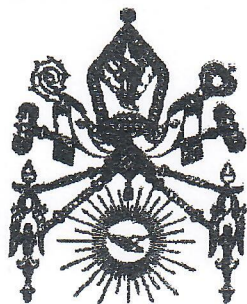


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His Holiness
Pope Francis I
Vatican

Your Holiness,

We learned with profound sorrow the passing away of His Holiness Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI. Indeed, His Holiness has been a humble and courageous servant of Jesus Christ and his Gospel. As a great theologian, he has played, with his firm positions and clear perspectives on matters pertaining to inter-church, inter-religious and church-society relations, a highly significant role in shaping the doctrine and the teachings of the Catholic Church. As a Pope, he faced responsibility the challenges of the church which was called to witness in a globalized world. May he rest in peace in the heavenly Kingdom.

May Almighty God grant to Your Holiness physical health and spiritual courage to carry on in these critical times with renewed efforts your pontifical ministry.

Yours in Christ.

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