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BISHOP *of* CALGARY

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Dear Fr. Trini Pinca, the Parish Staff, and Parishioners of Saint Jean Baptiste Parish,

On behalf of the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary, I write this letter to you to express our prayerful solidarity with you in your loss and in the experience of great sadness.

As people of faith, a church is not merely a physical building in which we worship and offer our supplications to God, but as prayed in the preface of the Mass for the dedication of a church, the church is a place dedicated for the encounter with the Divine Mystery unfolding and present in space and time, *“For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere be extolled, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the divine mysteries.”*

The loss of the church which had been consecrated over a hundred years ago and where generations of clergy, parish staff, and parishioners have encountered the divine mysteries in significant moments of their lives is truly devastating to you, your parish community, and your diocese.

Through the intercession of your patron saint, may you experience the peace of God’s most holy presence during this time of great loss and sadness.

You are in our prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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