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Your Excellency,

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to transmit to you the following message, expressing the condolences of the Holy Father upon hearing of the death of the Most Reverend Joseph Cistone:

*The Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley  
Apostolic Administrator of Saginaw*

*The Holy Father was saddened to learn of the untimely death of Bishop Joseph Robert Cistone, and he sends heartfelt condolences to all the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Saginaw. In commending his soul to the merciful love of God our Father, His Holiness joins in your prayer of thanksgiving for Bishop Cistone's years of devoted pastoral service to the Church in Saginaw. To all present at the Mass of Christian Burial and who mourn the late Bishop's passing, Pope Francis cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and consolation in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*

With cordial regards and assuring you of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Christophe Pierre  
Apostolic Nuncio

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