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Your Excellency

In the temporary absence of His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, I write, having been asked by the Secretariat of State, to transmit the following message expressing the condolences of the Holy Father upon hearing of the shooting in Thousand Oaks, California:

*The Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles*

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic shooting that took place in Thousand Oaks, California, and he asks you to assure all those affected by this attack of his spiritual closeness. He prays that Almighty God may grant eternal rest to the dead and healing and consolation to the wounded and those who grieve. Upon all who suffer from this act of violence, the Holy Father invokes the Lord's blessings of peace and strength.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State*

Assuring you of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Walter Erbi
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