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His Holiness
Pope Francis
The Apostolic Palace
00120 VATICAN CITY

Tallinn, 4 January 2023

Letter of Condolences

Your Holiness,

With sadness we heard about the passing away of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

On behalf of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and the Roman Catholic Church.

We will remember Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI as a brilliant scholar, excellent theologian, humble and yet courageous person. We join you in gratitude for his long and fruitful life and his faithful service, and we join you in prayer, as you commend him into the hands of our Lord.

*“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”
(Luke 2:29-32)*

In Christ,

Urmas Viilma
Archbishop