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By the Grace of God
Ignatius Aphrem II
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church



Apostolic Benedictions to our beloved brother in Christ His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo, Archbishop of Central America, and our spiritual children reverend priests, deacons and faithful of the Archdiocese of Central America.

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

We thank the Lord for the great opportunity we had to visit the members of our Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch in Central America, where we were able to meet large numbers of faithful and celebrate the Divine Liturgy with them on several occasions. We thank you all for the warm welcome which reflects your love and attachment to the See of Antioch.

During the visit, we were able to observe your great zeal to preserve the faith and traditions of our Holy Church, which you have chosen to join. Moreover, we were pleased to see the huge efforts that His Eminence our beloved Archbishop of Central America is doing to organize the missions and introduce in the communities the characteristics that make our Church unique.

Throughout the entire visit, we emphasized the importance of unity and endurance during persecution, following the model of our forefathers who resisted the worldly temptations and held steadfast to the apostolic faith, refusing to succumb to the tribulations and challenges, preferring martyrdom rather than letting go of their faith in Christ and their attachment to the throne of Antioch. We have also reassured you all of our full support and directed the faithful to collaborate together for the benefit of the entire flock. In this regard, we emphasize the role of the clergy who are looking after the spiritual needs of the believers and ask the Lord to bless them all and to confirm them in their vocations.

We appreciate the efforts your Eminence made to organize a successful visit and pray for you all. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints and martyrs. ܩܝܡܘܢܝܬܘܢ ܣܘܪܝܝܬܘܢ ܕܩܝܡܘܢܝܬܘܢ ܕܩܝܡܘܢܝܬܘܢ