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To:

**His Beatitude,
The Most Blessed
TIKHON,
Archbishop of Washington D.C.,
Metropolitan of America and Canada,
The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America.**

**Your Beatitude,
Most Blessed Vladyka!
Fellow Archpastors!**

The news of the repose of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman brought deep sadness into our hearts. On behalf of His Eminence Mark, Metropolitan of Berlin and Germany, the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and on my own behalf, I express my deepest condolences to Your Beatitude, the Holy Synod, clergy and flock of the Orthodox Church in America.

We have all heard the belief that when a priest departs to the Lord, a joyful and warm meeting takes place with his numerous spiritual children, whom he baptized, married, instructed, confessed, communed, and in this case, ordained, not to mention the bright and personal meeting with Christ Himself. May this great meeting with the Risen Lord and His Triumphant Church become the comforting beginning of eternal rest with the saints for His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman!

Yours in Christ,

**Archbishop of San Francisco and Western America,
Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia**