

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY, THE REVEREND MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND THE LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

RE: DEMISE OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS

“For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.” Romans 6:5

Allow me to bring you the sad news of the demise of our beloved Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Francis at 7:35 in the morning of 21 April 2025 (Monday).

The entire life of our dear Pope Francis has been dedicated in service to the Lord and His Church. He vigorously encouraged us to live the values of the Gospel with joy and fidelity, with courage and universal love, most especially to the poorest and most marginalized in the peripheries. He has led us to move on towards a Missionary Synodal Church – *“Abe-abe maglakbe, agnan-agnan, alang malalakwan king Banal a Kapulungan a Miaslagan (enlighten), Mipasiknangan (enliven), at Miaduangan (engage)”*.

Let us be one in offering a Requiem Mass for our late Holy Father, Pope Francis at the Metropolitan Cathedral of San Fernando, Santo Rosario (Poblacion), City of San Fernando on 24 April 2025 (Thursday) at 5:30 P.M.

We are grateful for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus as we commend his soul to the infinite mercy and love of our Heavenly Father. Let us all offer prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of our beloved Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Francis.

One with you as a servant to the servants of the Gospel,

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Tuesday within the Octave of Easter