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Il Superiore Generale

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Welcome, O Lord, Pope Francis to your embrace!

To: the Rogationists

Cc: the Family of the Rogate

Dearly beloved,

On the Passover of the Lord, which is the passage from death to life, the passage to eternal life of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has been completed. He has ceased to suffer and to offer his sufferings for all of us, for peace in the world, for peace in the hearts of men and women of good will.

We saw him on Easter Sunday, from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, summoning all his remaining strength and shouted out his wishes for a Happy Easter. In his message, he renewed his invitation to the whole world to put an end to wars, all wars. Then he wanted to pass among the faithful who filled the square, shaking hands and caressing the children.

When he greeted us for the first time on the occasion of his election, after saying "Good evening," he added that he had come "from afar," and from that day on he did everything to be "close" to everyone, especially to the "outcasts," as he liked to remind us.


We all have had a great friend, a great Pope who, by his example and by his words, tirelessly gave us, until the end, the concrete witness of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Blessed be the Lord Jesus who, with his successors, guides and accompanies us on our pilgrimage to eternal life.

Dearly beloved, we Rogationists, Daughters of Divine Zeal, Rogationist Missionaries, Lay Associates, the entire Family of the Rogate, have had the opportunity to experience his closeness on several occasions, especially during the Special Audience on September 18, 2023.

We cherish his memory in our hearts, we welcome his message of universal fraternity, of care and protection of creation, and especially his message on the Heart of Jesus, *Dilexit nos!*, which is so close to our spirituality.

We accompany his return to the House of the Father with our prayers for the repose of his soul and we pray that the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will give the Church in the next Conclave a Holy Father who will continue to guide her and enlighten the world in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Savior.


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