

Statement from Charles Sousa, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration**NEWS**

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On March 17, 2012 the world lost a religious leader of deep faith - Pope Shenouda III, leader of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt.

It is with tremendous sadness that we mourn his passing.

Pope Shenouda was a leader and a voice of reason and conciliation in an often troubled region. His Holiness will be remembered the world over as an advocate of unity, stability and reconciliation.

My thoughts and condolences go out to all members of the Coptic Church in Ontario. We have lost a friend and spiritual leader who strengthened the Coptic Church and devoted his life to dialogue and peace.

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