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Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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St. Louis, MO 63119

Dear Archbishop Rozanski,

On behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. The passing of the Holy Father is sure to have an impact on people of faith everywhere – just as his life of service was a beacon for all of humanity. Knowing the Holy Father's deep and abiding relationship with the Jewish community worldwide, we mourn his passing and celebrate his commitment to conversation, dialogue, and interfaith relations.

Today, in your grief, we stand beside you. And tomorrow, we will be ready, once again, to work with you. May the memory of His Holiness, Pope Francis, always be for a blessing.

We are proud of our longstanding partnership with the Archdiocese of St. Louis and of our engagement with Catholic high schools through our Student to Student program. These relationships reflect the spirit of understanding and unity that Pope Francis so passionately championed.

JCRC joins the world in mourning the passing of Pope Francis, a truly visionary leader and friend to the Jewish people who continued the legacy of *Nostra Aetate* by condemning antisemitism and working tirelessly to build bridges across religious traditions.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Catholic friends and partners and all those grieving this profound loss. May his vision for peace and human dignity continue to inspire us all.

Sincerely,

David L. Cohen  
Executive Director  
Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis