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To: His Holiness Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas.
Patriarch of Antioch and the whole East
To: His Eminences Members of the Holy Synod of Antioch.

Your Holiness;
Your Eminences;
Barekmohr!

Today it is one year, since we had the great blessing of being incardinated into the Holy See of Antioch as Archdiocese of Central America and that this humble and unworthy servant was ordained as a Monk of our Holy Church and ordained and elevated to the ministry of Archbishop of the Central American Archdiocese.

It has been a year of profound and countless blessings, as well as of challenges and persecutions, that, with the grace of God are being overcome positively. The number of faithful has increased approximately a 10%, from a year ago. The Liturgy blessed by His Holiness for the use in the Archdiocese has been implemented everywhere. Our faithful have been progressively being strengthened in the orthodox faith of our Holy Church. And the joy and peace of all the people of God are immense, for being part of the Church that was established by the prince of the Apostles, Saint Peter and governed by him and his legitimate successors till these days; and that has kept the faith, the worship and the organization entrusted by our Lord Jesus Christ to the Apostles. The sense of the faithful of being part of our Holy Church has been increasing and growingly solidified. The teaching coming from the Encyclicals issued by His Holiness has been studied and has enlightened the members of the different parishes.

For all this, in the name of all our priests, deacons and faithful and in the name of this servant, I want to renew and reaffirm our deepest gratefulness, for granting us the opportunity of answering to the call that the Lord gave us, by letting us be part of the Holy Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch.

We all want to express once more our obedience and readiness to continue persevering, with the grace of our Lord, in the follow of the Gospel, under the guidance of Your Holiness and the Holy Synod of Antioch.

May the Lord continue blessing you all, especially, may He give you the steadfastness to continue bearing witness of the faith and the Gospel in the midst of all the sorrows, troubles and persecutions that Christians are suffering in the Middle East.

Our hearts, our love, our obedience and our prayers are with you.

We humbly beg to Your Holiness to extend your Apostolic Blessing upon the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Central America and to You Eminences, to keep us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ and the Mother of God

Mor Yaquib Eduardo Aguirre Oestmann.
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Central America

