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*Your Excellency,*

At the request of the Secretariat of State I have the duty to transmit the following message to you:

THE MOST REVERED MARK O'TOOLE  
BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH

SADDENED TO LEARN OF LAST THURSDAY'S SHOOTING IN PLYMOUTH, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ASKS YOU KINDLY TO CONVEY TO THOSE AFFECTED THE ASSURANCE OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS. HE JOINS YOU IN COMMENDING THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO DIED TO ALMIGHTY GOD'S LOVING MERCY AND HE IMPLORES THE DIVINE GIFTS OF HEALING AND CONSOLATION UPON THE INJURED AND BEREAVED. WITH PRAYERS THAT CHRIST THE REDEEMER WILL GRANT TO ALL THE STRENGTH TO RENOUNCE VIOLENCE AND TO OVERCOME EVERY EVIL WITH GOOD (CF. ROM. 12:21), HIS HOLINESS CORDIALLY IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I avail of this opportunity to assure you of my very best wishes and warm personal regards, while remaining

*Yours in Christ  
& Blessed Plymouth  
A. P. N.*

Rt. Rev Mark O'Toole  
Bishop of Plymouth  
PLYMOUTH