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Your Excellency,

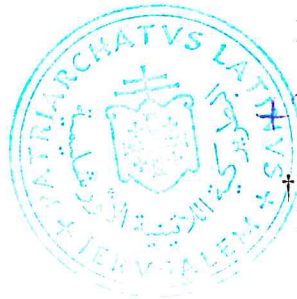
May the Lord give you peace!

Thank you for the letter of October 19 with your kind expression of solidarity and prayerful support for the Latin Patriarchate and our communities in the Holy Land during this incredibly challenging time.

There is much suffering and fear in our small Christian community and in the both the Israeli and Palestinian societies, as violence and hatred produce only destruction. We however choose to fix our eyes upon the Giver of Life and Hope as we continue to pray daily "We know Him in whom we have believed and are confident that He is able to guard what has been entrusted to us" 2 Tim 1, 12.

Please convey our gratitude to the Commission of the Bishops' Conference of the European Union for your spiritual closeness and your efforts at raising awareness among the international community. Be assured of our prayers for you, your members and your work.

Fraternally yours in Christ,



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