



**MESSAGE OF  
H.R.H. PRINCE CHARLES OF BOURBON TWO SICILIES  
DUKE OF CASTRO  
HEAD OF THE ROYAL HOUSE**

**on the occasion of the passing of  
HIS HOLINESS  
POPE FRANCIS**

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With immense sorrow, I have learned of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, a figure of extraordinary importance to the Catholic Church and to the entire world. At this time of great sadness, I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to the Church and to all those who have had the privilege of being guided by his wisdom, example and humanity.

The pontificate of Pope Francis was marked by a tireless commitment to social justice, peace and solidarity, values that he placed at the heart of his mission. With courage and determination, he has been able to promote a Church that is open and in constant dialogue with the world, inviting everyone to respond to the needs of the less fortunate and marginalised.

His spiritual strength and dedication to the service of others inspired millions of people, believers and non-believers, recognising in him a moral guide and an example of hope. His message of universal love and commitment to the common good will continue to resonate in the hearts of all those touched by his life and actions.

In paying tribute to his memory, also on behalf of the Constantinian Order, I join the condolences of all Christians. His example will forever remain a beacon of light in the history of the Church and of humanity.

**CHARLES  
DUKE OF CASTRO**