



A portrait of Pope Francis is seen in the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City during a memorial Mass for the late pontiff April 22, 2025. Francis, formerly Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, died April 21 at age 88. (OSV News/Gregory A. Shemitz)



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The hosts recorded this episode Tuesday, April 22, just a day after the pope's death.

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