

MEDIA STATEMENT

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MOURNS POPE FRANCIS

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is deeply saddened by the news of the death of Pope Francis. A revered figure for Catholics worldwide, the Pope reminded us of all the power of faith, humility and compassion.

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was the first Jesuit to become Pope and the first non-European Pope in over 1200 years.

The Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, has prepared the attached statement reflecting on the surprising ministry of Pope Francis, entitled Goodbye My Brother.

In keeping with the Church's tradition of a nine-day mourning period following the death of a Pope, the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane will be open for prayer and reflection on the Pope's remarkable leadership, including encyclical letters such as *Laudato Si'*, which called for greater care for our common home, and *Fratelli Tutti*, which championed fraternity in a fragmented world. The Archdiocese invites everyone to join in remembering and honouring the unique contribution of Pope Francis.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral to which all are welcome. Details will be forthcoming.

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