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Message from the President of the Assembly of Québec Catholic Bishops

Floods in Québec

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Québec,

Currently together in Rome for the *ad limina* apostolorum¹ visit, we, the bishops of Québec, are closely following the news about the flooding in many parts of Québec. We are particularly sensitive to the situation of those who have had to leave their homes, without knowing what tomorrow will bring. We are thinking about the farmers who are worrying about the impact the heavy rains will have on their lands.

We thank all those involved in assistance and relief operations as well as in law enforcement and safety, the medical personnel and all the volunteers who are on high alert and are addressing the various needs of the population. We commend the municipal, provincial and federal authorities on their collaboration in providing a reassuring presence.

We join in prayer with the communities so that the people in this precarious situation may find inner peace and so that this trying time may be a moment of solidarity. Counting on God's Providence, which is manifested in us and through us, we invoke his care and concern to guide us on the way of generous assistance.

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¹ This visit includes the pilgrimage to the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul in an expression of ecclesial communion and the meeting with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, as the Successor of Peter. It also includes exchanges on the state of the Church in the diocese under his responsibility in the various areas of pastoral life.