

Father Maher's Message in Remembrance of Pope Benedict XVI
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Today, we learned of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who has died at the age of 95. On behalf of our Niagara University community, we join the world in mourning his passing. An eminent scholar and theologian, he served with wisdom and humility in ardent faith to the Church and the pursuit of a more peaceful world. We will remember and draw inspiration from his leadership across the global Catholic and faith community. We pray together for his eternal peace.

May we remember the Pope with these lasting words from his April 2008 speech at The Catholic University of America, where he had asked all of the U.S. presidents to gather so that he could speak to us about the ideals and work of Catholic higher education:

“Bear witness to hope. Nourish your witness with prayer. Account for the hope that characterizes your lives (cf. 1 Pet 3:15) by living the truth which you propose to your students. Help them to know and love the One you have encountered, whose truth and goodness you have experienced with joy.”

In honor of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's passing, we will remember him in prayer at each of our Sunday Masses during the month of January.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him.