i momenti di incontro con il Santo Padre, che conservo come esperienze di profonda elevazione morale. Di Papa Francesco serberò il ricordo di un uomo dalla straordinaria acutezza intellettuale, umiltà profonda e toccante umanità.

In questa dolorosa circostanza, mi unisco spiritualmente al lutto della Santa Sede insieme all'intero Governo della Repubblica di Polonia.

DONALD TUSK

Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

PORTOGALLO

Foi com profunda e sincera consternação, e uma tristeza imensa, que tomei conhecimento do falecimento de Sua Santidade o Papa Francisco. Depois de meses de luta pela vida, deixou-nos, desaparecendo fisicamente uma voz que nos habituou à defesa da Dignidade Humana, da Paz, da Justiça, da Liberdade e da Democracia, do diálogo entre culturas e civilizações, da preferência pelas periferias, pelos mais pobres, sacrificados, explorados e excluídos deste mundo.

Num mundo em que fazia mais falta o seu testemunho, sentimo-nos órfãos, perante os antigos e novos poderes que ameaçam os valores pelos quais sempre se bateu. Mais uma razão para nunca deixarmos cair o seu legado universal.

Portugal recorda, com saudade, as suas vindas até nós, a sua descoberta de Fátima, e a sua mensagem para a juventude ainda há dois anos, em particular as suas palavras de convocação à tolerância, apelando à inclusão de “todos, todos, todos”.

Em nome de todos os Portugueses, crentes e não crentes, agradeço essa ligação a Portugal, mas sobretudo a sua presença ao lado dos que morriam vítimas das diárias negações dos Direitos Humanos, do Direito Internacional, dos abusos de tantos poderosos, da primazia da guerra e do injusto esmagamento de pessoas, povos e legítimos sonhos de futuro. Recordo também o Seu papel pioneiro na transformação para uma Igreja

mais inclusiva e atenta às questões sociais contemporâneas, com destaque para as migrações e a defesa da “Nossa Terra”.

Recordando com profunda admiração o legado ímpar de liderança espiritual e sacrifício protagonizado por Sua Santidade o Papa Francisco – e, também, de modo especial, as audiências e os encontros que somaram à ternura para com Portugal, um toque pessoal inesquecível –, renovo a Vossa Eminência os meus mais sentidos e sinceros pêsames e apresento a expressão da minha maior estima e consideração pessoal.

MARCELO REBELO DE SOUSA
Presidente da República

QATAR

On behalf of the people of the State of Qatar and myself, I want to convey to Your Eminence and to all the Catholics, our deep condolences and sympathies on the passing away of His Holiness the late Pope Francis, who will always be remembered for his humanitarian stances, and his efforts to foster interfaith dialogue, and his supportive position for the oppressed and persecuted, including the Palestinians, calling global attention to their suffering, particularly the Gazans.

May Almighty God grant His mercy to the departed soul and rest it in peace.

TAMIM BIN HAMAD AL-THANI
Amir of the State of Qatar

برحيل البابا فرنسيس بابا الفاتيكان، نخسر شخصية جليلة مناصرة للقضايا العادلة في العالم، فقد لمسْتُ شخصياً في حوارٍ مع قداسته عمق الرحمة في روحه وتعاطفه مع الضعفاء والمقهورين، وقد شاطرني الاهتمام بأزمة اللاجئين وحماية المدارس والتعليم في مناطق النزاعات، بالإضافة إلى تعزيز ثقافة الحوار بين الأديان لمعالجة مختلف القضايا والمشكلات في العالم. ويُذكر للبابا فرنسيس في آخر مواقفه المشرفة دعوته إلى “وقف إطلاق النار في غزة وتقديم المساعدة للشعب الذي يتضور جوعاً ويتوق إلى مستقبل يسوده السلام”، كما قال. وفي عهده وقعت مكتبة قطر الوطنية ومكتبة الفاتيكان مذكرة تفاهم بشأن رقمنة عدد من المخطوطات العربية والإسلامية النادرة وإتاحتها للجمهور، فضلاً عن التعاون بين كلية الدراسات الإسلامية بجامعة حمد بن خليفة والفاتيكان.

وإذ أعزيكم برحيل البابا فرنسيس وأشاطركم مشاعر الحزن لفقدانه، أتطلع إلى مواصلة نهجه الحكيم في الفاتيكان.

موزا بنت ناصر

On behalf of the government of the State of Qatar and my own behalf, I want to extend to Your Eminence our deep condolences and heartfelt sympathies on the sorrowful passing away of His Holiness, the late Pope Francis, beseeching the Almighty God to grant His mercy to the departed soul and rest it in peace.

MOHAMMED BIN ABDULRAHMAN BIN JASSIM BIN JABER AL-THANI

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

REPUBBLICA CENTRAFRICANA

C'est avec une profonde tristesse que j'ai appris le rappel à Dieu de Sa Sainteté le Pape François, notre Souverain Pontife de l'Église catholique. En cette douloureuse épreuve, je voudrais vous adresser, au nom du Gouvernement et du Peuple centrafricain, ainsi qu'en mon nom personnel, notre profonde compassion.

Le Pape François fut un guide spirituel éclairé, un Apôtre infatigable de la paix, un bâtisseur de ponts entre les peuples et un défenseur ardent de la dignité humaine, de la justice sociale et de la fraternité universelle. Son engagement sans relâche en faveur des plus vulnérables, son humilité exemplaire et sa voix prophétique en faveur d'un monde plus juste ont profondément marqué notre époque.

Je garde un souvenir ému de sa visite historique à Bangui, en novembre 2015, alors que mon pays traversait une période sombre. En ouvrant symboliquement la Porte Sainte de la cathédrale Notre-Dame de l'Immaculée Conception, le Pape François a fait du Centrafrique le cœur spirituel du jubilé de la Miséricorde, un geste qui a profondément marqué le peuple centrafricain dans son ensemble.

Faisant fi des réticences, il a tenu à porter son message de paix, de réconciliation et d'unité qui continue de résonner encore dans nos cœurs et d'inspirer notre marche vers la reconstruction.

Je reste également profondément touché de mes rencontres avec le Saint-Père et très marqué de l'attention particulière qu'il portait à la République Centrafricaine. Je lui en suis très reconnaissant et lui renouvelle toute ma gratitude.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, j'adresse mes condoléances les plus attristées au Collège des Cardinaux, à l'ensemble de la communauté catholique, ainsi qu'à mes compatriotes centrafricains de confession catholique.

La République Centrafricaine s'associe au deuil de l'Église Universelle et s'incline avec respect devant la mémoire de ce grand homme de Foi et de Paix.

Puisse le Très-Haut accueillir son fidèle Serviteur dans son Royaume. Paix à son âme.

FAUSTIN ARCHANGE TOUADERA
Président de la République

REPUBBLICA DOMINICANA

Embargado por un profundo sentimiento de pesar, me dirijo a Su Emi-
nencia para expresarle, en nombre del noble pueblo dominicano, del Go-
bierno que me honra presidir y en el mío propio, nuestras más sinceras y
sentidas condolencias por el fallecimiento de Su Santidad el Sumo pontífice
Papa Francisco.

Su partida deja un inmenso vacío en el corazón de la Iglesia y en la vida
espiritual de millones de creyentes alrededor del mundo. Conmemoramos
con gratitud y reverencia la grandeza de su vida: un pontificado marcado
por la humildad, la misericordia y la defensa constante de los más vulne-
rables. Su Santidad nos enseñó que el amor, el perdón y el diálogo son
caminos posibles y urgentes en la construcción de un mundo más justo,
fraterno y solidario.

Tuve el privilegio, en compañía de mi familia, de visitar la Santa Sede
en el año 2024, ocasión en la que fuimos recibidos con una cercanía que
solo puede emanar de un pastor auténtico. Aquel encuentro con Su Santidad

permanece vivo en mi memoria como testimonio de su calidez, su visión humanista y su compromiso con la paz y la dignidad de todos los pueblos.

Hoy, con profundo dolor, elevamos nuestras oraciones por el alma del Santo Padre y por el consuelo de todos los que, desde el corazón de la Iglesia, lloran su partida. Pedimos al Señor que le conceda el descanso eterno y que su luminosa herencia pastoral continúe guiando a la humanidad hacia la esperanza, la fe y el amor cristiano.

LUIS ABINADER

Presidente de la República

ROMANIA

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to convey to Your Eminence and to the Catholic Church our condolences and our deep compassion on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Departing from us on blessed Easter Monday, Pope Francis was not just a symbol for us but a living example of faith, humanity, dedication and grace for people all over the world, regardless of their religion, especially for those in need.

The Sovereign Pontiff had Romania in his heart, and we had him in ours. Prince Radu and I keep alive in our souls and minds each of the unforgettable and uplifting moments spent with Pope Francis in Bucharest, in Blaj and at the Vatican, each of them full of inspiration, openness, modesty, generosity and kindness of soul. We feel his loss with great sadness.

May he rest in peace.

MARGARETA

Custodian of the Crown of Romania

Am aflat cu profundă tristețe despre trecerea la cele veșnice a Sanctității Sale, Papa Francisc.

În aceste momente de doliu și durere pentru Biserica Catolică și pentru credincioșii din România și din întreaga lume, vă adresez, în numele poporului român și al meu personal, cele mai sincere condoleanțe.

Gândurile mele de compasiune se îndreaptă către toți cei pentru care Papa Francisc a fost un far spiritual și o sursă de speranță. A fost un simbol al smereniei, al compasiunii și al angajamentului neobosit pentru pace, dreptate și solidaritate.

Sanctitatea Sa va rămâne în amintirea noastră pentru umanitatea sa, pentru curajul de a fi mereu alături de cei lipsiți de apărare, marginalizați și nevoiași. A fost, totodată, un prieten apropiat al poporului român, pe care l-a apreciat pentru profunzimea credinței și a spiritului său.

Odihnească-se în pace!

ILIE BOLOJAN

Președintele României

– *interimar* –

SAMOA

It is with deep sorrow and heartfelt sympathy that I, on behalf of the Government and People of Samoa, extend sincere condolences to the Roman Catholic Church on the passing of the His Holiness Pope Francis.

Pope Francis was an exceptional spiritual leader who ministered with great faith, humility and compassion. I have very fond memories of meeting Pope Francis at the Vatican in 2018 when the Pacific leaders had an audience with Pope Francis. He will be remembered as a determined leader who advocated for the improvement of the lives of the poor and marginalised. His Holiness' actions and spiritual counsel transcend boundaries of Christian divisions and faiths.

We pray for Pope Francis' soul to rest in internal peace.

FIAME NAOMI MATAAFA

Prime Minister

SAN VINCENZO E GRENADINE

The government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines are deeply pained at the death of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The Roman Catholics among us, including my family, are profoundly anguished and sorrowful. All of humanity has lost a holy man of God; an exemplar and extraordinary Christian witness who was proclaimed a divine servant and prophet to all nations; a saintly person of faith and works, of love and peace, of hope and grace, of tolerance and caring, of humility and service.

We in St. Vincent and the Grenadines will continue to revere the memory of Pope Francis for his tireless efforts to ease the burdens of the poor, the hungry, the dispossessed, the marginalised, the disadvantaged; for his fearless voice on behalf of the victims of the scourges of vile discrimination, fascistic impositions, hateful conflicts and war; for his quest to lift the suffering of all those who have had to endure affliction and hurt on that dangerous, proverbial road to Jericho.

Before Francis was in his mother's womb, God knew him, made him, blessed him, and sanctified him. We thank God for giving him to us for 88 years. He rests in peace and will rise in glory.

Our prayers, at this time, are ever more earnest and faithful for our redemption and salvation, for our world to be made a better place, for the holy toil of Pope Francis and of the blessed pilgrims on earth to be exalted, as we do God's work and await His coming.

Personally, I am forever in Pope Francis' debt. I shall always remember his pastoral guidance to me at a private audience in December 2013 at the Vatican. His blessing, then granted unto me, remains a sacred gift and an inspirational treasure. His faith, his love for people, his ecumenism, his sense of justice mercy, and his humor, shone brightly in his quiet sanctuary.

Please convey to the holy Catholic Church and the Holy See our sincerest condolences on the passing of our dear brother, spiritual guide, and great moral leader, Francis. He remains in our hearts and minds, in our collective memory with sadness, yet with joy which we know cometh in the morning.

RALPH E. GONSALVES

Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE

É com profunda tristeza que tomei conhecimento da notícia do passamento físico do Papa Francisco. Conhecido por ser acolhedor, por promover a simplicidade e por se envolver em questões sociais, ambientais e de justiça, o Santo Padre deixa-nos o exemplo de uma liderança na fé e convida-nos a ser empreendedores de sonhos e não administradores de medos.

O Papa Francisco foi um Papa reformador e referência universal de humanismo em defesa dos “deserdados da terra”.

Vimo-lo ontem despedir-se de nós no final da Missa Pascal em Roma, numa despedida que era, afinal, a derradeira, para, estando tudo consumado, vir a partir na manhã de hoje para a casa do Pai.

Em nome do povo são-tomense e no meu nome próprio, apresento as sinceras e sentidas condolências à Igreja Católica pela morte do Papa Francisco, nosso guia espiritual.

Que a memória de sua liderança e fé inspire esperança e união entre todos nós.

Que a sua alma encontre paz na luz que não tem ocaso e que Deus conforte a todos os que sentem a sua ausência neste momento difícil.

CARLOS MANUEL VILA NOVA

Presidente da República Democrática de São Tomé e Príncipe

SERBIA

Allow me to extend to you my heartfelt condolences for the passing of the Holy Father. I am convinced that the physical emptiness after the death of the Pope Francis will be replenished by his far-reaching deeds, kindness and care for all those in need.

His calm but loud voice was heard all over the world, advocating peace, understanding and respect among those who disagreed. And just like he often used to say – that his people were poor and that he was one of them, he lived in accordance with this rule, demonstrating his humbleness but also the courage to face all the difficulties and challenges put before him.

The man of God whose prudent actions resulted from the laws of the Holy Roman Church, but at the same time, a man who observed the principles of the international law – this is how I shall remember the Pope Francis, as well as his wise advices he was so kind to offer during my visit to the Holy See.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you Your Eminence the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALEKSANDAR VUIČIĆ
President of the Republic

Поводом упокојења Његове Светости папе Франциска, у име Владе Републике Србије и у своје име, изражавам дубоко саучешће Светој Столици, Римокатоличкој цркви и верницима широм света.

Дозволите ми да овом приликом истакнем даје Република Србија посебно ценила његово показано разумевање и позицију папе Франциска за ситуацију у којој се налази српски народ и хришћанско културно наслеђе на Косову и Метохији. Такође, посебно смо уважавали принципијелан став Свете Столице по питању статуса јужне српске покрајине, које је питање од највишег националног интереса за Републику Србију.

Ђуро Маџут
Лични подаци

SEYCHELLES

C'est avec une immense émotion et une profonde tristesse que j'ai appris la douloureuse nouvelle du décès Sa Sainteté le Pape François, l'une des figures les plus marquantes de notre époque.

En cette douloureuse circonstance, je tiens à exprimer, au nom du peuple seychellois, de notre Gouvernement et en mon nom personnel, nos plus sincères condoléances. Je vous prie de bien vouloir transmettre nos pensées attristées au Sacré Collège.

Le rappel à Dieu du Pape François ébranle l'ensemble de la chrétienté. Il a été un guide spirituel exceptionnel, un évêque engagé qui a su répondre à l'ardente quête de justice à travers le monde, se distinguant comme un défenseur inflexible de la dignité humaine.

Les catholiques des Seychelles, en union avec leurs frères chrétiens et les membres d'autres confessions, rendent grâce à Dieu pour les années de service dévoué de ce saint prêtre. Ils prient également l'Esprit Saint afin qu'il continue de guider l'Église durant cette période de deuil et de transition.

En ces moments éprouvants pour des millions de catholiques et de chrétiens, le peuple seychellois et moi-même rendons un hommage vibrant à cet illustre disparu. Que sa mémoire demeure vivante et que le Seigneur fasse appel à un successeur digne de sa mission.

WAVEL RAIVIKALAWAN
Président des Seychelles

SINGAPORE

I was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. On behalf of the people of Singapore, I convey my deepest condolences.

Pope Francis was a leader for a troubled world. He was a bold, ethical and reasoned advocate for peace, for inter-faith acceptance, and for more responsible efforts to counter climate change and the harm it brings, especially to the most vulnerable communities. He will be remembered too for his humility, his walking alongside the poor, and his respect for the dignity of every individual.

Singapore was honoured to host Pope Francis's visit in September 2024. In his public engagements, including his State Address and dialogue with youths, he inspired Singaporeans with his message of inter-faith harmony, unity and compassion for every individual in need.

May his legacy of love and faith continue to inspire us.

THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM
President of Singapore

I was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Francis. During the papacy of Pope Francis, relations between Singapore and the Holy See were significantly strengthened. We were especially honoured to host Pope Francis in Singapore in September 2024. His visit left a lasting impression on many Singaporeans who were moved by his message of compassion and hope.

Pope Francis championed inter-faith dialogue, environmental stewardship and social inclusion. In a world often divided by differences, he consistently called for unity and the building of bridges across diverse communities. These messages resonate deeply in our multi-racial and multi-religious society. We are grateful for his leadership in fostering inter-religious understanding and building more cohesive and inclusive societies. His tireless efforts to promote peace and fraternity will continue to inspire people worldwide.

My thoughts are with all members of the Catholic community around the world during this period of grief.

LAWRENCE WONG

Prime Minister of Singapore

SLOVENIA

Z veliko žalostjo sem sprejela novico o smrti papeža Frančiška. V imenu državljanek in državljanov Republike Slovenije in v svojem imenu Vam izrekam iskreno in globoko sožalje. Sožalje prenašam tudi vsem, ki so v njegovem sporočilu sočutja, ponižnosti in upanja našli navdih in notranjo moč.

Svet je izgubil izjemnega duhovnega voditelja, ki je s svojo preprostostjo, sočutjem in neutrudnim prizadevanjem za mir, pravičnost ter dostojanstvo vseh ljudi zaznamoval naš čas. Njegove besede in dejanja so nagovarjale srca milijonov – verujočih in neverujočih – po vsem svetu. Njegove besede ob najinih srečanjih bodo za vedno spremenile tudi mene.

Njegova zapustina ostaja živa, kot svetloba, ki jo je širil z besedami in dejanji, ter kot klic k solidarnosti in človečnosti. Naj počiva v miru. Naj nas njegova vizija pravičnejšega, sočutnejšega in bolj povezanega sveta naprej vodi in navdihuje.

V tem žalostnem času prejmite, Vaša eminenca, izraze mojega globokega spoštovanja.

NATAŠA PIRC MUSAR
Predsednica Republike Slovenije

Z globoko žalostjo sem sprejel vest o smrti papeža Frančiška. Dovolite mi, da Vam v imenu Vlade Republike Slovenije in v svojem imenu izrazim iskreno in globoko sožalje.

Papež Frančišek se je od nas poslovil v izjemno zahtevnem obdobju za človeštvo. Vojne, ki si jih je srčno želel končati, in razprtije med narodi, ki jih je neutrudno skušal pomiriti, so bile v središču njegovega poslanstva. Njegove besede in dejanja so nam vlivala upanje in vero, da bomo skupaj zmogli oblikovati pravičnejši svet in da bosta prevladala dobro in mir.

Čeprav papeža Frančiška ni več med nami, njegovo sporočilo – sporočilo upanja – ostaja. Bil je vest sveta – pogumen in neomajen glas sočutja in pravičnosti. Globoko ga bomo pogrešali.

Prejmite, Vaša eminenca, izraze mojega globokega spoštovanja.

ROBERT GOLOB
Predsednik Vlade Republike Slovenije

SPAGNA

Al recibir, con profunda tristeza, la noticia del fallecimiento de Su Santidad el Papa Francisco, deseo haceros llegar, en mi nombre, en el del Gobierno y en el del pueblo español el testimonio de nuestro más sentido pesar.

Su Santidad el Papa Francisco ha dado testimonio a lo largo de su pontificado de la importancia que para el mundo de nuestro siglo tienen el amor al prójimo, la fraternidad y la amistad social. Nos seguirá inspirando siempre su convicción de la necesidad de llevar ánimo y consuelo a los más pobres y necesitados y la importancia que concedió al diálogo y al consenso para lograr un mundo más justo y solidario.

Ante el dolor por su pérdida, la Reina y toda la Familia Real se unen a mí para trasladar a toda la Iglesia Católica, nuestro pésame y nuestro afecto, así como nuestras oraciones por su descanso eterno.

FELIPE R.

He recibido con profundo pesar y gran tristeza la noticia del fallecimiento de su santidad el Papa Francisco. En este momento de duelo para toda la Iglesia Católica y para el mundo entero, deseo trasladar en nombre del pueblo español, en el de mi Gobierno, y en el mío propio mis más sinceras condolencias.

El Papa Francisco ha sido un símbolo de humildad, misericordia y esperanza, cuyo ejemplo de cercanía con los más necesitados ha marcado profundamente nuestro tiempo. Su compromiso con la paz, la justicia social y los más vulnerables forma parte de su legado espiritual y humano, y su figura permanecerá como una referencia ética y moral para millones de personas.

Con profundo respeto, le ruego haga llegar nuestras condolencias a toda la familia católica, que hoy lamenta la pérdida de tan relevante figura.

PEDRO SÁNCHEZ

Presidente del Gobierno de España

SRI LANKA

I am deeply saddened by the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The Government and People of Sri Lanka, especially those Sri Lankans of the Catholic faith join me in extending heartfelt condolences.

Throughout his Papacy and his ministry, Pope Francis sustained a call to mercy which he said was “the air that we must breathe.” He demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to justice and a universal love. His gentle and profound wisdom, deep love for humanity, especially to the poor and the marginalized earned him the title “People’s Pope.” His strong advocacy for peace, interfaith dialogue and understanding and his unwavering voice for social justice is a testament to the enduring compassion he possessed towards humanity.

The State visit of Pope Francis to Sri Lanka in 2015 marked a significant milestone in the relationship between Sri Lanka and the Holy See, enriching further the deep-rooted connection between Sri Lanka and the Catholic Church. The inclusion of 167 Catholics who died in the attacks on Easter Sunday on 21 April in 2019 in the catalogue of the “witnesses of faith” will be deeply engrained in the minds of our people.

At this sorrowful time, we Sri Lankans remember in prayer Your Eminence, the College of Cardinals and the entire Catholic community. We join the universal prayer for the eternal repose of his soul in the heavenly abode.

ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAK

President of Sri Lanka

SURINAME

It is with great sadness that I have learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, the Supreme Pontiff of the Vatican, on 21 April 2025.

On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Suriname, I extend sincere condolences to our Christian brothers and sisters around the World, in particular the Catholic community. His Holiness Pope Francis was admired by all as the Pope of the People and his words and actions have touched the hearts of millions.

As we remember his legacy, as a modest man of great faith, humility and compassion, our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire ecclesial community and we pray to the God Almighty to grant him eternal peace.

CHANDRIKAPERSAD SANTOKHI

President of the Republic

SVEZIA

The Queen and I wish to convey our sincere condolences and deepest respect to the Holy See and the worldwide Catholic Church on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The world has lost a great moral voice. We have fond memories of the historic visit of Pope Francis to the cathedral in Lund, Sweden in 2016.

CARL GUSTAF R.

On behalf of the Swedish Government, I wish to convey my sincere condolences to the Holy See and the Catholic Church worldwide on the death of His Holiness Pope Francis.

In Sweden, we will especially remember His tireless work for the climate and environment, as well as His fight for the human dignity of every individual.

ULF KRISTERSSON

Prime Minister of Sweden

SVIZZERA

Il Consiglio federale e il Popolo svizzero hanno appreso con profonda tristezza la notizia della morte di Sua Santità Papa Francesco.

Con la Sua dipartita si spegne una voce importante per la pace nel mondo.

Papa Francesco si è distinto per la lungimiranza e la volontà di riforma. Con umiltà ed empatia ha saputo essere vicino alle persone. Sarà ricordato per la promozione della convivenza pacifica tra i popoli e per l'impegno a favore dei più disagiati. *Requiescat in pace.*

Il Consiglio federale si associa al dolore di Vostra Eminenza Reverendissima e porge le più sentite condoglianze al Sacro Collegio Cardinalizio.

KARIN KELLER-SUTTER

Presidente della Confederazione Svizzera

TAJIKISTAN

Хабари даргузашти Олихазрат Попи Рим Франсиск боиси андухи амики инчониб гардид.

Мархум бо фаъолияти доманадори худ ба хайси Понтифики бузург дар умури чaxonӣ сами босазо гузошта, бо ибтикороту амалҳои созандааш дар саросари олам маъруфият пайдо карда буд. Мо хизматҳои шоёни уро дар таҳкими муколама миёни тамаддунҳо ва татбики фарогири усулҳои сулҳу субот, таҳаммулпазирӣ ва ризояти умум аз ҳар ҷиҳат назаррас медонем ва кадр мекунем.

Зимин, бо изхори таассуроти нек аз мулокоти инчониб бо Олихазрат дар Ватикан, ки соли гузашта сурат гирифта буд, мехоҳам аз саъю кУшишҳои пайвастаи у дар додаи таҳкиму тавсеаи робитаҳои хасанаи Тоҷикистон ва Таҳти Муқаддас ёдовар шавам.

Дар робита ба ин мусибати гарон ҳамдардӣ таслияти самимии инчонибро ба ҳамаи пайвандону наздикони марҷум ва пайравони калисои католикӣ баён менамоям.

Бо изхори гоҳи таассуф.

Эмомалӣ Раҳмон

Президент Республіки Тоҷикистон

TANZANIA

It is with deep sorrow and sympathy that I have learned of the passing of The Late Pope Francis, which occurred on Easter Monday 21 April, 2025 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta.

On behalf of the Government and the People of the United Republic of Tanzania, I extend our deepest condolences to you and the entire Catholic Church People of the Holy See, and all Christians around the World during this time of grief, sorrow and immense loss.

Pope Francis will be remembered as a respected theologian and a staunch Catholic believer who dedicated his entire life to serving the poor and protecting the sanctity of the Catholic Church and the Christian community across the globe. His papacy was characterized by his fervent commitment to promote hope, peace, and unity, as well as environmental sustainability, inclusiveness, and unity among faiths, in an increasingly interdependent world.

We Tanzanians join Christians worldwide in commemorating Pope Francis' life and his extraordinary service to the Church and humanity, I take this opportunity to fondly remember our cordial meeting held during my official visit to the Vatican on February 12, 2024, when he emphasized the importance of both sides working together to maintain peace, justice and equality for all humanity. We will fondly remember him for his firm stance in faith and sustainable development for all, thus leaving an indelible mark to the world.

As we mourn and celebrate the life of Pope Francis, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all Catholic Christians during this testing time of sorrow. May the soul of Pope Francis rest in eternal peace. Amen.

SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN

President of the United Republic of Tanzania

THAILANDIA

The Queen and I are filled with profound sorrow upon the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, a renowned world figure who became so close to the hearts of the people of Thailand. For us, he was the true embodiment of all that he was known to represent – spirituality, hope, peace and love.

Over the years, in his messages we felt assured that we, our country and people, would always have a place in his prayers. On his milestone visit to Thailand in 2019, his humility and humanity inspired love, hope, courage and compassion in the hearts of all, from the thousands of faithful who attended the open-air Mass to the impoverished and sick he visited in hospitals, and the leaders of various religious groups who participated in the interfaith meeting for understanding and dialogue.

We ourselves, in a gracious private audience, were deeply touched by his Holiness' grace, wisdom and moral leadership.

On behalf of Thailand, and joining peoples of the world in mourning the passing of His Holiness, we wish respectfully to express our heartfelt sympathy and condolences for this great loss to humanity.

MAHA VAJIRALONGKORN R.

TIMOR LESTE

Foi com profundo pesar e emoção que recebi a notícia do falecimento de Sua Santidade o Papa Francisco, que hoje regressa para junto de Deus Nosso Senhor, após doze anos de um pontificado marcado por humildade, coragem e um testemunho luminoso de fé, justiça e amor ao próximo.

Neste momento de luto e oração, apresento a Vossa Eminência Reverendíssima e, por Vosso intermédio, à Santa Igreja Romana e a todos os fiéis católicos espalhados pelo mundo, as mais sentidas condolências de Timor-Leste.

A memória do Papa Francisco permanecerá viva nos corações dos Timorenses, particularmente após a inesquecível Visita Apostólica a Timor-Leste, realizada em setembro de 2024, durante a qual tocou profundamente o espírito da nossa Nação com palavras de esperança, inclusão e fraternidade. A sua presença entre nós foi sinal da ligação espiritual que une o Povo Timorense ao Santo Padre e à Igreja de Roma, e será eternamente lembrada como uma bênção.

Homem vindo “quase do fim do mundo”, como ele próprio se referiu ao ser eleito, foi, desde o início, um Papa próximo, que caminhou ao lado com os pobres, os excluídos, os marginalizados, os migrantes, as vítimas da guerra e da indiferença. Um Papa da Justiça, da Paz, do Diálogo, da Ecologia Integral e da renovação da Igreja para os desafios do nosso tempo.

A sua escolha do nome Francisco revelou desde o primeiro instante o espírito do seu ministério: simplicidade evangélica, compaixão e compromisso com os mais frágeis. Deixou-nos um legado de fé viva e dinâmica, inspirando-nos a continuar a obra da reconciliação, do perdão e do serviço.

Timor-Leste estará em comunhão espiritual com o Colégio Cardinalício, com a Sé Apostólica e com os milhões de católicos em todo o mundo que hoje choram a partida do Santo Padre.

Receba, Eminência, a expressão da minha mais profunda estima e respeito.

JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA

Presidente da República

TOGO

C'est avec une profonde émotion que j'ai appris le rappel à Dieu de Sa Sainteté le Pape François, guide spirituel universel dont la voix singulière, empreinte de sagesse, de compassion et d'humilité, a marqué notre époque.

Tout au long de son pontificat, le Pape François aura été un infatigable artisan de paix, de justice sociale et de dialogue entre les peuples et les confessions. Son message de fraternité humaine, porté avec courage et constance, aura touché au-delà des croyances et inspiré les consciences de notre temps.

Au nom du peuple togolais, de son gouvernement et en mon nom personnel, j'adresse mes condoléances attristées à l'Église catholique, au Saint-Siège, ainsi qu'à tous les fidèles affectés par cette perte immense.

Que sa mémoire demeure une lumière pour celles et ceux qui œuvrent pour un monde plus solidaire, plus juste et plus humain.

FAURE ESSOZIMNA GNASSINGBE
Président de la République

TONGA

My wife and I have learned with profound sadness the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis..

On behalf of my Kingdom and my people, we convey our deep and heartfelt condolences.

His earnest and determined advocacy for the plight of the less fortunate and migrants as well as for the protection of our earthly environment will live long in our . memories. His was a truly global voice on such issues.

Our thoughts and dedicated prayers are with you, His Holiness's family and loved ones as well as the people of the Holy See at this difficult time.

TUPOU VI
King of Tonga

TRINIDAD E TOBAGO

It was with profound sadness that the world awoke today to the news of the sudden passing of a most remarkable Pontiff and a great statesman, His Holiness Pope Francis. On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and on my own behalf, I extend deeply felt condolences to all within the Vatican and to the wider community of the faithful who have been under the Holy Father's watchful care since his election as Pope on March 13, 2013.

Pope Francis' stature in the world was the result not only of the historic

firsts that were achieved on the day of his election, but was also built upon his special gifts as a communicator, a consummate diplomat, a mediator, and as a promoter of peace and understanding. He has been recognised as the first Bishop of Rome to have been born in the Americas, and also the first since Pope Gregory III, to have been from outside Europe in almost 1300 years. As the first Pope to assume the regnal name of Francis, he guided both the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church worldwide along a path of faith and renewal that prioritised interpersonal relationships and highlighted the importance of championing the poor and destitute, the downtrodden and those in need.

Under his leadership, the Vatican renewed its efforts to engage all people in promoting understanding and eschewing conflict, and inspired all of the world's citizens to be better caretakers of our planet, by drawing attention to the deleterious effects of Climate Change.

The term "Catholic" means "Universal," and His Holiness' tenure embraced the entire human race, reaching those of different faiths and cultures.

To the end, Pope Francis remained a symbol of strength, dedication, and profound compassion.

He set a new standard for statesmanship and leadership in general, and will be greatly missed and remembered for generations to come. May He Rest in Eternal Peace.

CHRISTINE CARLA KANGALOO

President of the Republic

On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, it is with immense sorrow that I extend heartfelt condolences on the Passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, this morning, in Vatican City.

From the inception of his papacy, Pope Francis became an historic figure at the moment of his election on March 13, 2013. As the first Pope to bear the name of "Francis," he identified immediately with the downtrodden and, as is the tradition with papal names, gave a strong indication of the tenor that his papacy would have and the kinds of policies that he would seek to promote as Pontiff.

A man of steadfast faith, theology and the human touch, the Holy Father has left a legacy of humility in service, compassion for the poor and destitute and the promotion of peace and understanding among all peoples, not just among the faithful within his international congregation. The conduct of the Vatican's already celebrated diplomacy, in the face of the most challenging and sometimes vexing of international developments, took on an even deeper urgency and meaning under his guidance and prayerfulness.

Pope Francis' pontificate has also left the world an indelible impression of commitment, strong leadership, sincerity and dedication in service that will long be remembered by all peoples everywhere, and inspire change in the trajectory of major events around the world. May he rest in peace.

STUART RICHARD YOUNG

Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

TUNISIA

تلقيت ببالغ الأسى نبأ وفاة قداسة بابا الكنيسة الكاثوليكية فرنسوا بعد مسيرة طويلة قضاه في تعزيز الحوار والسلام والتعايش بين الشعوب على اختلاف انتماءاتها الدينية والثقافية ونشر قيم الأخوة الإنسانية والمحبة والتسامح ونبذ الصراعات والحروب ومناصرة القضايا العادلة في العالم وخاصة مكافحة التهميش والفقر وهو ما جعله محلّ احترام وتقدير شعوب العالم كافة. ولا يسعني في هذا الظرف الأليم إلا أن أتقدم إلى نيافتكم أصالة عن نفسي ونيابة عن الشعب التونسي ومن خلالكم إلى دولة الفاتيكان الصديقة وسائر أعضاء الكنيسة الرومانية الكاثوليكية في كافة أرجاء العالم بأخلص عبارات التعازي وأصدق مشاعر التعاطف والمواساة في هذا المصاب الجلل.

قيس سعّيد

TURCHIA

Ho appreso con grande dolore la scomparsa di Papa Francesco.

Papa Francesco oltre ad essere un prezioso uomo di Stato, è stato un leader spirituale che si è impegnato molto per stabilire la tolleranza e la pace interreligiosa.

A nome della mia Nazione e personalmente porgo le mie sentite condoglianze alla famiglia del defunto, allo Stato della Città del Vaticano e al mondo cattolico.

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN
Presidente della Repubblica

UCRAINA

З глибоким сумом сприйняв звістку про відхід у вічність Святішого Отця Франциска. Від імені Уряду України та від себе особисто висловлюю щирі співчуття всій Католицькій Церкві та вірянам, для яких Папа Франциск був духовним наставником і голосом милосердя.

Його Святість Папа Франциск назавжди залишиться у пам'яті проповідником миру та захисником знедолених. У найскладніші для України часи його голос закликав до припинення війни і страждань людей, встановлення миру. Святіший Отець Франциск не втомлювався нагадувати про необхідність любові та милосердя. Його слова завжди були джерелом надії і духовної сили.

Нехай Господь прийме його душу у Свої обійми та дарує йому вічний спокій. У цей скорботний час наші думки і молитви з усіма, хто сумує за ним.

Вічна пам'ять Його Святості Папі Франциску.

З повагою.

Денис Шмигаль
Прем'єр-міністр України

UGANDA

It is with profound sadness that I have received the news of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Uganda, and on my own behalf, I extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you and, through you, to the entire Catholic Church worldwide.

His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered as an extraordinary spiritual leader and a deeply respected theologian whose unwavering commitment to the faith revitalized the Church's mission in an increasingly secular world. His voice for peace, social justice, compassion, and humility touched the hearts of millions and inspired hope among the faithful.

His readiness and enthusiasm to deal with other faiths such as the Moslems, the Orthodox Christians, etc., meant that he was a religious leader who was truly in the *Kisinde* (track) of Jesus as Jesus taught us in the parable of the Good Samaritan in the book of Luke 10:29-37. His legacy of love, unity, and service to humanity will endure for generations to come.

We stand in solidarity with Catholics in Uganda and around the globe during this time of mourning.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

YOWERI K. MUSEVENI
President of the Republic

UNGHERIA

Ferenc pápa az egész világra hatással volt. Olyanok is felfigyeltek rá, akik nem katolikusok, sőt nem is keresztények. Az emberek nyelvén szólt – úgy, hogy mindenki megértse. És sokan meg is értették. Hozzánk, magyarokhoz is többször szólt, amiért halálával és szeretettel gondolunk rá.

A „mosolygó pápa” személyisége mindenkit magával ragadott. Személyes találkozásainkról lélekemelő, szép emlékeket őrzök.

Ferenc pápa humora és közvetlensége nem fedte el hivatásának emberpróbáló nehézségeit. Jól ismerte korunk problémáit, és gyakran érzékeny témákra tapintott rá. Megszólalásai az emberi lelkiismeret legmélyebb rétegeit találták el.

A világ jóléti társadalmaiban is rámutatott a szegényekre, és gondja volt a kitaszítottakra. A teremtet világ védelmével az embernek a Szentírásban rögzített egyetemes felelősségére emlékeztetett. Felemelte szavát a gazdaságban tapasztalható profitéhség senkire tekintettel nem lévő embertelensége ellen. Következétesen kiállt a háborúk és konfliktusok békés rendezésének szükségessége mellett.

Szavainak értelmén lehetett vitatkozni – figyelmen kívül hagyni azonban nem. Ferenc pápa nem engedte, hogy kényelmesen hátradőljünk, és vakok legyünk mások nehézségeire, valamint saját válságainkra. Alázatában mutatkozott meg emberi nagysága, kedvességében rendíthetlensége, jóakaratában mély hite.

Mi, magyarok soha nem fogjuk elfelejteni, hogy közösségeinkhez három alkalommal is ellátogatott.

A húsvétkor a Teremtőhöz visszatért pápa egyik utolsó megnyilatkozásában is az örömhír megosztását hirdette: „a Krisztusban már beteljesedett a remény, de számunkra is cél marad: hogy hiteles tanúi legyünk, és hogy Isten országa ma is eljusson az emberek szívébe.” Ő egész életében a feltámadt Krisztus örömhírének bátor hirdetője volt.

Ferenc pápa halála fájó és hatalmas veszteség a Katolikus Egyház, a keresztény világ és az egész emberiség számára.

Kérem, fogadják szívből jövő őszinte együttérzésemet.

Isten nyugosztalja a Szentatyát!

TAMÁS SÜLYÖK
Magyarország elnöke

It is with profound sorrow and heartfelt sadness that I have learnt of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, who has returned to the Creator.

The people of Hungary felt a deep closeness to Pope Francis, especially as we had the distinct honour of welcoming him to our country on two occasions, in 2021 and 2023. I vividly recall the words he spoke during his apostolic visit, when he prayed to the blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hungary: “You, who are the Queen of Peace, instil into the hearts of people and the leaders of nations the desire to build peace, so that future generations may be offered a future of hope.” His prayer resonated deeply with us, and respecting his legacy, we continue to walk the path of peace.

On behalf of the Hungarian nation and my family, I extend to Your Eminence my most sincere condolences.

VIKTOR ORBÁN
Prime Minister

YEMEN

تلقينا بحزن بالغ نبأ وفاة قداسة البابا فرنسيس، الذي خسر العالم برحليه رمزا عظيما للتسامح والمحبة والسلام والتعايش بين جميع الشعوب والأديان. إننا إذ نشاطركم وإخواني أعضاء مجلس القيادة الرئاسي والحكومة والشعب اليمني، أحزانكم وأسرة البابا الراحل وكافة المسيحيين حول العالم بهذا المصاب الأليم، لنثمن عاليا إسهامات الحبر الأعظم المشهودة في تعزيز الحوار بين الأديان، ومواقفه الإنسانية الشجاعة إلى جانب القضايا العادلة والتزامه الراسخ بالسلام والدعوة إلى الخير ونبذ العنف والتطرف، بما في ذلك رسالته الأخيرة بمناسبة عيد الفصح إلى الشعب اليمني، وتمنياته له باستعادة الأمل، والأمن والاستقرار والسلام. ليحفظكم الله جميعاً، وألا يريكم مكروها أبداً.

الدكتور / رشاد محمد العليمي
رئيس مجلس القيادة الرئاسي
الجمهورية اليمنية

ZAMBIA

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Zambia, and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Vatican, the Catholic Church, and the global community following the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

His Holiness dedicated his entire life to the service of the Catholic Church and was a beacon of humility, compassion, and social justice across the world. His Holiness' tireless advocacy for the poor, the marginalised and those in vulnerable situations, touched countless lives and inspired many with a renewed sense of humanity.

The Zambian people deeply connected with Pope Francis's message of hope, peace and reconciliation to world leaders at a time when there has been so much suffering inflicted by violent atrocities as a consequence of war. Under His Holiness' guidance, the Catholic Church in Zambia remained strengthened and I have no doubt will keep moving forward in the direction of His Holiness' values of social justice, peace and universal love, especially for the poorest and most marginalised. May the soul of His Holiness rest in eternal peace.

As we join the Vatican and the entire Catholic Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, who leaves behind a legacy of service and humility, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

HAKAINDE HICHILEMA
President of Zambia

ZIMBABWE

It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that I extend, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Zimbabwe, as well as on my own behalf, our most sincere and deepest condolences on the passing of the Holy Father, His Holiness Pope Francis.

In this solemn hour, the world reflects, with reverence, on the life and legacy of a devoted servant of the Apostolic See, who dedicated himself to the service of God and humanity at large. His voice, that resonated within and beyond the hallowed walls of the Vatican, shall forever remain an embodiment of his spirit of grace, moral leadership and theological insight, that uplifted the spiritual consciousness of our time.

As we join you in this time of mourning, we pray that Almighty God grant eternal rest to his soul and give the entire Catholic family strength and comfort to overcome this loss.

EMMERSON DAMBUDZO MNANGAGWA
President of Zimbabwe

A CONSACIATIONIBUS INTER NATIONES

I am writing to express my heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. All of us at UNICEF are deeply saddened by this profound loss.

Pope Francis was a leader of extraordinary compassion and a steadfast advocate for the most vulnerable children. His unwavering commitment to kindness and peace offered hope to families and communities facing the hardships of war and crisis, and served as a continual source of inspiration in my own work.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with your office to carry forward the legacy of His Holiness, grounded in compassion, dignity, and a deep commitment to the well-being of every child.

CATHERINE RUSSELL

Executive director of UNICEF

It is with great sadness that I learned of the loss of His Holiness Pope Francis. I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to you, to the Holy See and to the Catholic community worldwide.

Pope Francis' passing away represents a great loss for the whole international community. During his life and until the very last day, Pope Francis advocated for the poor, for coexistence and for peace around the world.

When we met in Rome in February this year, I thanked Pope Francis for his strong leadership in protecting the most vulnerable and defending human dignity. I was very impressed by his experience in global affairs, his wisdom and his good sense of humour and I am personally grateful for his humanitarian efforts to foster an exchange of prisoners and the return of Ukrainian children deported by Russia.

I now renew my heartfelt gratitude for him having been a promoter of dialogue and a strenuous defender of peace.

By continuing and deepening the Structured Dialogue on foreign policy and global issues between the European Union and the Holy See, I am sure we will honour Pope Francis' legacy, by continuing to pave the

way together of an ever-increasing cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship.

KAJA CALLAS

*High Representative and Vice-President
of the European Commission*

It is with deep sorrow and profound respect that we, on behalf of the International Society for Human Rights, extend our heartfelt condolences to Your Eminence and to the entire Catholic Church on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis was a moral compass for a world in turmoil. His unwavering commitment to human dignity, compassion for the poor, and his tireless advocacy for peace and justice deeply inspired millions across all continents, regardless of faith or background. His voice rose in defense of the voiceless, the persecuted, and the forgotten, affirming time and again the inalienable rights of every human being as made in the image of God.

From the very beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis placed human rights at the heart of his ministry. Whether addressing the plight of refugees and migrants, calling for the abolition of the death penalty, or defending religious freedom in regions plagued by intolerance, he acted as a global shepherd whose concern transcended borders and whose courage stirred consciences. His encyclicals, especially *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*, offered a compelling ethical framework rooted in human solidarity and care for our common home—principles that deeply resonate with the mission of our Society.

We mourn the passing of a Pope who walked humbly with his people and with God. At the same time, we give thanks for the light he brought into this world, and we remain committed to carrying forward the values he championed.

Your Eminence, in this time of grief and transition, we would also like to express our sincere prayers and best wishes for you personally. As Secretary of State and a faithful servant of the Holy See, you now carry a particularly weighty responsibility. In the days ahead, as you take your place

among and lead the College of Cardinals in the sacred task of discerning the next successor to St. Peter, we pray for wisdom, peace of mind, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

May your deliberations be filled with clarity and unity, and may the conclave be a testament to the Church's enduring mission to be a beacon of hope, mercy, and truth in the world. Please be assured of our deep respect for your leadership and our solidarity in spirit during this historic moment.

THOMAS PAUL SCHIRRMACHER
*President of the International Society
for Human Rights*

تلقينا ببالغ الأسى نبأ وفاة قداسة البابا فرنسيس بابا الفاتيكان، الذي ستظل ذكراه خالدة بما تركه من أثر طيب في العالم أجمع، وبما حملته حبريته من رسائل سامية للسلام، والتعايش، والرحمة. فقد عرف بتواضعه وحبه للفقراء، ونصرته للمظلومين، ولن ننسى مواقفه الداعمة للحق الفلسطيني حتى اللحظات الأخيرة من حياته.

لقد جسد قداسة البابا طوال فترة خدمته روحاً إنسانية نبيلة، فكان مثلاً في التزامه بالعدالة، والرحمة والمحبة، والسعي إلى المصالحة. وقد لامست كلماته وأفعاله قلوب الملايين من أتباع الأديان كافة، وألهمت شعوب العالم للعمل المشترك نحو مستقبل أكثر إنصافاً ورحمة. كان تفانيه الصادق في خدمة الفقراء، واللاجئين والمستضعفين مصدر إلهام عالمي. كما وجدت دعواته للتضامن الإنساني، وحماية كوكبنا، والسعي إلى السلام، صداها الواسع في مختلف الثقافات والمجتمعات.

وإذ ترفع لنيافتكم، ولكل الكنيسة الكاثوليكية، أصدق التعازي والمواساة، نسأل الله سبحانه وتعالى أن يلهمكم الصبر، وأن يهيئ للكنيسة باباً جديداً يكون خير خلف لخير سلف.

قال الله تعالى:

(قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَى وَعِيسَى وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا تُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ) (البقرة: 136)

مع خالص التقدير
عبد العزيز بن طلال بن عبد العزيز آل سعود

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