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Pubblichiamo di seguito il testo del telegramma che il Santo Padre ha inviato, tramite il Segretario di Stato, Card. Angelo Sodano, al Presidente della Conferenza Episcopale Regionale Cinese, il Card. Paul Shan Kuo-hsi, in segno di cordoglio per le vittime del tifone "Toraji" che ha investito l'isola di Taiwan:

CARDINAL PAUL SHAN KUO-HSI
BISHOP OF KAOHSIUNG
PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE REGIONAL BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURY IN TAIWAN CAUSED BY TYPHOON TORAJI, THE HOLY FATHER IS CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND AND ASKS YOU TO CONVEY HIS SYMPATHY TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER. HIS HOLINESS COMMENDS THOSE WHO DIED TO ALMIGHTY GOD AND UPON THE INJURED AND HOMELESS HE INVOKES ABUNDANT DIVINE GIFTS OF COMFORT, COURAGE AND STRENGTH. HE PRAYS THAT THE LORD WILL SUSTAIN THE EFFORTS OF ALL ENGAGED IN COMFORTING BEREAVED FAMILIES AND MEETING THE URGENT NEEDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED LOSS OF FAMILY OR PROPERTY. I EXPRESS MY PERSONAL SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME.

CARDINAL ANGELO SODANO
SECRETARY OF STATE

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