

**PASTORAL MESSAGE**  
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Together with countless people all over the world,  
I welcome the election of our new Holy Father,  
Pope Francis.

His first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's as Pope  
and his early statements have captured the imagination  
of Catholics and non Catholics alike. His serenity and humility  
shines through. His courage and simplicity will speak in a  
special manner to our complex world. His request for prayer at  
the most public of moments shows the love of Christ  
which is at the heart of his life.

Pope Francis has already been described as an evangelical  
Pope – a Pope of the Gospel. We look forward to his  
proclamation of God's Word made Flesh, Jesus Christ who is  
the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Let us pray for Pope Francis and for each other.

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