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**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**RE :** STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR PEACE

**DATE :** 10 October 2023

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The University, in view of the ongoing armed conflict involving Israel and Palestine, issues the following statement of solidarity for peace:

*"Every war is a defeat!" - Pope Francis*

*The ongoing armed conflict in Israel is yet another example of how wasteful and damaging violence is. The University community is one in calling for an immediate end to the armed conflict and the utilization of avenues for peaceful resolution for issues.*

*We implore the blessings of the Almighty for our aggrieved brothers and sisters.  
May the deceased find rest and may the people of their land experience lasting peace."*

Thank you.

  
FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP  
Secretary-General

