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Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton

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Blessed are the Peacemakers!

It is with great enthusiasm that I encourage you, Eastbay Friends of Sabeel North America in your peace building efforts toward a just and honorable resolution of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. I heartily endorse the Friends of Sabeel North America Berkeley Conference, "Breaking Down the Wall of Silence: Voice We Need to Hear."

Sabeel has frequently demonstrated a vital and vibrant spirit of justice and peacemaking in its Jerusalem-based work. The seriousness and tragedy of the conflict in the Holy Land begs well-intentioned people of every tradition to become informed and enlightened regarding this situation. The Berkeley Conference, "Breaking Down the Wall of Silence: Voices We Need to Hear," provides an unequalled opportunity to learn how we can be more effective in the gospel-inspired work of peace building.

May the Holy Spirit be with you and fill all who participate in the conference, "Breaking Down the Wall of Silence: Voices We Need to Hear."

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton