

# PATRIARCH OF ROMANIA SENDS CONDOLENCES AFTER REPOSE OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

*Bucharest, 31 December 2022*

**His Holiness Pope FRANCIS,  
Vatican City**

Your Holiness,

With deep sorrow, we learned about the passing away from this world, after a long suffering that he endured with much courage, of the one who was the 265<sup>th</sup> bishop of Rome, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, a venerable and well-known contemporary personality.

We share in the grief of Your Holiness caused by this loss and send our condolences to the entire Roman Catholic Church.

We pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, the One Who is the resurrection and the life (cf. *John* 11:25), to rest the soul of Pope Benedict XVI in the light, peace and love of the Most Holy Trinity.

† **Daniel**  
**Patriarch of Romania**