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Most Reverend
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Your Excellency:

I am pleased to share with you the following message signed by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, at the passing of Most Reverend Michael J. Sheehan, Archbishop Emeritus of Santa Fe.

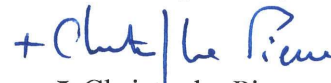
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN C. WESTER
ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE

SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS MICHAEL J. SHEEHAN, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS HIS PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES TO YOU, THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE. JOINING YOU IN GIVING THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR ARCHBISHOP SHEEHAN'S YEARS OF MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH IN SANTA FE, MARKED BY HIS ZEAL FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL, PROFOUND CONCERN FOR JUSTICE TOWARDS THE POOR AND VULNERABLE AND COMMITMENT TO ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, HIS HOLINESS COMMENDS THE LATE ARCHBISHOP'S SOUL TO THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD. TO THOSE GATHERED FOR THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL AND TO ALL WHO MOURN ARCHBISHOP SHEEHAN'S LOSS IN THE SURE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION, THE HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS HIS BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF PEACE AND CONSOLATION IN THE LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Offering my personal prayers for the late Archbishop and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, with kind regards, I remain

Yours respectfully,

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✠ Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio