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The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications shares the following statement from Bishop David J. Walkowiak in response to Pope Francis' meeting with President Joe Biden at the Vatican:

"President Biden is meeting with Pope Francis today while he is in Rome to attend the annual G-20 summit, a gathering of leaders from the world's most powerful nations. As a religious leader who is also a head of state, the Holy Father routinely meets with world leaders, a practice that has been part of a pope's job for many years.

Both men agree on many areas of Church teaching that touch upon today's important issues. I hope that the Holy Father will be able to speak to President Biden as a pastor of souls who is interested in the President's spiritual welfare in addition to his positions on the important challenges facing our world today."

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