

## Heartfelt thanks to Benedict XVI

Message sent by Maria Voce on behalf of the Focolare Movement

On hearing the news that Pope Benedict XVI has decided to resign from his petrine ministry, Maria Voce, president of the Focolare Movement, deeply moved, sent a message of affection and thanks to the Pontiff: *“The Focolare Movement is very close to you and would like to thank you heartily for the fatherly love constantly felt through your guidance and support”*.

Maria Voce added: *“We want to assure you of our vicinity through deep and constant prayers for this new phase of your life and the life of the Church, while we firmly believe in God’s love as we are particularly called to do in this Year of Faith”*.

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