



Statement on Pope Francis

Catholic Health Australia

Please quote Catholic Health Australia Chair Jenny Parker, on behalf of the CHA Board of Directors and Staff

We join with Catholics around Australia and the world in both sorrow and deep admiration and respect for the life of Pope Francis.

He will be remembered for his Grace, humility, leadership and advocacy, in particular for the poor and those living on the margins of society who find themselves in difficult and challenging circumstances.

The profound impact of his encyclical *Laudato Si'* reignited in the Church a powerful mission to protect our common home and its most vulnerable inhabitants, a call that forms the foundation of Catholic health and aged care services' continued dedication towards a healthier planet and people.

His focus on synodality also encouraged new ways of working and thinking for our ministries that will bear fruit for many years to come.

We pray that his legacy will continue to inspire those caring for people across our own hospitals and aged care ministries.

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