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Dear Father Morrissey,

His Holiness Pope Francis has learned of your illness, and he has asked me to assure you of his closeness in prayer.

His Holiness wishes me to thank you in a particular way for your competent and generous service to the Church and to the Holy See over many years. Despite the uncertainty of this time of pain and sickness, he prays that the graces of this Holy Season will fill you with strength from the Lord and thus lead you to an ever deeper trust in the providence of God our Father, who makes all things turn to the good of those who love him (cf. *Rom 8:28*).

Commending you to the loving care of Our Lady, *Salus Infirmorum*, the Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in the Risen Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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