

HIS BEATITUDE ADDRESS TO MR. BAHIJ MANSOUR AMBASSADOR TO THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS.

Koufr Yassif, Friday the 21th of June, 2013

Your Excellency (Mr. Bahij Mansour),

We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation for the honor of joining you in your bittersweet farewell from your position as the director of Interreligious Affairs in Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We also bid you wishes for success as you take on your new role as Israel's ambassador to the Caribbean Islands.

Throughout your years of service you have been a true asset to Israel's various communities, and especially attentive to the needs of our Christian communities. Your absence will surely be felt. As a result of your dedication to harmonious coexistence, you have managed to cultivate and promote relations amongst Israel's religious establishments, Druze, Muslim, and Christian communities, which are based on mutual respect.

We hope and pray that your new assignment will be a continuation of achievement, and that you meet it with the same fervor that you have possessed throughout your extensive diplomatic career. Your contributions will undoubtedly be significant.

May God enlighten the path ahead of you, and grant you success and longevity in your life and in your paramount career.

His Beatitude

THEOPHILOS III

Patriarch of Jerusalem