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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to express our support for the application of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications (PCCS) to acquire the generic top-level domain *‘.catholic’* in the Arabic language (in Arabic characters). The PCCS is the applicant most indicated to apply for this string in the name of the Catholic community.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops serves the communications efforts of the 195 dioceses of United States which will be immediate beneficiaries of this project. This is a diverse community from many countries and cultures. This generic top-level domain would greatly enhance and facilitate the work of the Conference in authenticating the presence of the Catholic community in the digital space. This Conference enjoys regular contact with the PCCS and will be happy to collaborate with the PCCS in the development of this project.

Sincerely,

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