



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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To our dear friends in the Iranian communities of Edmonton:

I am writing to offer my most profound condolences and prayers, and those of the entire Catholic community of our Archdiocese, who join me in expressing deep, deep sadness for the tragic loss of life that has taken place in the plane crash near Tehran.

The mind can scarcely grasp, and the heart cannot fathom, the pain that has befallen your communities and especially the families impacted by this terrible event.

We join with you, with our fellow Edmontonians, and with all people of good will, in mourning the loss of these beloved members of your communities; and we offer our prayers for the repose of their souls and strength for their surviving family members in the days ahead.

In sincerest friendship and solidarity,

Archbishop Smith