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Your Excellency:

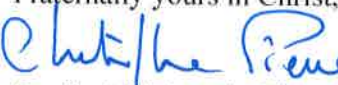
I forward the following message, signed by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, conveying heartfelt prayers and profound spiritual closeness to all those affected by the devastating fires in Los Angeles County.

THE MOST REVEREND JOSÉ H. GÓMEZ
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE FIRES NEAR LOS ANGELES, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ASSURES YOU AND THE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS. ENTRUSTING THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED TO THE LOVING MERCY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, HIS HOLINESS SENDS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR LOSS. HE LIKewise PRAYS FOR THE RELIEF EFFORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, AND IMPARTS HIS BLESSING TO ALL AS A PLEDGE OF CONSOLATION AND STRENGTH IN THE LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Joining the Holy Father's sentiments of solidarity with you and the faithful of Los Angeles in this moment of sorrow, I likewise offer our heartfelt prayers, with warmest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Cardinal Christophe Pierre
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