

## **Pope Francis RIP**

**The announcement this morning from the Vatican conveying the saddest news of the passing earlier today of His Holiness Pope Francis, has been received with profound sadness by millions of Christians around the world.**

**Pope Francis was a man of God, whose service to the Kingdom was frankly inspiring. He reached out to the disaffected, the marginalised, the persecuted, the poor and needy. He took the Gospel message to all corners of the world, especially to those living in the darkest of places.**

**We in the Traditional Anglican Church (Province of Britain, Ireland & Europe) extend our deepest sympathies to Roman Catholics around the world, as we are all united in grief and thanks giving for the life of Pope Francis, especially his faithful and steadfast witness.**

**May He Rest In Peace.**

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