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## STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER

Across Victoria, and around the world, Catholics are united as they mourn the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome.

Pope Francis was a leader of the Church, and a leader of the world.

He was a tireless advocate for the poor. A relentless voice for the marginalised.

He believed that caring for the sick was part of the Church's essential mission – and that compassion for the vulnerable was core to the human condition.

He shared a message of peace, courage, and humility.

A message that has never mattered more.

I offer my sincere condolences to Catholic communities across Victoria as they grieve his profound loss.

May he rest in eternal peace.