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Dear HCEF participants:

Greetings as you gather for the 16th International Conference of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation.

It is my pleasure to extend support to HCEF as it works to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land by addressing the social, spiritual, and material needs of the Christian community. Your foundation and its outreach programs have continued to foster solidarity between Western and Holy Land Christians and provide relief in difficult situations. I commend your educational efforts about the plight of the Holy Land Christians.

As you gather to focus on "Our Faith is Commitment to Justice, Peace and Coexistence," the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join me in praying that you have a very successful Conference. May God continue to bless all of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Dennis M. Schmurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati*