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On behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, OH and their Associates, we stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as he rightly speaks out as “the pastor of the world” (CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN) on matters of moral imperative. As women of peace and seekers of justice, we support Pope Leo’s call to end “the idolatry of self and money [and] the display of power!” We, like him, are appalled that “even the holy name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death.”

We stand firmly against any attempts to silence Pope Leo as our spiritual leader. We strongly oppose recent veiled threats against him and his papacy, understanding that such dangerous rhetoric can lead to misguided action.

We join all people of good faith in the world in a wholehearted prayer for peace!

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