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Guatemala, October 10th 2013.

To His Holiness Mor Ignatius ZaKKA I lwas, Patriarch of the Holy See of Antioch
To the Members of the Holy Synod of the Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch

Your Holiness and Venerable Fathers:

The priest of the Central Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Central America, gathered in their meeting of October, after the report presented by our Archbishop, His Eminence Mor Yaqub Eduardo Aguirre Oestmann, on the issues raised in the Holy Synod, held at Mount Lebanon from September the 10th to the 14th, we wish to express to you:

1. Our joy and profound gratitude because, since March 5th of this year, we have been incardinated to the Holy See of Antioch, reaffirming our solid and unconditional adhesion and our full acceptance of the Final Statement of the Holy Synod .
2. We share the pain and the deep concern for what our Holy Church of Antioch is suffering in the Middle East: especially the kidnapping of our Archbishop of Aleppo His Eminence Youhanna Ibrahim and the martyrdom, the displacement and the distress experienced by many of our brothers and sisters, clergy and faithful; the violence in Syria, and the destruction that has demolished many places. We stand with all those who are suffering directly or indirectly, with Your Eminences, with the clergy, with the faithful of the Church and with all other people who are victims of this tragic and irrational situation.
3. We are united with you all in prayer and fasting, along with our Archbishop and all the people of God which has been entrusted to us; praying the Lord that He brings peace and reconciliation and the freedom to live and profess our holy faith, to all places where currently there is violence and violation of fundamental human rights.
4. We pledge to make every effort to collaborate to reach peace and reconciliation in all the places and regions of the world where there is suffering, violence and persecution.

Confident that the Lord will strengthen you, to be able to continue fulfilling the mission of shepherding His Holy Church, we implore from Your Holiness the Apostolic Blessing and we beseech the Venerable Members of the Holy Synod to have us in your prayers and to convey our greetings and our feelings of communion and solidarity to the clergy and all the members of the People of God of Your Archdioceses.

With humility and devotion in Christ and the Theotokos

The Priests of the Central Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Central America
Mor Yaqub Eduardo Aguirre Oestmann, Archbishop

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