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His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI  
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Your Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations and sincere best wishes on having been elected to lead the Roman Catholic Church. I also extend these wishes of blessing on behalf of all New Apostolic Christians.

After the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, expectations on you will be especially high, not only from the ranks of Catholics around the globe, but also in the realm of society and politics. Hunger and poverty, injustice and war, illness and mental suffering remain widespread. Increasing secularisation, changing ethical values, excessive materialism, etc. present a great challenge. Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, God continually offers all mankind His help. Those who grasp His love and grace will receive comfort, confidence, and new courage, and will remain firm in faith.

I wish you God's help in your high task, as well as the strength to pursue your path undaunted for the benefit of the Church and its faithful. We New Apostolic Christians will include you in our prayers.

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