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DEATH OF POPE PAUL

All Australians will wish to join with me in expressing deep regret on the death of His Holiness Pope Paul VI. The world has lost a great religious leader and statesman.

Under his Papacy the Roman Catholic Church has continued to play a major spiritual role in the world and has been a driving force for the betterment of the lives of many under-privileged people.

Pope Paul himself strove tirelessly for world peace and for higher ideals in the conduct of world affairs. He took up office late in life but this did not stop him from travelling widely in the service of the Church. Australians remember with particular pleasure his visit here in 1970.

I was greatly privileged to call on Pope Paul in May last year.

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