



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
AUSTRALIA

Canberra, 19 March 2024

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Your Grace,

I have the duty to forward the enclosed message that I received this morning from the Secretariat of State.

The message is an expression of the Holy Father's condolences on the death of the late Archbishop Francis Carroll. To these, I add my own condolences, as well as those of Monsignor Alfred Rayan Dsouza, the Sisters and the staff of this Apostolic Nunciature.

With my heartfelt best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Charles D. Balvo*

Archbishop Charles D. Balvo
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(With enclosure)



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THE MOST REVEREND CHRISTOPHER C. PROWSE
ARCHBISHOP OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS FRANCIS CARROLL AND HE SENDS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO YOU, THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE. WITH GRATITUDE FOR HIS YEARS OF MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH IN CANBERRA AND GOULBURN, MARKED BY A SPIRIT OF HUMBLE PASTORAL SERVICE, DEDICATION TO THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND CONCERN FOR IMMIGRANTS, HIS HOLINESS JOINS YOU IN COMMENDING THE LATE ARCHBISHOP'S SOUL TO THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD. TO ALL PRESENT AT THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL AND WHO MOURN ARCHBISHOP CARROLL'S LOSS IN THE SURE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION, THE HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS HIS BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF PEACE AND CONSOLATION IN THE LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE