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Mr. Rateb Y. Rabie, President  
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Dear Rateb,

All good greetings to you and all gathered to celebrate this 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference and Awards Banquet of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation.

I am grateful for your tireless efforts to help our Christian brothers and sisters of the Holy Land. These are the ones so fortunate to live in that Land where God chose to “pitch his tent among us.” Yet these are the same ones who endure great sufferings and many trials, all too often because they are Christians.

Thank you for reminding us that while the struggle for peace in the Holy Land may seem without end, there is much that we can do to support those who are there. I am grateful for the encouragement that you give to those who persevere in the Holy Land day by day.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate all the honorees who will be recognized at this 17<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet for their efforts to promote peace and justice for Christians and all those who live in the Holy Land.

I pray that God will continue to bless you and the Foundation for your many good works and that God’s blessings will be with you always.

With warmest best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Denis J. Madden  
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore