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The Roman Catholic Church

Subject: Heartfelt Condolences

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

With profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy, we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. His departure is a great loss to the entire Christian world—a true shepherd whose voice inspired wisdom, peace, and unity.

It is especially moving that his passing occurred on the very day we celebrated the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe this sacred timing is not a coincidence but a divine sign that His Holiness has entered eternal life in the presence of the Risen Lord. As the Scripture declares: **"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."** (Revelation 14:13)

The Holy Synod of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church holds in great esteem his lifelong ministry and unforgettable service to the Body of Christ. We gratefully recall his thoughtful messages during our feasts and, in particular, his heartfelt words of comfort during the passing of our 5th Patriarch, as well as his warm blessings during my own enthronement as the 6th Patriarch.

In the spirit of Saint Paul, we say:
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

May his soul rest in the peace and joy of our Lord, and may his enduring legacy of faith, humility, and service continue to guide and inspire future generations.

With prayer and fraternal solidarity,

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