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This Apostolic Nunciature communicates the sad news of the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis on Easter Monday, 21 April 2025, at the age of 88 at Santa Marta residence in Vatican City.

At 9.45 AM, His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, announced the death of Pope Francis:

"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 of fidelity, courage and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and the most marginalized."

The Apostolic Nunciature exhorts Bishops, Clergy and Religious and Lay Faithful of the Catholic Church in India to offer prayers to commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of God.

May the Catholic Church in India and in the world as well as all Nations treasure the inspiring, compassionate and loving legacy of Pope Francis.

New Delhi, 21 April 2025

Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli
Apostolic Nuncio

