

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-046

***PERIOD OF MOURNING - FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF IN
REMEMBRANCE OF POPE FRANCIS***

WHEREAS, Pope Francis, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, passed away on April 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born as Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina to his father Mario and his mother Regina Sivori;

WHEREAS, he was ordained a priest on December 13, 1969, and he made his final profession with the Jesuits on April 22, 1973;

WHEREAS, he was appointed Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina on July 31, 1973, and he held that office for six years;

WHEREAS, he served as Rector of the Colegio de San José, as well as a parish priest, in San Miguel from 1980 to 1986;

WHEREAS; on May 20, 1992, Pope John Paul II named him titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary of Buenos Aires;

WHEREAS, on December 21, 1993, he was named Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1997, he was named Coadjutor Archbishop of Buenos Aires;

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1998, he was named Archbishop, Primate of Argentina and Ordinary for Eastern-rite faithful in Argentina who have no Ordinary of their own rite;

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2001, Pope John Paul II named him Cardinal, with the title of San Roberto Bellarmino;

WHEREAS, in October 2001, he was appointed General Relator to the 10th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Episcopal Ministry;

WHEREAS, he was elected Supreme Pontiff on March 13, 2013, choosing the name of Francis as his papal name;

WHEREAS, he served as leader of over one billion Catholics, and he inspired millions around the world with his acts of charity and mercy;

WHEREAS, he leaves behind a legacy of service and generosity that will continue to live on;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, call upon all citizens to join in prayer for Pope Francis, and by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: To honor and remember the life of Pope Francis, in a period of mourning, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise to sunset from Wednesday, April 23, 2025 to Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, April 26, 2025.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of April 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Landry", written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE