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Dear Stanislaw Izyk - Dekowska & Alina Ciechanowska,

We have been reached by the very sad news we never wanted to receive: our great friend Rafal has left us. Personally, I was bound to him by a beautiful friendship, built up over the years he spent here in Mongolia with Gosha and their children. When Justyna informed me of his critical health condition, I had written him a message at the beginning of December and a few minutes later - to my amazement - I heard the phone ring: it was him, from the hospital, who wanted to thank me and ask for prayers. Though in great pain, even with his breath interrupted by spasms, he kept repeating: 'Amen, alleluia!'. I barely held back the tears of emotion, which then flowed down copiously. Rafal has been for everyone a good friend and an inspiring example of a man of faith, with a profound missionary spirit.

On behalf of the entire Apostolic Prefecture, I would like to express our deepest condolences to you and your Association. Our thoughts and prayers go especially to Gosha and the children. We are united in the hope of the Resurrection. May the Lord of life and healing pour out on you all the Spirit of true consolation.

United in prayer,

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