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Kairos Palestine
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Dear Members of the Board of Directors of Kairos Palestine,

Thank you for communicating your concerns regarding the recently published Catholic edition of *Translate Hate*.

In the United States, we have witnessed a rise in crimes of hate directed at members of the Jewish and Muslim communities. Though the rise has been particularly steep after Hamas' attack on October 7, 2023, even before that event, antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents within the U.S. had been increasing in number and frequency. Hence, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) pledged to work with our Muslim and Jewish partners in dialogue to combat both Islamophobia and antisemitism in our country.

Convinced that combating hatred directed at specific faith and ethnic communities begins with educating ourselves, the Conference Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (CEIA) partnered with the Jewish community in the U.S. to develop a Catholic commentary on the *Translate Hate* educational resource authored by the American Jewish Committee. CEIA has also worked with Muslim partners in dialogue in the U.S. to produce an educational resource on Islamophobia. The Catholic edition of *Translate Hate* was published this past December. The text of the resource on Islamophobia is complete and should be released in the coming months.

On and since October 7, 2023, many thousands of lives have been lost. The harm of this tragedy has a weighty impact on people of all faiths in the Holy Land. As I wrote in a letter to the Catholic community in the U.S. on [October 2, 2024](#), both the Jewish and the Islamic traditions teach that whenever someone destroys a life, it is as if they have destroyed all of humanity; and whenever someone saves a life, it is as if they have saved all of humanity. We cannot but mourn the horrific loss of life in the land of our Savior's

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birth. Yet, here in our country, there are some who stand with Jewish Israelis and others who stand with Palestinians. Too often, people of a side or camp do not want to hear that our hearts are broken for all the lives that have been lost, all the worlds that have been destroyed. Empathy has thus become a further casualty of this war.

I know that, as Christians who have experienced great suffering yourselves, you understand the imperative to stand with all who suffer and to combat hatred wherever it is expressed. That has been our aim in partnering with both the Jewish and the Muslim communities in the United States to combat antisemitism and Islamophobia.

Neither the USCCB nor its Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs presumes to speak on behalf of Palestinian Christians. That responsibility falls to the leaders of their local Churches. We speak to and on behalf of the Catholic community in the United States.

Thank you for your engagement with and feedback on the Catholic edition of *Translate Hate*. When CEIA releases the forthcoming resource on Islamophobia I would welcome your feedback on that document also.

Joining you in prayer for an end to the war in Gaza, for the safe return of all remaining hostages, and for the opening of a path towards a just peace in the Holy Land, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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