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Dear Reverend Arens,

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV was saddened to be informed of the fire that significantly damaged Saint Andrew's parish church, and he sends the assurance of his spiritual solidarity to all those affected.

With hope that services can return to the church as soon as possible, His Holiness prays that the response to this disastrous event will strengthen the community and bring about a renewal in the life of the parish.

With these sentiments, the Holy Father invokes upon you and your parishioners Almighty God's blessings of strength, peace and consolation.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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