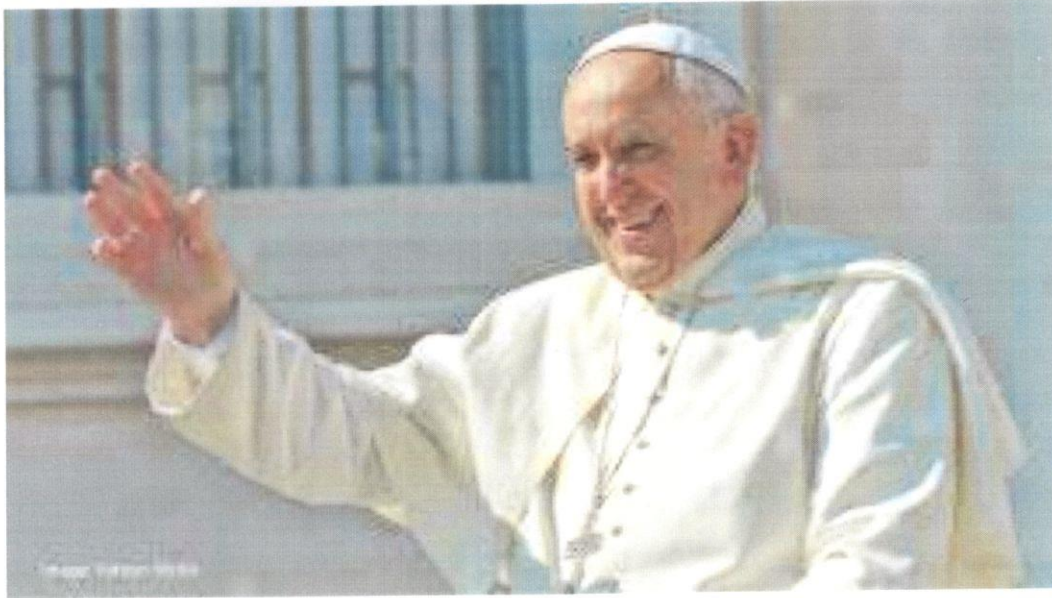


In Loving Memory of His Holiness Pope Francis (1936–2025)

**A tribute of love and reverence to ‘the people’s pope’,
from the Community of Saint Joseph’s University**



With hearts heavy with sorrow yet profoundly grateful, the Saint Joseph’s University community mourns the loss of His Holiness Pope Francis—a shepherd to the world, a voice for the voiceless, and an unwavering beacon of compassion.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis shattered barriers from the onset of his papacy in 2013. As the first pope from the Americas, the first Jesuit pope, and the first to take the name Francis, he embodied a transformative spirit of humility, simplicity, and an unwavering commitment to caring for creation and humanity.

As a Jesuit institution, Saint Joseph’s University felt a unique kinship with Pope Francis. His words were not just doctrine; they were inspiration. His life embodied the Ignatian call to be “men and women for and with others.” He reminded us that the Gospel is not merely read from a book but lived in the streets, among the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized.

We remember his tireless efforts to build bridges between people, faiths, and ideologies. We recall his visits to the slums, his embrace of suffering, his fearless calls for peace amid conflict, and his steadfast belief in the dignity of every human soul.

At Saint Joseph’s, we sincerely strive to carry forward his legacy in letter and spirit in our classrooms, service, and prayers. His papacy was not a time but a period of

transformation. His presence will echo in the halls of our university and the lives of every student who dares to dream of a more just, loving, and unified world.

As we grieve, we also rejoice in the life of a man who revealed the face of Christ to us. Rest now, dear Holy Father, good and faithful servant. May your soul find peace in the divine arms of the God you have faithfully served throughout your life.

Requiescat in pace, Pope Francis.

With deepest love and reverence,


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