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The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton
President, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
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Your Excellency:

Habemus Papam!

It is with great pleasure that we write today to celebrate with you the naming of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio as Pope Francis I.

It is our hope that Pope Francis will lead the Church with wisdom, and with the guidance of the God who is above us all. We hope, also, that His Holiness will continue the important interfaith work of his predecessors in reaching out not only to the Church's "older brothers in faith" but to all who have been formed in the image of the Creator.

Shalom

David Koschitzky
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cc:

Msgr. Patrick Powers, General Secretary, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops