



WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

October 16, 2023

**STATEMENT OF THE WISCONSIN BISHOPS  
ON HAMAS ATTACK ON ISRAEL**

The Bishops of Wisconsin unequivocally condemn the Hamas terrorist attack on unarmed Israeli civilians and the taking of women, children, and elders as hostages. We deplore this and every form of antisemitism. We mourn for the innocent Israelis and Palestinians who will now lose their lives because of this brutality. We pray that the hostages and refugees from this conflict may find safety. May nations welcome them with compassion. And we stand in solidarity with the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, and all the Ordinaries of the Holy Land in calling for a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer on Tuesday, October 17, for all those who have been and will be harmed by the violence, and for a just and lasting peace. Read Cardinal Pizzaballa's statement at:

<https://ow.ly/1loF50PW4Eb>.

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