The Sisters of Loretto and **Loretto Co-Members grieve** the deaths in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank

Tens of thousands of people have been killed, mostly women and children. All their homes in Gaza are gone. The survivors in Gaza are starving. We, the Loretto Sisters and Co-Members, led by our president, Sister Barbara Nicholas, and the members of our Peace Committee, call on our United States government to:

- Halt arms shipments to Israel.
- Continue diplomatic efforts of support for regional peace-building among Israel, Arab States and Hamas to guarantee security for Israel and Palestine.
- Deliver sufficient food and water and medical supplies to Gaza.
- Insist that Israel halt its military attacks on Gaza.
- Insist on the release of all the hostages from Hamas.

The sorrow is immeasurable and the issues are intractable. Nonetheless, steps must be taken now.

Our Loretto sisters and co-members join in prayer with all people of faith, asking President Biden and all leaders to choose peace and life.

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