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Message on the sad occasion of the passing away of Dr Paddy Kearney

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I share the sadness of the Archdiocese of Durban and indeed of all those who knew and loved Dr Paddy Kearney whose untimely death came as a great shock to us all. As the Papal representative in South Africa I had the honour of presenting to the Holy Father the request for the “Benemerenti” Medal award for Paddy motivated by his decades-long dedicated service to the Church in South Africa and in particular within the Archdiocese of Durban. The award which was conferred on him reflected his untiring commitment to the cause of peace and justice inspired by his Catholic faith which saw him reaching out in a spirit of true dialogue to fellow Christians, those of other faith communities and to all men and women of good will. Paddy will be sorely missed by all, but his legacy remains both in his witness which will always stand out as a model of Christian social commitment as well as in the Denis Hurley Centre which was so dear to his heart. For all the good that he has done in this life may God our loving Father grant him the gift of eternal happiness. For all those who mourn his loss I offer prayers of consolation and peace.

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