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The Holy Father's condolences for the victims of the devastating hurricane in the United States of America

The following is the telegram of condolences for the victims of the devastating hurricane *Harvey* that has affected the United States of America in recent days, sent by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, on behalf of the Holy Father, to the archbishop of Galveston-Houston, His Eminence Cardinal Daniel DiNardo:

Telegram

His Holiness Pope Francis asks you kindly to convey the assurance of his spiritual closeness and pastoral concern to all those affected by the violent hurricane that swept through the states of Texas and Louisiana in these days. Deeply moved by the tragic loss of life and the immense material devastation that this natural catastrophe has left in its wake, he prays for the victims and their families, and for all those engaged in the vital work of relief, recovery and rebuilding. He likewise trusts that the immense and immediate needs of so many individuals and communities will continue to inspire a vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation. With these sentiments, and with the renewed promise of his prayers, the Holy Father sends his blessing as a pledge of consolation, strength and peace in the Lord.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State