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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Rochester  
**From:** The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester + *Salvatore R. Matano*  
**Date:** March 29, 2023 *Passiontide*  
**Re:** Request for prayers for Pope Francis

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This afternoon, March 29, 2023, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, went to the Policlinico A. Gemelli Hospital for “some previously scheduled check-ups” which have revealed “a respiratory infection that will require a few days of appropriate hospital treatment.” The Holy See stated that Pope Francis “is touched by the many messages received and expresses his gratitude for the closeness and prayers reaching him.”

I ask the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Rochester to unite in prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during his stay in the hospital, and for the doctors, nurses and medical staff who care for him. We also ask the intercession of Our Mother Mary, to whom the Holy Father is so deeply devoted.

Let us pray.  
Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health of  
those who believe in You.  
Hear our prayers for  
Your servant, Pope Francis,  
for whom we implore the aid of  
Your tender mercy.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.