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ARCHDIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

LAS VEGAS (April 21, 2025) — The passing of Pope Francis is a tremendous loss for The Catholic Church, our Archdiocese of Las Vegas, and the entire world, but his message of compassion, love and peace will continue to resonate for generations to come. His tireless efforts to promote peace, dignity, and love for all of God's children serve as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of finding God in all things.

Throughout his time as Pope and Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis lived out his life that the Church must be a force for good in the world, working towards a society that is more just, more equitable, and more loving. He spoke out against poverty, inequality, and violence, and challenged us all to examine our own lives and our own actions in light of the Gospel.

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D., Archbishop of Las Vegas, expressed his condolences and his admiration for Pope Francis in the following statement: "Pope Francis was a true shepherd of God's people, a man who lived out his faith with humility, compassion, and courage. He taught us all that the Gospel calls us to be people of mercy and love, and that we must work to build a world that reflects these values. He was a voice for the voiceless, a champion of the marginalized, and a friend to all who sought his counsel. He will be deeply missed."

As Catholics we pray for the repose of his soul, and for the Church as it moves forward, that it may continue to be a beacon of light and hope in a world that is often dark and troubled. May we all be inspired by his example and work towards a future that reflects the best of our shared humanity.

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Details of upcoming Memorial Masses in memory of Pope Francis and other prayer events will be announced on LVCatholic.org and on social media channels of the Archdiocese.

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