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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Allow me this opportunity to share my prayerful greetings as you gather for the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) 2016 International Conference and Awards Banquet.

It is good to know that you are coming together in support of peace in the Holy Land. We are all well familiar with the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East and how, at times, misunderstandings, resentment and bitterness can escalate to serious and harmful disruptions. Your participation in the mission of HCEF is very helpful for opening channels of communication and bringing people together to gain a better understanding of shared values that can be the basis for peaceful cooperation. Thank you for your concern for this important mission.

In addition to the substantive conversations and presentations this weekend, hopefully, there will be time for renewing long-standing friendships and making new acquaintances in a spirit of mutual support.

With the assurance of my prayers and best wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston