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STATEMENT

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe,
Releases Statement on the Passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis

Memorial Mass of the Dead for Pope Francis Will Be Held

Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
131 Cathedral Pl. Santa Fe, NM 87505

ALBUQUERQUE – Easter Monday, April 21, 2025—IMMEDIATE RELEASE— A statement from Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, on the Passing of Pope Francis

It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that I address you today in the wake of the passing of our beloved Pope Francis. His departure marks the end of an era filled with compassion, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to the teachings of Christ.

Pope Francis was a shepherd to us all, guiding the Church with a gentle spirit and a fierce commitment to justice, peace, and the dignity of every human being. His emphasis on mercy and inclusivity transformed countless lives and inspired a renewed sense of hope within the global community. Through his actions and words, he reminded us of the importance of caring for the marginalized and standing up for the voiceless.

As we grieve the loss of our Holy Father, let us also celebrate his remarkable life and extraordinary contributions. His legacy will continue to illuminate our path as we strive to embody the values he championed. In this time of mourning, I urge all the faithful to come together in prayer, reflecting on the profound impact Pope Francis has had on our lives and the Church.

May we honor his memory by committing ourselves to the mission he so passionately lived out: to proclaim the Gospel, to spread love, foster peace, and serve those in need. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and seek comfort in our shared faith.

A Memorial Mass of the Dead for Pope Francis will be celebrated today, Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe. All are invited to attend.

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