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Telegram of condolences for the death of His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Soter Fernandez

The following is the telegram of condolences for the death yesterday of His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Soter Fernandez, archbishop emeritus of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, of the title of Sant'Alberto Magno, sent by the Holy Father Francis to Archbishop Julian Leow Beng Kim of Kuala Lumpur:

Telegram of the Holy Father

The Most Reverend Julian Leow Beng Kim

Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur

Having learned with sadness of the death of Cardinal Anthony Soter Fernandez, I extend my heartfelt condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and laity of the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur. With gratitude for Cardinal Fernandez's faithful witness to the Gospel, his generous service to the Church in Malaysia and his longstanding commitment to the promotion of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue, I willingly join you in praying for his eternal rest. To all who mourn the late Cardinal's passing in the sure hope of the Resurrection I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and peace in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

FRANCIS PP.