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On the Death of Pope Francis

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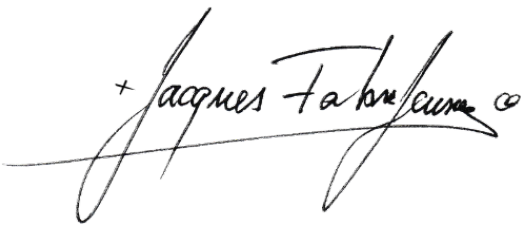
A message from Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS:

It is with deep sorrow that I join the Universal Church in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. His leadership, compassion and unwavering commitment to peace and justice have inspired millions worldwide, and in a special way the young.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis called the world to recognize the dignity of our fellow brothers and sisters, especially those who are suffering, the impoverished, those struggling with addiction and illness. He constantly reminded us of the importance of mercy, forgiveness and love in our everyday lives as well as focusing on the role of grandparents in the transmission of the faith.

As we mourn his passing and grieve, we also rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection. Let us turn to prayer, asking for his intercession and entrusting his soul to God's mercy as we carry his legacy of love, humility and service to others. May God receive him into the joy of heaven.

Rest in peace, Pope Francis.



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