

Rome, 21 April 2025



Dear Sisters,

We deeply mourn, with profound sorrow, along with the Universal Church, the passing of our beloved Holy Father Pope Francis this morning (21 April 2025).

He was a shepherd after God's own heart and a living embodiment of the Gospel. His Papacy was marked, not by grandeur, but by grace that reached out to the peripheries of the world. His leadership has profoundly shaped the Church and inspired countless souls around the world. He led the faithful by taking a prophetic stand in favour of the poor and the marginalized and left behind him a genuine legacy of being a holy man of God. The hallmark of his pontificate was his exhortation to be merciful and compassionate like our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Today, all of us are saddened, but our hearts are raised up in gratitude to God for the gift of Pope Francis to the Universal Church and to each one of us. As we grieve this great loss, we are called to honour his legacy through prayer and spiritual offerings. Our "Particular Norms" instruct us that "after the death of the Supreme Pontiff, each community will have five Holy Masses celebrated for the repose of his soul. All the sisters will offer five Holy Masses and pray five Rosaries for the same intention" (2.4.1).

Let us remain united in prayers for our Holy Father following this abovementioned guideline and thank God for his heroic service to the Church and his witness of selfless love in the world. May his example of being deeply permeated by the Gospel continue to enlighten and challenge us and may his noble soul rest in peace in the merciful embrace of God!

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and
let your perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen**

Yours Sincerely

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