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**To: H. E. Archbishop Giorgio Lingua  
Apostolic Nuncio to Republic of Croatia**

Your Excellency,

With deep gratitude and respect, we wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine and Apostolic Nuncio to Israel.

As your mission in Croatia comes to its conclusion, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your devoted and generous service. Throughout your mandate, you have been a faithful and authentic transmitter of the messages of the Holy Father and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, a close collaborator and prudent advisor to the bishops of Croatia, and a pastor sincerely close to the Croatian people, as well as members of the Croatian Catholic Medical Society, through your presence, words, and spiritual guidance.

Since your openness, understanding, and encouragement have been a constant source of strength and inspiration, the Croatian Catholic Medical Society and the European Federation of Catholic Medical Associations expresses hope that our valued collaboration may continue in the future, especially through Bethlehem University, where you also assume the important responsibility of Chancellor.

As you begin this new and demanding mission, we wish you a fulfilling life and deep personal satisfaction in your continued service to the Holy See. May your ministry bring consolation and hope to Christians in the Holy Land, who are in particular need of care, concern, and solidarity in these difficult times. Please be assured that your presence and service will stand as a testimony of the closeness and prayerful support of Christians from Europe.

Entrusting your mission to the Lord's guidance and protection, and assuring you of our prayers, we remain

With profound esteem and gratitude,

Prof. Rok Čivljak, MD, PhD  
FEAMC President  
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*“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” (Lk 10:2)*