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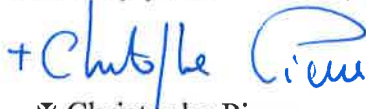
I forward you the following message for the victims and those affected by the mass shootings in Monterey Park, transmitted by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis.

THE MOST REVEREND JOSÉ H. GOMEZ
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS SADDENED TO BE INFORMED OF THE SHOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE IN MONTEREY PARK. ASSURING THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS, HIS HOLINESS JOINS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN COMMENDING THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO DIED TO ALMIGHTY GOD'S LOVING MERCY AND HE IMPLORES THE DIVINE GIFTS OF HEALING AND CONSOLATION UPON THE INJURED AND BEREAVED. AS A PLEDGE OF STRENGTH AND PEACE IN THE LORD, THE HOLY FATHER SENDS HIS BLESSING.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Offering my personal prayers and heartfelt condolences, with warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio