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## Telegram of the Holy Father on the death of His Eminence Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino

The following is the telegram of condolence on the death on Monday 28 October 2024 of His Eminence Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino, protodeacon of *San Francesco di Paola ai Monti*, president emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and president emeritus of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples, sent by the Holy Father Francis to the late Cardinal's brother, Marcello Martino:

## Telegram of the Holy Father

MR. MARCELLO MARTINO
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ON LEARNING OF THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER, CARDINAL RENATO RAFFAELE MARTINO, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU, TO ALL HIS FAMILY AND TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SALERNO-CAMPAGNA-ACERNO OF WHICH HE WAS A RESPECTED PRESBYTER. AS I REMEMBER THIS ZEALOUS PASTOR WHO SERVED THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH, I THINK WITH GRATITUDE OF HIS LONG AND DILIGENT COLLABORATION WITH MY PREDECESSORS AS APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO A NUMBER OF ASIAN COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, WHERE HE SPARED NO ENERGY TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE POPE'S PATERNAL CONCERN FOR THE FATE OF HUMANITY, AND FINALLY AS PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. IN THE VARIOUS ROLES ENTRUSTED TO HIM, HE WORKED WITH GREAT DYNAMISM FOR THE GOOD OF PEOPLES, CONSTANTLY PROMOTING DIALOGUE AND CONCORD. I ASK THE LORD TO WELCOME THIS FAITHFUL SERVANT OF HIS TO THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM AND FROM MY HEART I IMPART MY BLESSING TO THOSE WHO MOURN HIS DEPARTURE, WITH A GRATEFUL THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR HIM.