



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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Hello everyone,

Together with the People of God in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, I mourn the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

We give profound thanks to God for the gift that this humble servant of the Lord has been to the Church and world. In accord with his episcopal motto, *cooperatores veritatis*, Benedict XVI dedicated his life to living in and serving the truth, who is a person: Jesus Christ.

A model disciple and gifted teacher, he leaves as his legacy both a personal example of loving fidelity to the Lord and a corpus of writings that offers sure guidance for Christian living. May the merciful Lord now grant to this good and faithful servant eternal peace and joy.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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