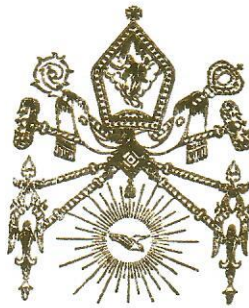


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His Eminence
Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State
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Your Eminence,

We would like to express our profound sorrow and condolences for the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis . He was, indeed, one of the great Popes of the Catholic Church and he was rightly called "people's pope". In fact, with his strong emphasis on the renewal of the church and the vital importance of synodality as well as with his simple style he opened a new page in the life of the Catholic Church, and projected a new image of papacy.

His Holiness articulated clearly and boldly the church's stand on crises facing the world and he became the voice of voiceless and defender of oppressed and marginalized. He considered ecumenism a high priority, underscoring the crucial importance of visible unity. For the pope pastoral care was of pivotal importance; he firmly believed that it is through pastoral engagement that the church becomes a transforming reality in the life of the people.

For the Armenian people Pope Francis will be also remembered for his recognition of the Armenian Genocide and his solidarity with the Armenians of Karabagh

May he rest in peace in the heavenly Kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ,

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