



**HH MAHANT SWAMI MAHARAJ**

(Swami Keshavjivandas)

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**Message of Condolences and Prayers  
from His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj  
on the Passing of His Holiness Pope Francis**

Dear Members of the Roman Catholic Church,

On behalf of the worldwide BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu fellowship, we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. His departure is a profound loss to the Catholic community and Christians around the world.

Pope Francis will be remembered as a beacon of hope, compassion, and unity. His efforts to promote social justice, environmental stewardship, and peace-building have left an indelible mark. His commitment to the marginalized and his call for global solidarity resonated deeply with the values we hold dear in our own tradition.

We commend his endeavours to build bridges between different faiths, including his promotion of respect for the Hindu community and other religious traditions.

In this time of mourning, we stand in solidarity with you. We share in your sorrow and pray to God and all the divine energies that you find comfort in the legacy of simplicity and compassion that Pope Francis strove to promote.

May his vision of a more just and harmonious world continue to inspire us all.

With heartfelt prayers,

Sadhu Keshavjivandas  
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