

The Old Catholic Communion

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty
God our Brother, Pope Francis.

Easter Tuesday, 2025

Honoring the Legacy of Pope Francis

Beloved Sisters and Brothers of the Old Catholic Communion,

With fraternal hearts, we write to you following the passing of the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

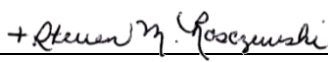
As Old Catholic bishops, we stand alongside our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers and the global community of faith, united in mourning the loss of a remarkable shepherd who profoundly impacted the Church and the world.

Pope Francis embodied the spirit of Christ's love, always seeking to remind us all that the love of Christ knows no limits.

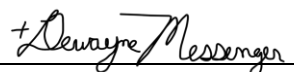
As Old Catholic bishops, we have witnessed Pope Francis's efforts to bring the heart of the Gospel into every corner of society. His unwavering commitment to social justice, care for the environment, and dialogue with those outside the Roman Catholic tradition inspired many of us. He demonstrated that the call to holiness is also a call to action: to love more boldly, forgive more freely, and welcome more openly. The Old Catholic Communion strives to embody these same beliefs.

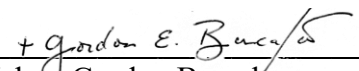
Let us pray for the Roman Catholic Church during this time of transition.

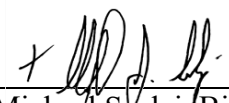
In Christ's love and service,


Bishop Steven Roszczewski


Bishop Martin Shanahan


Bishop Dwayne Messenger


Bishop Gordon Barcalow


Bishop Michael Scalzi, Bishop Chair