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Your Excellency,

My brother Bishops and I are profoundly saddened following the recent tragedy and loss of lives at Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption Basilica in the City of Nice. We extend to you, the families of the victims, and all the faithful of your diocese, our deepest sympathies and prayers as the community of faith seeks ways in which to find solace and comfort for its grief.

That such an act of violence occurred in a place of worship, a sacred space for all who enter within its walls to listen, receive and spread the Gospel teachings of love, peace and salvation, is not only incomprehensible, it is heartbreaking. We must continue to place our trust and faith in the power of Christ's love to show us how to build a world together in which there is no place for hatred, and in which terrorism and violence are never condoned.

As we will soon celebrate the Commemoration of all the faithful departed, we will call to mind the lives of the three victims of this horrible tragedy and offer our prayers to the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady, so that He may with loving arms welcome them, and all who have died, into His glorious Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

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