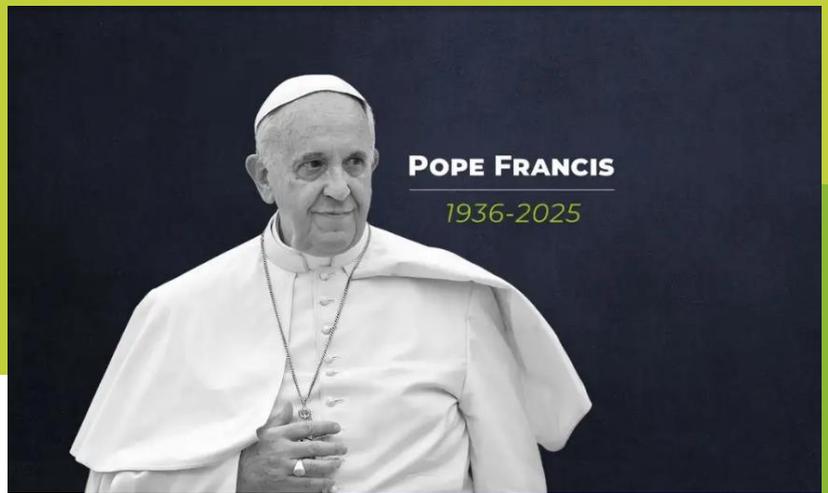


The Olive Branch

2.5.25



The Holy Father Pope Francis

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday. His life devoted to God, he was a champion for the poor and a voice for the voiceless. Pope Francis saw the devastation across the earth and called for us to take action. He was a compassionate man taking time to be with the most downtrodden of the world offering them dignity. Pope Francis referred to the Church as a field hospital where people should come when they are in need and that all are welcome. Pope Francis showed us how we can live like Jesus.

Pope Francis was an advocate for God's earth and in his encyclical paper *Laudato Si*, he called us to work together to protect the earth for future generations. You can find further information about this by following the link [Laudato Si' animation for children](#).

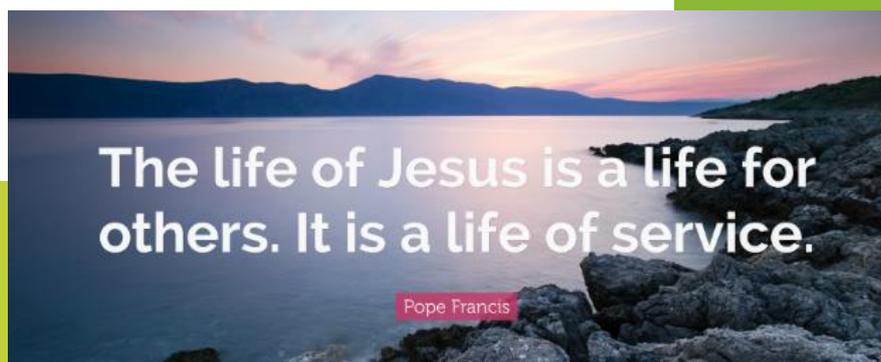
In school we have celebrated his life and wisdom, learning more about his works. Classes have also written prayers and celebrated a class collective worship for Pope Francis. You are invited to write in our Book of Condolence in the foyer.

You can watch a short video about his life here

<https://youtu.be/2ubgyYvOKPY>

"In order to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the church must have open doors so that all might enter. And we must go out of those doors and proclaim the Gospel."

Pope Francis



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 We thank you for the life of Pope Francis, your faithful servant, who spread
 the good news and inspired everyone he met. He showed respect, humility
 and gave hope to the forgotten. He was a voice for the voiceless and
 a beacon of light that we will never forget. Lord God, may your glory
 shine upon him and grant him eternal peace in heaven always.

AMEN

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Class 5 prayer

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 Amen.

POPE

In the Catholic Church, the month of May is devoted to Mary, the mother of God.



Fr Francis celebrated with us as we held a Marian Procession and the offering of flowers to Our Lady.

Mary takes our prayers to Jesus and intercedes on our behalf, just as she did at the Wedding in Cana where she asked Jesus to perform a miracle changing water into wine (John 2:1-11)





The Faith council joined Fr Francis this week to bless our Chapel. The chapel is where we are able to find peace and calm. We give thanks to our heavenly Father for this sacred space we have to be closer to Him.

Children use the Chapel each week for collective worship and spontaneous prayer. We also have Stay and Pray session termly where families can come and pray with their children.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

Stewardship is all about caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources. All living things are connected so we must use God's gifts responsibly to meet the needs of everyone, now and in the future.



We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.

At Holy Cross we know how important it is to look after God's earth.

We must take care of the planet and God's creatures.





