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AMPJP pays tribute to Pope Francis, acknowledging his reform of lay governance in the Church.

The Association of Ministerial PJs (AMPJP) joins with the whole Catholic community in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

AMPJP Chair Moira Najdecki expressed her thanks for “the life of a remarkable leader, who has led the Church into a dialogue with the modern world with a hope-filled and joy-filled approach. In particular, Pope Francis promoted a life of service to others, especially to those in need, and he witnessed that with his humble life-style and outreaching nature.

“Perhaps Pope Francis greatest legacy will be the promotion of lay people, and in particular women, into positions of governance in the Church. Allowing religious and lay people to have full leadership responsibilities has ushered in their much greater participation in the life of the Church. It has also strengthened Church leadership by making many more capable leaders available for senior leadership positions.

“Pope Francis’ Synodal approach to governance also allows lay people to participate increasingly in key decisions taken in parishes and dioceses. This will empower the Church to address its challenges and be an attractive and positive community in countries like Australia,” said Ms Najdecki.

AMPJP prays for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May he rest in peace.

The Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP) brings together some of Australia and New Zealand’s major lay-led Catholic health, aged and community care, and educational organisations.

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