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## Telegram of the Holy Father on the death of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

The following is the telegram of condolence sent by the Holy Father Francis to the Grand Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Hosseini Khamenei, Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the death of the President of the Islamic Republic, Ebrahim Raisi:

## **Telegram of the Holy Father**

GRAND AYATOLLAH SAYYED ALI HOSSEINI KHAMENEI SUPREME LEADER OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TEHRAN

I SEND CONDOLENCES UPON THE DEATHS OF PRESIDENT EBRAHIM RAISI, FOREIGN MINISTER HOSSEIN AMIR-ABDOLLAHIAN AND ALL WHO PERISHED IN YESTERDAY'S HELICOPTER CRASH. ENTRUSTING THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED TO THE MERCY OF THE ALMIGHTY, AND WITH PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR LOSS, ESPECIALLY THEIR FAMILIES, I SEND THE ASSURANCE OF SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS TO THE NATION AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

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