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To the Bishops of England and Wales

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Dear Brothers

It is my privilege to forward to you some materials prepared by our Committee for marking Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January 2017.

The theme for this year is "How can life go on?" This theme has, I think, a particular poignancy this year, given the dire situation in the Middle East where many must be asking themselves this question.

The organisers of Holocaust Memorial Day have made it clear that, as well as referring to the genocide of the Jews during the Second World War, this day is also an occasion for remembering subsequent genocides. It is a current issue in our world.

I would be grateful if these materials could be disseminated as widely as possible - to parishes, schools and any other interested parties.

With my good wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin J.P. McDonald".

Archbishop Kevin McDonald

Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations