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Father Gabriel Romanelli
Holy Family Catholic Church
P.O.B. 149 GAZA

Dear Fr. Gabriel,

Greetings from the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI). We are a membership organisation of Irish religious congregations, orders and societies formed in 2016 to amalgamate the former Conference of Religious of Ireland and the Irish Missionary Union. We received your contact details from Fr Stephen Kennedy IVE, who we recently met.

AMRI stand firmly in solidarity with you, your parishioners and the people of Palestine. We are horrified at the ongoing massacre of the children, women and men of Palestine, the devastation to their homeland and the lack of global outrage. We commend the courageous determination and unwavering resilience of the people of Palestine amidst this relentless suffering.

We were inspired and hopeful by the ongoing pleas for peace and the daily video calls to your parish from our late Pope Francis and acknowledge the great sadness that you must all be feeling at his passing. AMRI support, defend and continue to pray in a special way, with and for, the community at Holy Family Catholic parish and for the people of Palestine. We pray and advocate for a true and lasting just peace for them and their homeland.

Fr. Gabriel, we commend you and other religious ministering at Holy Family Parish for your unwavering commitment and dedication to living out the Gospel values and demonstrating the life of Christ in action today. We commit to calling out all injustices as it impacts on humanity and our common home and to support you, your parish and the people of Palestine in any way we can. We ask, as Pope Francis asked in one of his daily calls to you, "what more can [we] do?" If there is anything within our power to support you and your parish, please let us know. If you thought it might support your call for peace and it did not add more to your time, AMRI could facilitate a podcast that could be shared with our membership and the wider Irish community. If this is amenable, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In gratitude and solidarity,



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Gerard Gallagher
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