



The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila

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TO: ALL THE CLERGY, COMMUNITIES OF CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN, AND THE LAY FAITHFUL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA

RE: LITURGICAL NOTES ON DEATH OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace in the Lord!

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, announced earlier at the Casa Santa Marta:

“Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow, I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God.”

His Eminence Jose F. Cardinal Advincula would like to invite all priests, consecrated persons and the lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Manila to a Eucharistic celebration where he will lead the Archdiocese in praying for the eternal repose of the soul of Pope Francis. The Mass will be tomorrow, 22 April 2025, 9:00 in the morning, at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Manila Cathedral). We are likewise sending herewith the message of His Eminence on the Holy Father’s return to the Father’s house.

Let us offer Masses in our communities for this intention. Let us toll the bells of our churches and call our people to prayer. During our Masses this Easter octave, we will use the prayers and readings of the Easter octave. Kindly add an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful for the Pope. Kindly note the following in the Eucharistic Prayer:

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with **Jose**, our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember your servant FRANCIS
whom you have called
from this world to yourself.
Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his,
may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

We will issue further advisories for your guidance and information.

Let us unite ourselves in prayer.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,


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