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Holy Father's telegram of condolences for the death of His Eminence Cardinal Ivan Dias

The following is the telegram of condolences for the death, yesterday afternoon, of Cardinal Ivan Dias, of the title of Spirito Santo alla Ferratella, archbishop emeritus of Bombay, sent by the Holy Father Francis to the brother of the deceased, Mr. Francis Dias.

Telegram of the Holy Father

To Mr Francis Dias

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of your dear brother, I offer heartfelt condolences to you and the Dias family. I recall with gratitude the late Cardinal's years of faithful service to the Apostolic See, especially his contribution to the spiritual and physical reconstruction of the suffering Church in Albania and the missionary zeal demonstrated in his work as Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. I likewise unite my prayers to those of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Bombay, where the pastoral concern and broad apostolic vision that marked his service as Archbishop are fondly remembered. In union of prayer with all who mourn his passing in the sure hope of the Resurrection, I commend the soul of this wise and gentle pastor to the merciful love of God our heavenly Father and cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and peace in the Lord.

FRANCISCUS PP.