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His Grace Bishop Mina  
Bishop of Mississauga, Vancouver, and Western Canada  
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Your Grace:

Like so many others in the world, I have viewed with horror and deep grief the images of the brutal execution of 21 young Coptic Christian men at the hands of members of the Islamic State. Their senseless killing is another painful reminder of the persecution faithful Copts continue to suffer. The Apostle Paul reminds us that when one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it (1 Cor. 12:26). The members of the Anglican Church of Canada share in the suffering of our Coptic brothers and sisters.

Please be assured of my prayers for the repose of the souls of these young men, and for the friends and families devastated by their loss. As we in the western church enter the season of Lent, we remember our Lord's call to repentance, and pray that those who have perpetrated these unspeakable acts might repent of violence and seek instead the justice and peace which is God's will.

May our Lord strengthen you, Your Grace, as you minister to your people during this time of trial.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz  
Archbishop and Primate

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