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Your Excellency,

It is with deep sorrow that I have received the sad news of the demise of His Excellency Archbishop Emeritus George H. Niederauer. On this sorrowful occasion, I would like to convey to you the following message from the Holy Father:

*The Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco*

*The Holy Father was saddened to learn of the death of Archbishop Emeritus George H. Niederauer and he asks you kindly to convey his heartfelt condolences to the clergy, religious and laity of the Church in San Francisco. In commending the late Archbishop's soul to the love and mercy of Christ the Good Shepherd, he joins in your prayer of thanksgiving for the many graces that accompanied his years of devoted episcopal ministry. To all who mourn Archbishop Niederauer in the sure hope of the Resurrection, His Holiness cordially imparts the Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and peace in the Lord.*

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*

With every best wish and assuring Your Excellency of my prayers, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

✠ Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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