



# New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus

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## RESOLUTION HONORING POPE FRANCIS

**WHEREAS** Pope Francis, former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio from Argentina, is the first Pope elected from the Americas, and

**WHEREAS** Pope Francis, is the first Jesuit priest to serve as Pope, and

**WHEREAS** Pope Francis was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Argentina, in 1992, and

**WHEREAS** Cardinal Bergoglio was elevated to cardinal in 2001 and was appointed cardinal-priest of San Roberto Bellarmino, a Roman parish associated with the Jesuit order, and

**WHEREAS** Pope Francis, is an advocate for the poor and needy, and

**WHEREAS** Pope Francis succeeded Pope Benedict XVI, who retired on February 28, 2013, and

**WHEREAS** Pope Francis embodies the first principle of our order, Charity.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, representing the 59,000 New Jersey Knights along with their families, offer prayers to Pope Francis as the 266<sup>th</sup> successor to St. Peter the Apostle, First Bishop of Rome.

*Patriots Protecting All God's Children*