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Telegram of the Holy Father on the death of His Eminence Cardinal Cláudio Hummes, O.F.M.

The following is the telegram of condolence from the Holy Father to His Eminence Cardinal Odilo Pedro Scherer, archbishop of São Paulo, Brazil, on the death yesterday, Monday 4 July 2022, of His Eminence Cardinal Cláudio Hummes, O.F.M., archbishop emeritus of São Paulo, of the Title of Sant'Antonio da Padova in Via Merulana:

Telegram of the Holy Father

VENERABLE BROTHER

DOM ODILO PEDRO CARD. SCHERER
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF SÃO PAULO

HAVING RECEIVED WITH DEEP SORROW THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF THE EMINENT CARDINAL CLAUDIO HUMMES, O.F.M., YOUR PREDECESSOR IN THE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP OF THE DIOCESE OF SÃO PAULO, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF THE PRAYERS I RAISE TO THE ALMIGHTY FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF THIS DEAR BROTHER. MY PRAYERS ARE ALSO OF GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR THE LONG YEARS OF HIS DEDICATED AND ZEALOUS SERVICE, ALWAYS GUIDED BY GOSPEL VALUES, TO THE HOLY MOTHER CHURCH IN THE DIVERSE PASTORAL ROLES ENTRUSTED TO HIM BOTH IN BRAZIL AND IN THE ROMAN CURIA, AND FOR HIS COMMITMENT IN RECENT YEARS TO THE CHURCH IN AMAZONIA. I ALWAYS CARRY VIVIDLY IN MY MEMORY THE WORDS WHICH DOM CLAUDIO SAID TO ME ON 13 MARCH 2013, ASKING ME NOT TO FORGET THE POOR. AS A PLEDGE OF CONSOLATION AND HOPE IN ETERNAL LIFE, I SEND THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING TO YOUR EMINENCE AND ALL THOSE UNITED IN PRAYER FOR THE FUNERAL OF CARDINAL HUMMES.

FRANCISCUS PP.