



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

24 February 2025

MY MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE:

Dear People of the Diocese of Rapid City—

I invite you, in the midst of your daily prayers, to commend our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to the healing mercy of God. Reports from the Eternal City continue to indicate that his health situation is critical. The Holy Father has spent the last 12 years of his priestly ministry as the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, interceding by his prayers and his actions for the welfare of the entire church entrusted to his care. Let us respond in gratitude by commending him to the God whom he has served faithfully his entire life. As the Holy Father has frequently testified to his love and devotion to the Mother of God, I would invite our people to pray the Rosary or another Marian devotion for his intention.

I will be celebrating a Mass for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. I invite you to join that prayer in solidarity, either at the Cathedral, or wherever you might be able to participate in Mass on that day.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for our Holy Father, now and at the hour of his death.

In Christ,

Most Rev. Scott E. Bullock, JCL
Bishop of Rapid City