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Your Eminence,

Your brother Bishops and the Catholic faithful across our country join you and your Archdiocese in praying for those killed or injured in the violent incident earlier this week, and are united with you and the citizens of Toronto in the concern and effort to bring comfort and care.

Tragic events of this nature not only tear apart the lives of those directly affected, but in their impact traumatize neighbourhoods, communities, and society at large. The steadfast response of first responders, police and health care practitioners, together with the outpouring of public sympathy and compassion, are important witnesses of the solidarity which is always so essential to human lives, individually and as a community.

We pray that the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing life offered by the Holy Spirit will bring to all the consolation of the Father of mercy who has promised to wipe every tear from our eyes.

Fraternally yours in Our Lord,

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