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Your Grace,

On behalf of the Secretariat of State, I hasten to forward to you the enclosed Statement of the Director of the Press Office issued yesterday, August 7, 2014, concerning the heartfelt appeal of His Holiness Pope Francis about the dramatic situation of the Peoples in the North of Iraq, in particular the plight of the Christian Communities in that Region.

His Holiness invites the whole Church and all the faithful to raise up with one voice a ceaseless prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to send the gift of peace. Pope Francis, during the Angelus prayer on July 20 last, repeated: *"May the God of peace create in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence is not conquered with violence. Violence is conquered with peace! Let us pray in silence, asking for peace; everyone, in silence.... Mary Queen of peace, pray for us!"*.

In the absence of the Apostolic Nuncio, I will be very grateful if you could kindly transmit this urgent message to all the Bishops of Canada, inviting them and their local Churches to unite with the Holy Father in steadfast prayer to invoke the gift of peace from the Holy Spirit.

Thanking you for your appreciated collaboration, with my best and cordial regards, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,


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