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Telegram of condolences for the death of Cardinal Connell

Pope Francis has sent a telegram to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, Ireland, for the death yesterday of Cardinal Desmond Connell, emeritus of the same archdiocese, at the age of 90.

“I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Cardinal Desmond Connell, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese. Recalling with gratitude Cardinal Connell’s years of generous priestly and episcopal ministry to the Archdiocese of Dublin, and his many contributions to the Church in Ireland, especially in the area of philosophical studies, I join you in commending his soul to the merciful love of Almighty God. In the sure hope of the Resurrection, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing upon all who mourn the late Cardinal, as a pledge of consolation and peace in the Lord Jesus”.