

Adieu, The People's Pope

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MODESTY in true modesty, the mortal remains of Pope Francis will be interred in the Santa Maria La Major Basilica in Rome in Italy after the 88-year-old yielded to death on Monday, April 21, 2025.

The head of the Catholic Church, a global icon revered for his modesty and service to mankind, Pope Francis will attract the world's biggest political figures to his funeral Mass and burial in the Italian capital, with millions across the world beyond the Catholic faithful waiting to pay their last respects.

Catholic insiders revealed upon his death that the Pope had chosen the modest place for his final resting place instead of the more lavish surroundings of the Vatican where his predecessors lay.

"I ask that my tomb be prepared in the niche of the side nave between

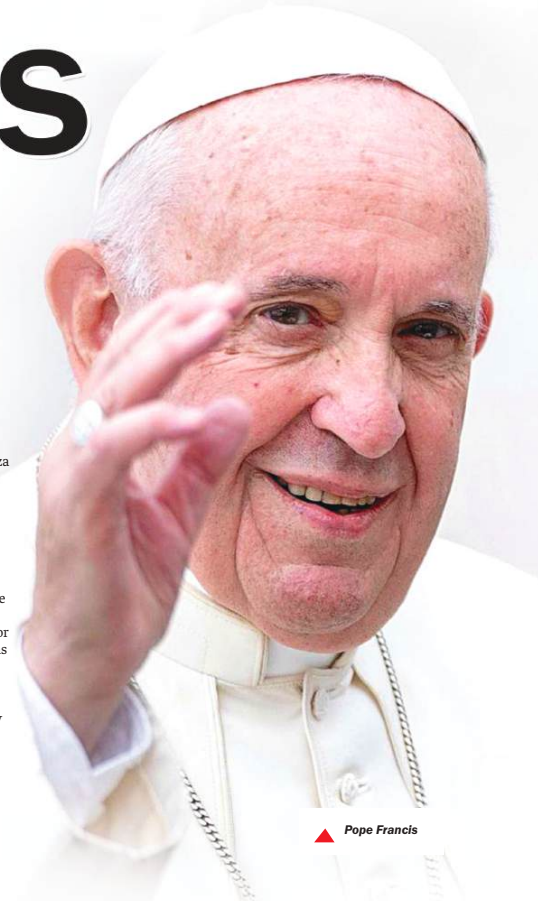
the Pauline Chapel (Chapel of the Salus Populi Romani) and the Sforza Chapel of the Basilica of St Mary Major. The tomb must be in the earth; simple, without particular decoration and with the only inscription: 'Francis,'" the Pope's Spiritual Testament read.

It is the ultimate description of the values he upheld on earth, a life that sacrificed comfort and luxury for modesty, and ignored fortune for the cross and crown that Christians pursue on earth.

Various accounts suggest Pope Francis had a net worth of \$100 at the time of his death, a remarkably modest value for a man whose occupation could have earned him up to €340,000 a year.

Instead, he declined living on a salary of the Vatican, as he made a vow of poverty, which

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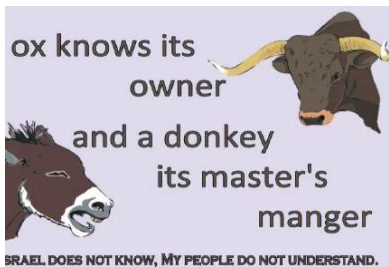
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