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Dear Rateb,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity once again this year to address all our friends who support the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, Inc.

Each year with hope and enthusiasm we gather to work and pray for justice and harmony in the land of the Lord's birth. Your work to attain these ends has been tireless and even though we are still striving, together with so many other faiths and organizations, for a solution that will bring peace to the Holy Land.

We know that we cannot lose heart. You are one of those special people who gives his heart and courage and perseverance.

I want to thank you and all those who work with you for their constant and courageous efforts. The day will come when God will bring peace to all His people and you will be there among those who fought for that peace with so much dedication.

Thank you for letting me be part of this celebration by sending my congratulations and good wishes.

Have a great evening and may God bring us ever closer to our goals.

With every good wish, I am

Devotedly yours in hope,

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick
Archbishop Emeritus of Washington