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The Right Reverend Kathryn Otley
Bishop of Ottawa

Dear Bishop Kathryn and the Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa,

Grace and peace to you from St. George's Cathedral in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy that I send my warmest greetings to you as your Synod gathers this week under the inspiring theme, *Listening and Building Relationships in Hope*. In a world so often marked by fracture and uncertainty, the deliberate calling to listen deeply and build enduring relationships rooted in hope is a vital witness to the Gospel.

Our hearts are especially warmed as we recall the visit of Bishop Shane in the spring of 2023, leading a pilgrimage that brought many dear friends from Canada to our doorstep here in the Holy Land. Meeting members of your diocese during that sacred journey remains a cherished memory. We give thanks for Bishop Shane's enduring ministry among you—first as your bishop and dean, and now as Primate of Canada—and for the deep ties of affection and solidarity that bind our two dioceses together across the miles.

We were deeply moved to hear of Bishop Kathryn's desire to return to Jerusalem in solidarity as soon as possible. Please know that whenever your steps bring you back to this land, you will find open arms and a welcoming home among us.

To that end, I warmly invite members of the Diocese of Ottawa to consider visiting Jerusalem on pilgrimage in the near future. In particular, we look forward in eager anticipation to welcoming the Canadian pilgrimage led by Archbishop Shane planned for next January. Such journeys of presence and prayer are a profound lifeline for the living stones of the Church in this land.

Be assured of our continual prayers for your deliberations, your worship, and your life together during these synod days. May the Holy Spirit guide your listening and strengthen your bonds in hope.

In Christ,

The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum
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