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SUMMARY

1. THE POPE SPEAKS, AT UNUSUAL LENGTH, ABOUT HIS HOPES FOR THE "PEACE" TALKS.

DETAIL

- 2. THE POPE REFERRED AT UNUSUAL LENGTH AFTER HIS WEEKLY ANGELUS MESSAGE ON SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER (TEXT AVAILABLE ONLY TODAY) TO "THE IMPORTANT PEACE TALKS IN NORTHERN IRELAND THAT WILL RESUME THIS WEEK" SAYING
- " BOTH COMMUNITIES WISH FOR THE END OF VIOLENCE. THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT PEACE AND RECONCILIATION ARE POSSIBLE IF EVERYONE HAS THE COURAGE TO EMBRACE THE PATH OF DIALOGUE, MUTUAL COMPREHENSION, RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, AND ABOVE ALL, FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. MAY THE LORD ENLIGHTEN AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY OR WHO CAN INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION SO THAT THE TRUE GOOD OF THE BELOVED POPULATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND WILL BE PURSUED AND SO THAT IN THIS WAY A CONTRIBUTION MAY BE MADE TO A TRUE AND JUST PEACE."

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