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Appresa la notizia del decesso dell'Arcivescovo emerito di Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.), Em.mo Card. James Aloysius Hickey, avvenuto ieri, 24 ottobre, il Santo Padre Giovanni Paolo II ha fatto pervenire all'Em.mo Card. Theodore Edgar McCarrick, Arcivescovo di Washington D.C., il telegramma di cordoglio che riportiamo di seguito:

● **TELEGRAMMA DEL SANTO PADRE**

TO MY VENERABLE BROTHER  
CARDINAL THEODORE MCCARRICK  
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF CARDINAL JAMES ALOYSIUS HICKEY, I OFFER HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO ALL THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON. RECALLING WITH GRATITUDE CARDINAL HICKEY'S UNFAILING COMMITMENT TO THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL, THE TEACHING OF THE FAITH AND THE FORMATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS, I JOIN YOU IN PRAYING THAT GOD OUR MERCIFUL FATHER WILL GRANT HIM THE REWARD OF HIS LABORS AND WELCOME HIS NOBLE SOUL INTO THE JOY AND PEACE OF HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM. TO ALL ASSEMBLED FOR THE SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL I CORDIALLY IMPART MY APOSTOLIC BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF CONSOLATION AND STRENGTH IN THE LORD.

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