

On learning of the passing of Pope Francis, I was filled with deep personal sorrow.

Never in my lifetime has the world lost such a beacon of love for all, peace, and social justice for all humanity and the earth. Pope Francis offered a compelling vision of the role of the Church and, indeed, of all people of faith around the world, for the virtue of accompaniment, of the faithful being with and for each person, each and all in common humanity, community, and gratitude for the gifts of life and of our world. His vision will continue to inspire all who are blessed to live under its light.

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