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Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation 18th International Conference:

***Forging a New Bond of Solidarity for
Equality, Prosperity and Peace***

Dear Friends:

Though I cannot be with you for the 18th International Conference of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, I am pleased to send you this greeting, and my sincerest thanks for the good and holy work done by the Foundation in support of our beleaguered brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. All Christians, and especially Catholics, have a duty, planted in the love of Jesus Christ, to stand with those who stand for the Faith. In this time of increased persecution of Christians everywhere, this duty becomes paramount, and a source, not of grief and trouble, but of tremendous grace and zeal, as we witness the courage and the determination of so many to live and work and prosper in the land where God sent us His greatest gift, His only Son. Their witness elevates us all.

In the spirit of this most sacred work, some stand out by their contributions, and I am grateful for this opportunity to recognize and congratulate, along with you, the efforts of Metropolitan Joseph, Archbishop Carlson, Mr. Adel Turjuman, and Mr. Suhel Turjuman, who deserve not only the awards they will receive at this Conference, but also our thanks and admiration.

To them, and to all attending the Conference, I pledge my prayers to our Lady, that she will intercede for the cause of all Christians in the Holy Land, and for those who stand as their champions. May God accept the wishes of His Holy Mother, the Mother of His Only Son, the Mother of all who love and follow Christ, and continue to bless with His grace and power, this sacred cause.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wilton D. Gregory".

‡Wilton D. Gregory,
Archbishop of Atlanta