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The Curia  
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Sirs:

News reports have interpreted the Pope's Christmas message to mean that it is more important to save the world from homosexuality than from the destruction of rain forests. If this is a misinterpretation, clarification is very much needed, since this is how most received the message.

That interpretation of the Pope's message is not in harmony with the message of the Prophets, Jesus, and Paul.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God ... Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

~ 1 John 4:7, 11-12 ~

We believe that love is more important than bigotry. That kindness is more important than hatred. That a society that supports its people is more important than one that plays favorites and divides them. As Canadian Unitarians we believe the world's religious leaders must now speak about uniting the planet to save it from itself, rather than divide it and allow privilege and selfishness to fester.

That two people love, whether they be man and man, woman and man, or woman and woman, offers more to the world than those who condemn love. Please promote love, compassion, and tolerance. With war in Iraq and Afghanistan, with the poor of Africa forgotten, with genocide an all too common occurrence around the world, we must work for peace and justice now. We must not hate. We must work together with love to save the planet.

Sincerely,

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