

# **H. H. B. THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM OFFERS HIS CONDOLENCES FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE**

The Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III offers his deepest condolences to those individuals and families who are mourning the loss of loved ones as a result of the hateful targeting of innocent people engaged in prayer and celebration at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Saturday October 27th.

Such an act of terrorism is an attack on the whole of our civilization and values, which The Patriarchate of Jerusalem resolutely condemns.

We join our prayers with millions around the world and ask that God would bring comfort to victims and peace to our communities; with the only consolation being that such heinous crimes of bigotry will only strengthen our solidarity and resolve to protect fundamental liberties and freedom of worship.

From Secretariat-General