



**Office of the Bishop**  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

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With deep sadness I share with you the official announcement from Vatican News of the death of Pope Francis:

At 9:45 AM, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, announced the death of Pope Francis from the Casa Santa Marta with these words:

“Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God.”

A Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be celebrated at Christ the King Cathedral at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 26.

Most Reverend Robert M. Coerver  
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