



August 12, 2025

*Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

Your Eminence/Excellency:

It is with great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza that I write to you today. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that “Gaza is starving.”

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people’s emotional well-being.

Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, I ask you to consider taking up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East and send donated funds to CNEWA and CRS. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. I ask that you take up this collection and send funds to CNEWA and to CRS as soon as possible. Below I include how the monies from this special collection can be wired to both agencies to expedite the process.

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**President**

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.  
Archbishop for the Military Services



Trusting in your generous response and prayers, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio  
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA  
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

cc: His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Chair, CNEWA Board of Trustees  
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Chair, CRS Board of Directors  
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