



30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Caritas Family, Partners and Friends

I hope you and your families are all safe and well. As you know I will end my work with Caritas Jerusalem tomorrow, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. I want to express my thanks for your support and friendship during my time as Secretary General since January 2018, and prior to that as Executive Director of Caritas in Gaza January 2015 – December 2017, a biblical 7 years and 7 months! These have been challenging years of reorganising and developing CJ's structure and management, responding to the corona pandemic and the all too frequent wars on Gaza. They have also been rewarding years as I experienced your support and friendship and the courage and vision of our staff who, while building on CJ's long years of service to the poor and marginalised, were ready to reflect, restructure and plan for the future.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support on so many levels and to convey to you the gratitude of the thousands, perhaps millions of people who have benefitted from your financial support and prayers during the past years. For me, it has been a challenging time but also a time during which I felt the strength of working as a team with committed staff supported by our Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

I welcome Mr Anton Asfar who will take over as Secretary General on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Anton's e-mail address [sg@caritasjr.org](mailto:sg@caritasjr.org)

I will remain in the Holy Land for some time to have oversight of projects funded through my congregation's central administration in the UK. I will no longer use my Caritas e-mail account. I can be contacted on my personal account: [bridget.tighe@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.tighe@gmail.com)

With thanks and prayers

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Tighe" with a flourish underneath.

Sr Bridget Tighe FMDM