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Your Lordship,

The Secretariat of State, in the Vatican, has asked me to forward to you the following message of prayerful solidarity and condolence from His Holiness Pope Francis after the recent earthquake in the Southern Highlands:

Informed of the tragic loss of life and the destruction of property caused by the earthquake in Papua New Guinea, His Holiness Pope Francis expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this disaster. He prays especially for the eternal repose of the deceased and for the healing of those injured. The Holy Father offers encouragement to the civil authorities and emergency personnel as they assist the victims of this tragedy, and he willingly invokes upon all of them the divine blessings of consolation and strength.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State*

To the message of Pope Francis, I add my deepest solidarity and prayers for the victims and all the people affected by this calamity.

With my cordial regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop Kurian M. Vayalunkal
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