



The President of the United States of America

*Awards this*

*Presidential Medal of Freedom*

*to*

*His Holiness Pope Francis*

*As a young man, Jorge Bergoglio sought a career in science before faith led him to a life with the Jesuits. For decades, he served the voiceless and vulnerable across Argentina. As Pope Francis, his mission of serving the poor has never ceased. A loving pastor, he joyfully answers children's questions about God. A challenging teacher, he commands us to fight for peace and protect the planet. A welcoming leader, he reaches out to different faiths. The first pope from the Southern Hemisphere, Pope Francis is unlike any who came before. Above all, he is the People's Pope—a light of faith, hope, and love that shines brightly across the world.*

*The White House  
Washington, D. C.  
January 11, 2025*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Biden", with a horizontal line underneath.