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# **The Pope's condition worsens**

Vatican press spokesman: "The general conditions and cardio-respiratory conditions of the Holy Father have further worsened."

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A gradual worsening of arterial hypotension has been noted, and breathing has become shallow.

The clinical picture indicates cardio-circulatory and renal insufficiency.

The biological parameters are notably compromised.

The Holy Father - with visible participation - is joining the continual prayers of those assisting him.

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