



Ottawa, September 1st, 2015

Reverend Dr. Graham,

On behalf of the Secretariat of State, I have the honour of informing you that His Holiness Pope Francis has received the letter you sent to him on June 12, 2015.

Approaching the day of the commemoration of the sacrifices of the Canadian Merchant Navy, in the name of the Holy Father, I wish to assure you and all the present members, of a special remembrance in his prayers for the souls of the men and women who lost their lives serving their countries in the Allied Merchant Navy during the Second World War.

Commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that worldwide conflict, Pope Francis expressed the wish and the hope that the entire human family, learning from the tragedies of the past and faced with the current conflicts around the world “*may persevere in the search for the common good and in promotion of a culture of peace*” (General Audience - May 6, 2015).

Assuring you of the deep appreciation of this Apostolic Nunciature for the activities of the Allied Merchant Navy, I avail of this opportunity to express to you and to those you serve, my cordial regards, while I remain

Yours, sincerely,

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