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The Holy Father's condolences for the victims of the earthquake in Papua New Guinea

The following is the telegram of condolences for the victims of the earthquake that struck the high plateau region of Papua New Guinea last week, sent on behalf of the Holy Father Francis by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin:

Telegram

It was with great sadness that His Holiness Pope Francis learned of the tragic loss of life following the recent earthquake in Papua New Guinea. Commending the souls of the deceased to the mercy of Almighty God, he sends his heartfelt condolences to their families, and he assures all those affected by this disaster of his closeness in prayer. Upon all those who mourn at this difficult time, and upon the emergency personnel involved in the important relief efforts, Pope Francis willingly invokes the divine blessings of strength and consolation.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State