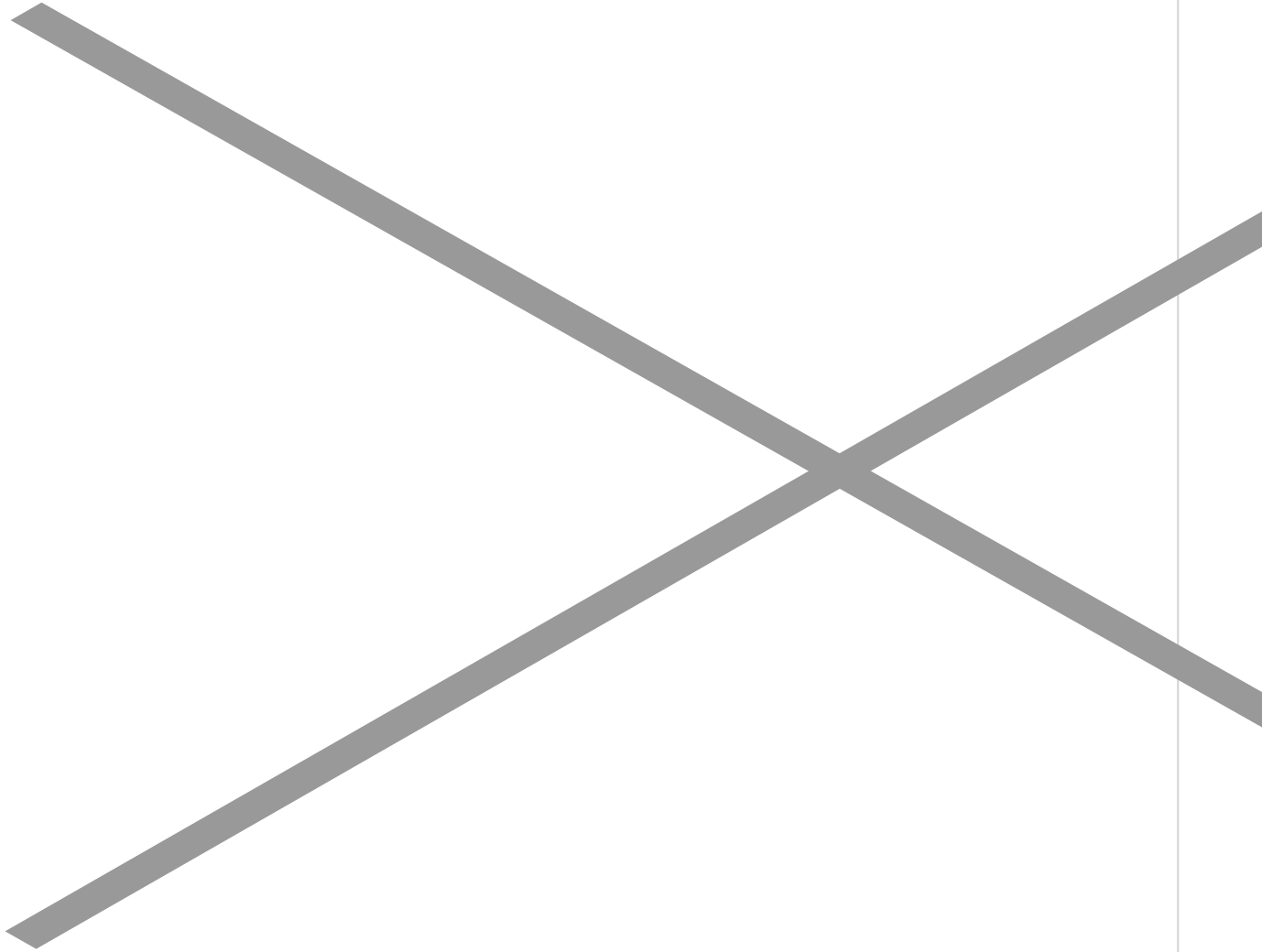


Pope Francis returns to the Vatican after being discharged from hospital

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Havana, April 1 (RHC) Pope Francis returned to the Vatican this Saturday after being discharged from the Gemelli Polyclinic in Rome, where he had been hospitalized since last Wednesday due to bronchitis.

According to a report from the Holy See's press office, before leaving the hospital, the Supreme Pontiff said goodbye to its director general, Marco Elefanti, as well as the team of doctors and assistants who treated him.

He also greeted the rector of the Catholic University, Franco Anelli and the general ecclesiastical assistant of the Catholic University, Monsignor Claudio Giuliodori, together with his closest collaborators.

The Pope expressed his gratitude to the health personnel for "their self-sacrifice and their spirit of service", and dedicated "a thought to all those who help to alleviate physical anguish".

"We await your presence in St. Peter's Square for the celebration of Palm Sunday," indicates the Vatican statement, which clarifies that although he will preside over the mass on April 2, in St. Peter's Basilica, it will be at charge of Cardinal Leonardo Sandri.

They are also expected to attend other activities planned during Holy Week, including the mass on Easter Sunday, April 9, which will be officiated by Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, the source said. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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