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His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City

Dear Holy Father,

On behalf of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC), I offer heartfelt congratulations on your election as Pope Leo XIV. This momentous occasion heralds a new chapter in the history of the Catholic Church, and we look forward with great anticipation to your leadership in the years ahead.

As the longstanding dialogue partner of the Holy See, IJCIC deeply cherishes the significant progress achieved in Jewish-Catholic relations since *Nostra Aetate* whose 60th anniversary we will soon celebrate. Your papacy offers a renewed opportunity to deepen these bonds, fostering mutual respect, understanding, and shared purpose between our faith communities. We remain steadfast in our commitment to this sacred dialogue, to addressing common challenges, and to promoting peace and reconciliation in a world too often divided.

We are encouraged by your enduring dedication to interfaith engagement and humanitarian values. These priorities resonate deeply with our mission, and we are eager to continue working together to uphold the dignity of every human being.

In this spirit of friendship and partnership, we look forward to close collaboration with you and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. May your papacy be blessed with wisdom, compassion, and strength as you guide the Church through the times ahead.

With deepest respect,

Rabbi Mark Dratch
Chair

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