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The Holy Father's telegram of condolences for the victims of the fire in a shopping centre in Kemerovo, Russia

The following is the telegram of condolences for the victims of a fire that broke out in the *Winter Cherry* shopping centre in the Siberian city of Kemerovo, Russia, sent by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin on behalf of the Holy Father:

Telegram

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the fire which struck the Winter Cherry complex in Kemerovo, and he offers heartfelt condolences to all those affected by this tragedy. Entrusting the deceased, especially the many children who lost their lives, to the merciful love of God Almighty, His Holiness offers the assurance of his prayers for all who mourn their loss. With the assurance of his spiritual closeness to the authorities and emergency personnel as they assist the injured and continue their search for the missing, Pope Francis invokes upon all the divine blessings of peace and consolation.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State