

Report on the Passing of Pope Francis

Pope Francis passed away on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88, in Vatican City. He died of a stroke that led to a coma and irreversible cardiac arrest. Contributing factors included a history of respiratory issues, such as double pneumonia and severe bronchitis, high blood pressure, and Type II diabetes. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the Camerlengo, announced his death. His Requiem Mass was celebrated on April 26, 2025, and he was buried at Santa Maria Maggiore. A papal conclave is expected to convene on May 7, 2025, to elect his successor. Prior to his death, he was hospitalized in February 2025 with severe bronchitis and diagnosed with double pneumonia.