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Your Excellency,

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to forward to you the following message expressing the condolences of the Holy Father upon learning of the recent shooting in Virginia Beach:

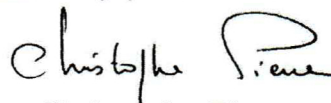
*The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond*

*Saddened by the news of the fatal shooting in Virginia Beach, His Holiness Pope Francis sends his condolences and the assurance of his prayers for the victims, their families, and all those affected by this tragedy.*

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*

To these sentiments, I also wish to add my condolences, assuring you and the People of God in the Diocese of Richmond of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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