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## DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The College of Cardinals, recognizing their need for the support and prayers of the people of God throughout the Church have issued the following statement which I urge everyone to take to heart:

### ***STATEMENT OF THE HOLY SEE***

*The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God.*

*For this reason, the Cardinals, conscious of the responsibility to which they are called, feel the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful. This is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12).*

*Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what he is saying to the Church (cf. Rev 3:6).*

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession.*

And I add my "Amen"

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Bishop of Grand Falls.