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Telegram from the Holy Father, signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, for the funeral of Indi Gregory

The following is the telegram of condolence for the funeral taking place today in Nottingham Cathedral, Great Britain, of little Indi Gregory, sent on behalf of the Holy Father Francis by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, to Bishop Patrick Joseph McKinney of Nottingham:

<u>Telegram</u>

THE RIGHT REVEREND PATRICK MCKINNEY BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF LITTLE INDI GREGORY, AND HE SENDS CONDOLENCES AND THE ASSURANCE OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS TO HER PARENTS, DEAN AND CLAIRE, AND TO ALL WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THIS PRECIOUS CHILD OF GOD. ENTRUSTING INDI INTO THE TENDER AND LOVING HANDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, HIS HOLINESS JOINS THOSE GATHERED FOR HER FUNERAL IN THANKING ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HER ALL-TOO-SHORT LIFE. HE LIKEWISE PRAYS THAT THE LORD JESUS, WHO SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME... FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS" (*MT*19:14), WILL GRANT ABIDING COMFORT, STRENGTH AND PEACE TO YOU ALL.

> CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN SECRETARY OF STATE