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The Pope's condolences for the Berlin attack

Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin has sent a telegram on behalf of the Holy Father to the archbishop of Berlin, Heiner Koch, following the attack on a Christmas market in the centre of Berlin yesterday evening, which killed 12 people and injured 45 others.

"With deep sorrow the Holy Father learned of the terrible act of violence that occurred in Berlin, which caused a considerable number of casualties, and the death of many people. His Holiness expresses his participation in the mourning of the relatives, conveying his compassion and assuring them of his closeness in their suffering. In prayer he entrusts the departed to God's mercy and implores the healing of the wounded. The Holy Father also thanks the rescue and security services for their committed efforts. Pope Francis joins with all men of goodwill who are committed to ensuring that the murderous folly of terrorism no longer finds a place in our world. In this regard, His Holiness implores of God the merciful Father His consolation, protection and comforting blessing".
