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NEWS RELEASE

We now lift up faithful servant Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to the Lord

The Catholic Church on Guam joins the Faithful and people throughout the world in mourning the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI whose leadership, wisdom, teachings and example of unshakeable faith and love for our Lord will be forever cherished.

The Vatican Press Office announced that beloved Pope Benedict XVI passed away on Saturday at 9:34 AM in his residence at the Vatican's Mater Ecclesiae Monastery. He was 95 years old and as reported, in declining health.

The Vatican said that further information will be provided as soon as possible. As of Monday morning, January 2, 2023, the body of the Pope Emeritus will be in Saint Peter's Basilica so the faithful can bid farewell.

I know that our Faithful on Guam have already been praying fervently for Pope Benedict upon news of his declining health and that prayers are now intensifying. I ask all Catholics on Guam to please remember our retired pontiff in our Masses and intentions as well as personal prayers in your homes, offices, schools and families.

The Archdiocese of Agana will announce further information in the days to come. As we prepare to shed the layers of the past year, we have deep sorrow in the passing of this extraordinary shepherd of the Church. Yet, as Christians, we also have joy because of the tremendous gift that God gave us in Benedict and the promise of eternal life that our Savior offers to each of us.

In Jesus Christ,

/s/Father Romeo Convocar
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