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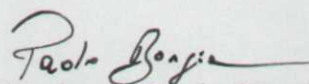
From the Vatican, 6 August 2016

Dear Dr Elqayam,

His Holiness Pope Francis has received your letter of 9 January 2016 and the gift of your book, *Lord of Peace*, and he has asked me to thank you in his name. Due to the volume of mail received in recent months, it was not possible to reply sooner. Nonetheless, he appreciates the sentiments which prompted you to share your work with him.

Pope Francis assures you and your colleagues of his prayerful good wishes for your efforts to promote interreligious understanding and peace.

Yours sincerely,


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