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Dear Bishop Campbell,

Having learnt of the devastating effects caused in the North of England and in Cumbria in particular by Storm Desmond in these last days, I should like to convey to you and your people, along with the civic authorities and support services, the closeness of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and my personal sympathy at this difficult time.

I wish assure you of my prayers for those who have tragically lost their homes or been injured, as well as for their relatives and friends. May the Lord grant them comfort and strength in facing the future.

While kindly asking you to transmit these sentiments of the Holy Father and myself to all those affected by this tragedy, I remain

Yours sincerely in the Lord

Louis Mennini.

Archbishop Antonio Mennini Apostolic Nuncio

Rt Rev. Michael Campbell, O.S.A. Bishop of Lancaster LANCASTER