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Montreal, March 23, 2015

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Prime Minister's Office
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: National Commission of Inquiry
Missing Aboriginal Women

Mr. Prime Minister,

The Canadian Religious Conference (CRC) is hereby requesting that you order the holding of a National Commission of Inquiry into the disappearance of Aboriginal women and girls in our country.

The Canadian Religious Conference represents 203 congregations counting 15,000 members and is the association of Roman Catholic religious community leaders in Canada.

Committed in the name of its faith to the struggle for justice and peace, the CRC is adding its voice to that of many others who have requested such a commission.

Some of our members, men and women religious, have worked or are still working with Aboriginal communities and the situation of our First Nations sisters is very close to our heart.

By itself the number of 1,186 unexplained disappearances justifies the holding of an inquiry that would at the very least allow the victims' families and their communities to bear witness to the loss of a loved one. This inquiry would also shed light on the treatment they say they are receiving from security forces, and the social problems that afflict them.

Mr. Prime Minister, it is our strong hope that you will respond favourably to our request.

Respectfully yours,

Rita Larivée, SSA
President