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Telegram of condolences of the Holy Father for the death of His Eminence Cardinal Darío Castrillón Hoyos

The following is the telegram of condolences for the death last night of His Eminence Cardinal Darío Castrillón Hoyos, of the Title of the *Santissimo Nome di Maria al Foro Traiano*, prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Clergy, sent by the Holy Father Francis to His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals:

Telegram of the Holy Father

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL ANGELO SODANO DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS VATICAN CITY

I HAVE LEARNED OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE DEAR CARDINAL DARÍO CASTRILLÓN HOYOS, AND I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, THE RELATIVES AND ADMIRERS OF THE DECEASED CARDINAL, RECALLING WITH A GRATEFUL HEART HIS GENEROUS SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOLY SEE IN A PARTICULAR WAY AS PREFECT OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE CLERGY AND PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION ECCLESIA DEI. I RAISE FERVENT PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL, THAT THE LORD, BY THE INTERCESSION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, MAY WELCOME HIM IN ETERNAL JOY AND PEACE, AND I SEND THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING TO THOSE WHO JOIN IN MOURNING FOR THE DEPARTURE OF SUCH A WORTHY SERVANT OF THE GOSPEL.

FRANCISCUS P.P.