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Mgr. Launay SATURNE,
President of the Conference of Bishops of Haiti
B.p. 1572, Angle rues Piquant et Lammarre,
Port-au-Prince,
Haiti

Dear Archbishop,

As your fellow brothers of the Caribbean, we, the bishops of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, are saddened and outraged by the news of the heinous assassination of His Excellency Mr. Jovenel Moïse, President of the Republic of Haiti, and the serious injury of First Lady Martine Moïse in the attack. We pray for the repose of his soul, and also the healing and full recovery of his wife. On behalf of our people, we express condolences to you and the people of Haiti as the country negotiates another socio-political and tumultuous period in its history.

We join with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to condemn the choice of violence as a means of solving conflicts and crises. Violence and the act of assassination are not the paths to justice and peace. As you rightly wrote to your people, "Violence can only generate violence and lead to hatred. It will never help our country to get out of this political impasse." We hope that those who are responsible will be held accountable through the justice system.

Please convey our prayerful support and solidarity to the people of Haiti. We commit ourselves to collaborate with you in the fight for justice and peace for the proud people of the first black independent state in the western hemisphere.

May God's abundant blessings be with you.

Faithfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Malzaire', with a small cross symbol to its left.

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Most Rev. Gabriel Malzaire
President
Antilles Episcopal Conference

