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Most Reverend
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Your Excellency:

I forward you the following message of condolences for the victims caused by the tornadoes that have hit Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois last Friday, transmitted by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of the His Holiness Pope Francis.

THE MOST REVEREND JOSÉ H. GOMEZ
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
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THE HOLY FATHER WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THE TORNADOES THAT STRUCK THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN UNITED STATES IN THESE DAYS. HE OFFERS HEARTFELT PRAYERS THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL GRANT ETERNAL PEACE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, COMFORT TO THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR LOSS, AND STRENGTH TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS IMMENSE TRAGEDY. WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE RESCUE WORKERS AND ALL ENGAGED IN CARING FOR THE INJURED, THE GRIEVING FAMILIES AND THOSE LEFT HOMELESS, POPE FRANCIS INVOKES UPON ALL ENGAGED IN THE MASSIVE WORK OF RELIEF AND REBUILDING THE LORD'S GIFTS OF STRENGTH AND GENEROUS PERSEVERANCE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Christophe PIERRE
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