

**STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP. REGARDING  
THE DEATH OF THOMAS MONSON,  
PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

“Catholics in Philadelphia enjoy a warm working friendship with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on issues of mutual concern and importance to the whole nation.

I was deeply saddened today to learn of the death of LDS President Thomas Monson. In his efforts to build up the good in our society, he was a leader of exceptional character and ability. On behalf of the Catholic Church in Philadelphia, I offer my deepest condolences to the Monson family and the wider LDS community, and may God grant President Monson eternal life and peace.”

*+Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia*