

A Reflection

In fact, every time we are faced with the death of a loved one or someone we knew well, the question arises within us: 'What will become of his life, his work, his service to the Church?' The Book of Wisdom tells us: they are in the hands of God! The hand is a sign of welcome and protection, it is a sign of a personal relationship of respect and faithfulness: to give a hand, to shake someone's hand...Even their sins, our sins, are in the hands of God; those merciful hands, those hands 'wounded' by love. It is not by chance that Jesus willed to preserve the wounds in his hands to enable us to know and feel his mercy. And this is our strength, our hope...In prayer, let us entrust them to the Lord's mercy, through the intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph, that he may receive them into his Kingdom of light and peace, there where the just and those who were faithful witnesses to the Gospel live eternally. And let us also pray for ourselves, that the Lord may prepare us for this encounter. We do not know the date, but we do know the encounter will come."

*Pope Francis: Homily – All Souls Day
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**But the souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall touch them...
they are in peace.
- Wisdom 3, 1-3**

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**We lift up in prayer our Sisters and Brothers
who have gone to Light and Happiness
and an endless Home with God.**

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