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His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City State

Most Holy Father,

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic faithful of Canada, I offer Your Holiness the assurance of our heartfelt prayers following your surgery. With filial affection, we ask the Lord to grant you a full recovery and to sustain you with his peace throughout your convalescence.

Your message for this year's World Day of the Sick called us to draw near to those who suffer with compassion and attentive care. In that same spirit, the Church in Canada accompanies you in prayer, united with you in the communion of faith and in gratitude for your ministry as Successor of Peter.

Together with the faithful throughout Canada, we entrust you to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, and to the protection of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of Canada. May the Lord grant you renewed strength and bless the physicians, nurses and all those entrusted with your care.

Most Holy Father, please accept this assurance of the prayers and spiritual closeness of the Church in Canada. With profound respect and filial devotion, we ask your Apostolic Blessing.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop-elect of Trois-Rivières
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops