



NUNZIATURA APOSTOLICA
IN CANADA

Ottawa, August 6, 2018

Dear Bishop Héctor Vila,

Reading your letter which I am just receiving, where with solicitude you inform me about the evacuation of Telegraph Creek Residents because of large fires, I am both deeply saddened by the stress and hardship hurting the people of Telegraph Creek and encouraged by the spirit of solid solidarity of Dease Lake Residents receiving them and by the good number of “volunteers” who from different places of your Diocese are moving to Dease Lake to provide help and pastoral ministry.

I join with you and the Communities of your Diocese in sharing this unforeseen moment of affliction, praying the God Lord to save casualties among the people of Dease Lake and protect their assets, very grateful for the courageous work that the firefighters are providing to this regard.

As representative of Pope Francis in Canada, I would like to assure you of the fraternal proximity of Pope Francis to the people of Telegraph Creek affected by this present calamity and to those who are in any way helping them, kindly asking you to transmit to them his comforting Apostolic Blessing.

With you and with all your faithful,

+Luigi Bonazzi
Apostolic Nuncio

H.E. Mgr. Héctor VILA
Bishop of Whitehorse