



Dear Archbishop,

Quakers in Australia are saddened by the death of Pope Francis and hold Catholics in Australia in the Light at this time.

Pope Francis supported people on the margins of society. He walked humbly, acted justly and loved mercy. He spoke in favour of justice for disadvantaged groups, such as those in developing countries, victims of war, migrants and LGBTQ+ people.

His ministry resonated with the testimonies of Quakers, which include peace, equality, simplicity and earthcare. His commitment to simplicity extended to instructions for his burial.

In particular, we welcomed his encyclical letter *Laudate Si'* as being an important guide for our relationship with the Earth.

His love for people was exemplary and we all listened to him, not just Catholics.

We will be praying for those involved in the selection and installation of a successor to Pope Francis.

In Peace

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