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Statement by Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica Regarding the Notre Dame Cathedral Fire

“Today we share our grief and prayers with those who worship at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, the millions who have visited and experienced this sacred place, and the people of Paris who have lost a sacred landmark. Holy Week is a time when we celebrate the Paschal mystery – the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. In solidarity with our friends at Notre Dame in Paris, and seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for all those affected by the tragedy, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will toll its bells 50 times (representing the 50 Hail Marys of Our Lady's Rosary) at 6 p.m. this evening local time/midnight Paris time to mourn this tragedy, and to mark the beginning of a new day of hope and resurrection for Notre Dame Cathedral.”

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