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Carmelite NGO: United Nations Advocacy Project of the Carmelite Family

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We appreciate you taking the time to review this issue of *One Page*, a monthly update of issues before the Carmelite NGO.

The Most Pure Heart of Mary Province of the Carmelite Order recently issued two important statements. One on the situation in Gaza and the other on the migration policy of the current federal administration in the U.S.

The Carmelite NGO formally endorses both statements. We urge you to read them, pray over them, and act upon them. They can be found [here](#).

Below are some excerpts from the statement on Gaza.

- Across the whole of Gaza, houses of worship, schools, hospitals and clinics, and aid delivery locations have all been bombed, shot at, or otherwise damaged or completely destroyed. Very little is now left intact, as one of the most sophisticated armies in the world continuously assaults a mostly civilian population with little ability to defend itself.
- The only Catholic Church in Gaza, Holy Family, with which Pope Francis regularly communicated, has been among the victims of the assault, and more than once. People seeking refuge in the compound have been shot and some killed and their school bombed by Israeli forces.
- On December 22, 2024, Pope Francis said, “...with sorrow I think of Gaza, of so much cruelty; of the children machine-gunned, the bombing of schools and hospitals... So much cruelty!”
- More recently, Pope Leo has expressed his disgust at the unrelenting assault on Gaza and called for “an end to the barbarity of the war.”
- Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, has called the situation, “morally unacceptable and unjustifiable.”

The situation is, indeed, “unacceptable,” as is the treatment of immigrants and refugees in the United States. The statement on immigrants concludes with these words:

“...to all migrants and refugees...may our faith be deepened by time spent together. May understanding bring compassion. And through Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel bless and protect you and your loved ones on your journey.”

To that we say, “Amen.”

Remember, these vulnerable people—immigrants and refugees and the Palestinian people—need our help, our solidarity, our love. Let us do all that we can to be moved by our faith to act for justice and peace at this most critical time.

Peace,

The Carmelite NGO



He who wants to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come in conflict with it.

Saint Titus Brandsma, O. Carm.