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**ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ SENDS LETTER
TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF PASSOVER**

Dear Friends in the Jewish Community,

In the name of the people of the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, I send warm greetings as you prepare to celebrate the holy days of Passover!

This great feast is of significance to us all as it calls to mind the miracle of divine intervention in an hour of darkness. It reminds us that the Father will liberate us just as he liberated the Jews from Pharaoh's enslavement, and that the pathway to true freedom is guided by the divine.

Borrowing the words of Pope Francis, "May the Almighty bless and accompany the journey of the beloved Jewish People. May the Most High allow us to grow ever more in friendship and to be witnesses of peace and harmony."

Please know of my prayers that the observance of Passover might bring you renewed hope and vitality, especially during this challenging time for our society and our world.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
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