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PRESS RELEASE

Bishop David J. Malloy's Statement On the death of Cardinal Francis George

ROCKFORD, Ill.—Upon hearing of the death today of Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I., Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Bishop David J. Malloy issued the following statement:

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“Along with the faithful of the Diocese of Rockford, I join with the Archdiocese of Chicago and the church in the United States in offering my prayers for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Francis George.

“Cardinal George has played a unique role in the life of the church in the United States and the world. The gifts of his faith, his intellect, his strong leadership and vast experience, combined with his joy and love for the church, have served as an inspiration and a witness throughout his priesthood.

“I had the joy of working closely with Cardinal George especially during his years as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and for that reason it was a special privilege that he was the principal consecrator on the day of my ordination and installation as Bishop of Rockford.

“Cardinal George combined greatness with simplicity in all he did and I pray he may now be enjoying the fullness of eternal life in the kingdom of Christ to whom he dedicated himself so fully.”

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