



April 26, 2019

To the Sri Lankan community of Manitoba, and friends of the Sri Lankan community, particularly those gathered today at this Mass for the Victims of the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks, I would like to extend my deepest condolences.

The attacks which occurred on April 21 took over 250 lives, precious human lives whose sudden and violent loss have left their families and friends in pain, grief and fear. The shock and uncertainty following the attacks has also been deeply felt across the world. Among Catholics and other Christians who were specifically targeted, but also among all people of faith and good will who reject intolerance, hatred and violence, this attack will leave lasting wounds. It will also call us to take up renewed efforts to promote dialogue and mutual understanding.

I share your deep sorrow and urge all of you gathered today in prayer to quench the flames of violence with compassion and love, remembering the dignity and inestimable value of each person with whom we share our world. My solidarity and prayers are with you.

May God grant you comfort, healing and peace.

Sincerely yours,

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Archbishop of Saint Boniface