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His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of Eastern America and New York
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Your Eminence, dearest Vladyka Nicholas!

The clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest join me in offering sincere and heartfelt condolences on the sudden repose of His Eminence, Archbishop Peter. He was well known and loved throughout our Diocese, and long recognized as someone always ready to promote the unity and well-being of the Holy Orthodox Church. Moreover, he was a dear friend and support to me, to my ever-memorable predecessors, and indeed to many of the clergy and the faithful of our Diocese.

While we will all miss his physical presence among us, the remembrance of his wisdom and his understanding of the nuances of church life will benefit us for many years to come.

I join Your Eminence in prayer, asking our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, to welcome the soul of His faithful servant into the mansions of the just. May our dear brother and concelebrant be granted rest with the Saints: **Вечная память! Царство небесное!**

With fraternal love in Christ,

DANIEL
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest
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