

## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

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Mr. Rateb Y. Rabie, KCHS President/CEO Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation, Inc. 6935 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 518 Bethesda MD, 20815-6124

Dear Mr. Rabie,

It is with gratitude and great joy that I send you words of congratulations on the occasion of the upcoming 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference & Awards Banquet of the Holy Land Ecumenical Christian Foundation.

With the increased threat of violence against Christians and people of all faiths across the Middle East, especially in the Holy Land, Syria and Iraq, your work of promoting justice and peaceful coexistence among people is indeed a blessing from God. Also, I want to commend the steadfast efforts of the Holy Land Ecumenical Christian Foundation to preserving and fostering a Christian presence in the Holy Land and for tirelessly calling believers everywhere to be mindful of the plight of their brothers and sisters who face dangers because of their Christian identity.

Be sure of my prayers and support for all those who join you at this conference and throughout the year in your work of striving for peace and justice for Christians in the Holy Land. With prayerful best wishes in the Lord, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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