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Your Excellency,

I write in grateful acknowledgement of the receipt of the sum of US\$ 2.970,00, collected in your Diocese in the year 2015. This concrete gesture of fraternal solidarity will support the Church in the Holy Land, burdened by particular needs as it passes through a particularly delicate period.

For the efficacious sympathy that you have shown, I wish to communicate to you and to your entire Ecclesial Community the paternal gratitude of Pope Francis, who has very much at heart the drama of all those suffering in that strip of land so dear to Christianity. I assure you also of the thanks of this Dicastery which is joined to that of the beneficiaries themselves.

Thanks to this precious contribution of the Universal Church, it will be possible not only to maintain ordinary pastoral, social, educative, health and welfare initiatives, but also to meet extraordinary priorities necessitated by the harm and devastation of war. Many of those most affected, refugees and displaced persons, can now be offered a dignified welcome either in their own country or in a neighboring one.

Assuring you of a fraternal remembrance before the Lord and of my most cordial best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Leonardo Card. Sandri  
Prefect

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