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Dear Bishop Swarbrick,

At the request of the Secretariat of State this is to convey to you a Message from H. E. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State to H. H. Pope Francis, on the occasion of the death of H. E. Monsignor Patrick O'Donoghue, Bishop Emeritus of Lancaster.

*The Right Reverend Paul Swarbrick
Bishop of Lancaster*

His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Emeritus Patrick O'Donoghue and sends heartfelt condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese. He joins you in giving thanks to God for Bishop O'Donoghue's years of priestly and episcopal ministry, and for his notable efforts to promote education and mission in service of the Gospel. Commending his soul to the merciful love of Christ the Good Shepherd, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all who mourn his passing in the sure hope of the resurrection.

**Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State**

May I also take this opportunity to offer you and the whole diocesan community my own sympathy and the assurance of my prayers at this time.

With my prayerful good wishes and warm personal regards, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti
Apostolic Nuncio

Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick
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