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Message from His Holiness Pope Francis
to the People of Lac-Mégantic

Upon learning of the tragic train derailment at Lac-Mégantic, with its many victims of whom a large number is still unaccounted for, His Holiness Pope Francis unites himself through prayer in the anguish of the grieving families, and he entrusts the victims to the mercy of God, asking Him to welcome them into His light. He expresses his deep sympathy to the injured persons and their families, to the emergency workers, and to all the people around them, asking the Lord to support and comfort them in their hardship. As a token of consolation, the Holy Father sends a special apostolic blessing to all persons touched by this tragedy.

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