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Most Reverend  
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Your Excellency:

I am pleased to forward you the following message of condolences for the victims of the tornado that hit your Diocese, transmitted by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of the His Holiness Pope Francis.

THE MOST REVEREND JEFFREY J. WALSH  
BISHOP OF GAYLORD

SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE TORNADO WHICH STRUCK THE GAYLORD COMMUNITY IN RECENT DAYS, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS EXPRESSES HEARTFELT SOLIDARITY WITH ALL AFFECTED BY THIS NATURAL DISASTER. HE ALSO OFFERS THE ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD, THE INJURED AND DISPLACED AND THOSE ENGAGED IN RELIEF EFFORTS. UPON ALL, THE HOLY FATHER INVOKES ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS OF STRENGTH AND PEACE.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Offering my personal prayers and heartfelt condolences and assuring you of my prayers for the faithful of your Diocese, with warm regards, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Christophe PIERRE  
*Apostolic Nuncio*