

The President of the Pontificial Council for Promoting Christian Unity Vatican City

Cardinal Kurt Koch

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## Dear Cardinal Kurt Koch, dear brother in Christ,

On behalf of Church of Norway we send our sincere condolences at the occasion of the death of Pope Benedict XVI. His outstanding ministry in and for the Catholic Church has strengthened the faith of the believers. His ministry as theologian and church leader has been significant also for the wider fellowship of churches, in his contributions to sincere ecumenical dialogue and inter-religious encounters.

You facilitated a personal audience with him in 2010 for me as General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. It was a warm and substantial conversation I will never forget.

We pray at this moment for your Church, for Pope Francis and for you, and we share in the thanksgiving to God for the profound and life-long service of Pope Benedict XVI.

In Christ,

Your Fylere Tweed

The Rt Revd Olav Fykse Tveit, Presiding Bishop, the Church of Norway

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