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Holy Father's Telegram of condolences for the death of His Eminence Cardinal Lubomyr Husar

The following is the telegram of condolences following the death yesterday of His Eminence Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, of the Ukrainian Studite Monks, of the title of Santa Sofia, major archbishop emeritus of Kyiv-Halyč, Ukraine, sent by the Holy Father to His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, major archbishop of Kyiv-Halyč:

Telegram of the Holy Father

HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYČ

I HAVE LEARNED OF THE DEPARTURE OF CARDINAL LOBOMYR HUSAR, MAJOR ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF KYIV-HALYČ, AND I RAISE FERVENT PRAYERS TO GOD THAT HE MAY GRANT ETERNAL REPOSE TO THIS ZEALOUS PASTOR. I UNITE SPIRITUALLY WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THIS DIOCESAN COMMUNITY WHERE HE EXERCISED HIS PASTORAL MINISTRY, ENDEAVOURING WITH CARE TO SERVE THE REBIRTH OF THE UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH. I REMEMBER HIS TENACIOUS FAITHFULNESS TO CHRIST, DESPITE THE HARDSHIPS AND PERSECUTIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH, AS WELL AS HIS FRUITFUL APOSTOLIC ACTIVITY TO PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION OF GREEK CATHOLIC FAITHFUL, DESCENDANTS OF FAMILIES FORCED TO LEAVE WESTERN UKRAINE, AND HIS EFFORTS TO FIND NEW WAYS FOR DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION WITH THE ORTHODOX CHURCHES. IN EXPRESSING MY CONDOLENCES TO THE RELATIVES OF THE DEPARTED CARDINAL, TO THE CLERGY AND TO THOSE WHO WERE AIDED BY HIS EPISCOPAL MINISTRY, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY IMPART A CONSOLING APOSTOLIC BLESSING, AS A SIGN OF FAITH AND CHRISTIAN HOPE IN THE RISEN LORD.

FRANCISCUS PP.