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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests and Parishes in the Diocese, Spirit FM, Calvary Catholic Cemetery,
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FROM: Deacon Rick Wells, J.C.L., Chancellor *RW*

RE: Death of Reverend Jean-Pierre Mulinbi
Cousin of Reverend Emery Longanga

DATE: October 30, 2017

Today, we learned of the tragic and sudden death of **Reverend Jean-Pierre Mulinbi**, cousin of Reverend Emery Longanga, Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, St. Petersburg, on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Father Mulinbi was a priest of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, serving as a university chaplain.

He was targeted by assailants after speaking out against the Congolese government during a time when many priests, doctors and citizens have been either kidnapped for ransom or killed.

Father Longanga came to the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 2009 as a summer supply priest while completing his doctoral studies at Notre Dame University. He is a priest of the Diocese of Tshumbe, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Although a Funeral Mass will take place for his cousin at a later date, Father Longanga stated that it is too unsafe for him to attend.

Please keep Father Longanga, his family members and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of political unrest.

Expressions of sympathy may be addressed to Rev. Emery Longanga, c/o Holy Cross Catholic Church, 7851 54th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God – Wisdom 3:1