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His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

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## Beatitude,

With all my heart I want to thank you for receiving me and Bishop Erik Varden with so much fraternal love. For both of us it was a moment of grace to meet you and see how faithfully you fulfil your task as shepherd and father of so many wounded and suffering people. We continue to pray for you and all the people in your poor crucified county. May the Risen Lord always help and guide you to peace and justice! Thanks for your letter and your kind words. For me it was an overwhelming experience to visit Kyiv and see how people suffer so much. At the same time, I have to admire the spirit of faith and charity of so many people, especially of those pious priests of yours who took so good care of us

Our Episcopal Conference has decided to make a collection for the needs of your people during all the Masses at Pentecost. It is just a little sign of our solidarity and compassion. We also try to help the refugees from Ucraine as much as we can. Unfortunately, we cannot always offer everything they need. I hope that a priest will be found for Göteborg in western Sweden. We hope to see Bishop Bogdan at the next meeting of our Episcopal Conference and discuss the situation of your faithful in our countries.

With my prayers for a blessed time of Pentecost, Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Anders Cardinal Arborelius och

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