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Telegram of the condolence on the death of His Eminence Cardinal Alexandre José Maria dos Santos, O.F.M.

The following is the telegram of condolence from the Holy Father to Archbishop Francisco Chimoio, O.F.M. Cap., of Maputo, Mozambique, on the death on Wednesday, 29 September 2021, of His Eminence Cardinal Alexandre José Maria dos Santos, O.F.M., archbishop emeritus of the same see of Maputo, of the Title of *San Frumenzio ai Prati Fiscali*:

Telegram of the Holy Father

HIS EXCELLENCY DOM FRANCISCO CHIMOIO O.F.M. Cap.

ARCHBISHOP OF MAPUTO

HAVING RECEIVED WITH SORROW THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF MY BROTHER, CARDINAL ALEXANDRE JOSÉ MARIA DOS SANTOS, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SOLIDARITY WITH THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND ALL THOSE, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MAPUTO, WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS PASTOR. I ENTRUST THIS INDEFATIGABLE SERVANT OF THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH TO THE LORD WHO GUIDED HIM THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AND ASK THAT HE BE WELCOMED IN THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, TO WHICH I INVITE THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXEQUIAL LITURGY FOR DON ALEXANDRE TO RAISE THEIR HEARTS. I JOIN IN SPIRIT IN GIVING THOSE PRESENT AND THOSE WHO MOURN HIS PASSING THE COMFORT OF THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

FRANCISCUS PP.