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To Mr. Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus:

Having learned with sadness about the recent death of Paul M. McGlinchey, a long-time Member and employee of the Knights of Columbus, I wish to convey to you, to all the Knights, and especially to his wife Lina, her children, and the entire McGlinchey Family the warm greetings, paternal affection and spiritual closeness of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

As you well know, the Knights of Columbus hold a special place in the heart of the Holy Father, who, on numerous occasions, has publicly recognized their unswerving loyalty to the Vicar of Christ and the evangelizing mission of the Church, their undeterred commitment to the Gospel of Life, and their untiring generosity to the community at large. What a blessing it is, therefore, for his Family, friends and brother Knights to be able to discern in the dedicated life of Paul McGlinchey the epitome of a Knight of Columbus and a true Catholic gentleman!

Fervently praying that God the Father of mercies will grant the fullness of eternal life and joy to the precious soul of Paul McGlinchey and grace-filled consolation to all those who mourn his passing, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI cordially imparts to his Family and to all who stand in solidarity with them the Apostolic Blessing, as a pledge of peace in Christ Jesus our Hope.

Offering my own expression of prayerful sympathy, I remain, with sentiments of esteem and respect,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Pietro Sambi
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