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## STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON ON THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS

**CHICAGO** – The following is a statement by Mayor Brandon Johnson on the passing of Pope Francis:

Pope Francis, the people's pope, will be remembered as a faith leader who gave voice to the voiceless. He fought for the rights and the dignity of the poor, prisoners, migrants, and outcasts as part of his vision for peace and social justice. Guided by his deep faith in God and humanity, Pope Francis advocated for a world without war. His legacy will live on in the hearts of the millions of people throughout the world who took comfort in his message. May he rest in peace.

We will continue to learn from Pope Francis and take inspiration from the power of his moral clarity. "We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them."

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