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Telegram of condolences for the events in Munich

Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin has sent a telegram of condolences on behalf of the Holy Father to Cardinal Reinhard Marx, archbishop of München und Freising, Germany, following the shootings in a shopping centre in Munich in which nine people were killed and 35 injured.

"Pope Francis has received with sorrow the news of the violent event which occurred in Munich, in which several people, mostly young, were killed and many others were seriously injured. His Holiness participates in the pain of the survivors and expresses to them his closeness in their suffering. He entrusts his prayers for the deceased to God's mercy. He expresses his profound participation with all those affected by this attack, and thanks the rescue and emergency services for their careful and generous efforts. Pope Francis prays that Christ, Lord of Light, may give comfort and consolation to all, and imparts to them an Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of hope".