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HIS HOLINESS
FRANCIS BISHOP OF ROME
POPE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Holy See, Vatican

Your Holiness, dear brother in Christ,

It is with deep sorrow that we learnt about the demise of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus of Rome. On behalf of the Supreme Spiritual Council, clergy and faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church we extend our heartfelt condolences to you, to the clergy and the faithful of the Catholic Church upon the passing away of His Holiness, Pope Emeritus.

He lived his life in constant service to the Holy Church. More than seventy years His Holiness served the Church with endless devotion and commitment, and played an important role in the development of the Catholic theological tradition.

We cherish the good memories of our meetings with His Holiness and give thanks to God for the late Pope's years of devoted service to the Church. Extending a fervent prayer to the Lord for the repose of this faithful servant of His, we ask beneficent God to welcome him in His eternal joy.

With brotherly love in Christ,

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