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Dear Dr. Levine,

I write to offer my warmest congratulations on your election as the first Jewish president of the Catholic Biblical Association. This is a historic moment for the Association, and I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize your many years of dedicated service to the CBA, including your important work as an editor of *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

Your election is a fitting celebration of the genuinely interfaith character of biblical scholarship and of the many years of faithful Jewish-Catholic collaboration in the study of Scripture. This spirit of collaboration reflects the vision articulated in *Nostra Aetate*, which called Catholics to deeper understanding and mutual respect with the Jewish people.

I am confident that the Catholic Biblical Association will continue to be enriched by your leadership, scholarship, and longstanding commitment to Jewish-Catholic dialogue. Please accept my sincere congratulations and my prayerful best wishes as you begin your term as president.

With every good wish and prayer,

Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera
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