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Your Excellency,

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to forward to you the following message offering the condolences of the Holy Father upon hearing of the recent shooting in Parkland, Florida:

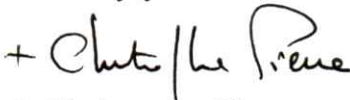
*The Most Reverend Thomas Gerard Wenski  
Archbishop of Miami*

*His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic shooting that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Assuring all those affected by this devastating attack of his spiritual closeness, he prays that Almighty God may grant eternal rest to the dead and healing and consolation to the wounded and those who grieve. With the hope that such senseless acts of violence may cease, Pope Francis invokes upon all of you the divine blessings of peace and strength.*

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*

Offering my own sympathy and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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