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Reverend Armia Aziz Gerges
Reverend Bisenty Abdel-Messih Gerges
Saint George Coptic Orthodox Church in Vancouver
13905 108 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3T 2L1

Dear Father Armia and Father Bisenty:

On behalf of the clergy, religious and the lay faithful of the Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, I offer you and the Coptic community my condolences following the heartless massacre of the Egyptian Copts in Lybia at the hands of Islamic fundamentalists. We are united in profound sorrow with our brothers and sisters of the Orthodox Coptic Church, and we wish to assure you our prayers for the victims and for the families of those affected by this barbaric tragedy.

Together let us pray that God will grant them the reward of eternal life in his Kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

With my sympathy and the assurance of my prayers for the Coptic community, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB
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