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On behalf of the Synod of Bishops of the Old Catholic Confederation, His Grace, The Most Rev. Dr. Craig J. N. de Paulo, Primate and Archbishop of the United States, condemns the violence against Christians in Syria and Iraq by Islamic extremists. Their fate is equally shared by other religious minorities such as the Yezidis and Kurds, as well as dissenting Islamic citizens in these countries. He calls upon political leaders worldwide to help end the suffering of innocent men, women and children, and to work quickly to save those who are even now on the verge of death.

Likewise, His Grace condemns the demolition of the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud, and the senseless destruction of various religious artifacts held by the museum in Mosul at the hands of Islamic extremists. He begs the intervention of the United Nations, and all men of good will, to preserve and protect the cultural heritage of the ancient Assyrian kingdom.

His Grace wishes to extend his sincere and heart-felt sorrow for the plight of our fellow Christians during this time of great suffering. And prays that Almighty God will grant his enduring peace throughout the world and among all nations of the earth.