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Your Excellency,

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to transmit to Your Excellency the following message:

*The Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco*

*His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Robert F. Christian, and he extends his condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Commending his soul to the merciful love of our Heavenly Father, His Holiness joins you in giving thanks for Bishop Christian's dedicated service to the Lord, and for his generous episcopal ministry. To all gathered for the Mass of Christian Burial, especially his family and religious confreres, in the sure Hope of the Resurrection, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*

With sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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