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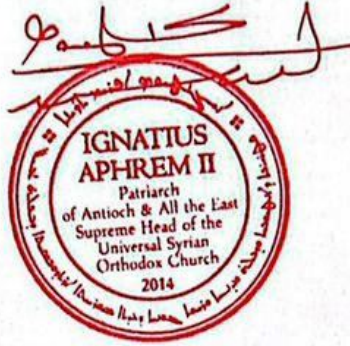


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By the Grace of God
Ignatius Aphrem II
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church



Apostolic Benedictions to our brothers in Christ His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo, Archbishop of Central America, and their Graces Bishops: Mor Marcos Caisedo, Bishop of Western Guatemala, Mor Andres Lopez, Bishop of Central Guatemala, and Mor Jose Hortado, Bishop of Northern Guatemala, and our spiritual children the clergy of the Archdiocese of Central America.

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

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to your Eminence and their Graces the recently ordained bishops, for the successful and inspiring visit to Guatemala. Your dedication to the Syriac Orthodox Church and unwavering attachment to your faith serve as a beacon of light, guiding our communities towards spiritual growth and renewal.

We take immense pride in your commitment to the Church and the steadfastness with which you uphold its teachings. Your deep-rooted faithfulness is not only commendable but also serves as an inspiration to all who are touched by your ministry.

As you continue your missions and endeavors among the people of Guatemala and elsewhere in Central America, we encourage you to persist in your noble work and to foster a deeper understanding of our tradition while respecting the rich cultural heritage of the communities you serve. Your ability to bridge the gap between the traditions of the church and the local cultures is a testament to your wisdom and compassion.

May your leadership continue to be guided by the grace of God, and may you find strength and inspiration in the knowledge that your efforts are making a profound difference in the lives of many.

We kindly ask you to convey our blessings to the entire faithful of our beloved Archdiocese of Central America, assuring them of our fatherly love and constant prayers for them.

With prayers and best wishes for continued success, we ask the Lord to bless you all.

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