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His Holiness Pope Leo XIV  
Apostolic Palace  
00120 Vatican City State

Your Holiness,

On the joyful occasion of the first anniversary of your pontificate, I extend to you, as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and on behalf of the Catholic faithful throughout Canada, our heartfelt congratulations and filial affection.

From your first greeting of “Peace be with you all,” you have invited the Church and the world to receive anew the peace of the Risen Christ and to walk together in hope. In this first year of your Petrine Ministry, we have been grateful for your steady witness to unity and communion, as well as your service as Bishop of Rome. We have also been encouraged by the guidance you have offered the Church during the Jubilee Year, your proclamation of new saints for our time, and your Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*, calling all disciples to recognize Christ in the poor and vulnerable.

We thank you sincerely for your generous service to the Universal Church and for the pastoral leadership with which you continue to strengthen the People of God. Your words and example encourage the Church in Canada to remain faithful to the Gospel, attentive to those on the margins, and committed to peace, reconciliation, and mission.

Please be assured of our prayers for you, Holy Father. We ask the Lord to bless you with good health, fruitful ministry, wisdom, courage, and consolation in the many responsibilities entrusted to you as Successor of Peter.

With sentiments of profound respect and communion, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault  
Bishop of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière  
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops