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## STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN ON THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

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With profound sorrow, the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide joins the universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

A shepherd of deep faith, compassion and humility, Pope Francis dedicated his life to serving God's people and advocating for the poor, the marginalised and the dignity of all human life.

Pope Francis was a tireless witness to the Gospel, always reminding us of God's mercy and calling us to a life of love and service.

His leadership and pastoral heart have left an indelible mark on the Church and the world.

As the Church enters a time of mourning, the faithful of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are invited to join in prayer and reflection, entrusting him to the loving embrace of our Lord.

May Pope Francis rest in peace, and may his legacy of love, justice, and peace continue to inspire the faithful around the world.

