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Dear Members of the Saint Michael's Community,

Saint Michael's College joins with the global Church in mourning the death of the holy father Pope Francis. Francis will long be remembered for his outreach to those on the margins of the Church and of society. He renewed for us the mission to bring the Gospel out to the ends of the earth and offer divine mercy to all.

As the first Pope from the Americas, he brought that experience and vision with him to his ministry for the universal Church. Recently, he expressed anew prayerful hope to the Bishops of this country in their attempts to respond to the face of Christ in the migrant, poor, and marginalized. In fact, he has always used the strongest and clearest expressions in the defense of the dignity of the human person.

The passage from this life of the Bishop of Rome calls us to pray for his eternal rest and to continue on our path to a deeper union with the Lord Jesus. We remember his leadership in inspiring nations, organizations, and individuals to a renewed commitment to care for each other and our common home.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

Please join us at the 11:30 a.m. Mass today in the Chapel.

Warmest Regards,

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