

To Our CBIS Investors and Partners,

We join the world in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, who entered eternal rest following the celebration of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. His final days were marked, as ever, by humility, prayer, and a quiet devotion to the Gospel.

Pope Francis will be remembered as a living example of Christ's message—offering love, dignity, and accompaniment to all, especially those who have been marginalized or overlooked. His pontificate reflected a deep commitment to empathy, pastoral care, and the renewal of the Church in service to humanity.

Among his many contributions, Pope Francis offered strong support for *Mensuram Bonam*, encouraging Catholic institutions to align their financial practices with their faith. His call for greater integrity in economic life continues to resonate across the global Church.

At CBIS, we have long been guided by this vision—serving Catholic investors who seek to transform the world through faith-consistent investing rooted in Catholic social teaching. We pray that the momentum Pope Francis inspired through this work will continue to grow in the years ahead.

In keeping with his character, Pope Francis requested that his funeral rites be simple, focused not on the trappings of papal office but on his identity as a disciple and servant of Christ. His humility and example leave a lasting imprint on the Church—and on all who seek to live the Gospel with integrity.

We offer our prayers for the College of Cardinals as they gather in solemn discernment to choose the next Pope. May the Holy Spirit guide their hearts and minds with wisdom, unity, and grace as they carry out this sacred responsibility for the good of the Church and the world.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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