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Your Excellency:

As Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop I write to express my ecclesial solidarity and support for the successful Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Peace by His Holiness Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland Iain Greenshields that you received last month. At the same time, I write to acknowledge the recently concluded meeting of the Heads of Churches of the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC) when you and your brother religious leaders reflected on active nonviolence in the Gospels and how the SSCC can put these principles into action.

That statement has articulated a comprehensive strategy for building on and sustaining the spirit of the Pilgrimage of Peace. You have founded your commitment to active nonviolence on Gospel truths and on the accomplishments of past religious leaders and even on the sustained work by civil society to promote a return to democratic rule in neighboring Sudan. I hope this last point been duly noted by the Government of South Sudan.

I hope and pray that your renewed initiatives will bear fruit and bring an end to the almost ten years of violence in South Sudan.

Please let us know how we can support you in your mission.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ *David J. Malloy*

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