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**His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo Aguirre
Archbishop of Central America**

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Your Eminence, dear brother in Christ,

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

Prophets prepared His way and their prophecies were fulfilled. God revealed Himself in the flesh. He became man to save humanity. By His Nativity, there was peace on earth to all people. His star shone over the world and gave light to the entire creation. The universe rejoiced and celebrated His birth in the flesh.

Wars and conflicts surround us, especially in the land of our forefathers, but we have hope that our Lord will save us and deliver us from our enemies who seek to lead us astray.

We beseech the Lord to grant you good health and to bless your ministry. We pray for peace in our countries and seek God's mercy on all who need it.

May the Child of the manger give joy and happiness to all human beings and strengthen us to preach His gospel of good tidings in the entire world. We also pray for the immediate return of the abducted Metropolitans of Aleppo, their Eminences our dear brothers in Christ, Mor Gregorius Youhanna Ibrahim and Boulos Yaziji.

We extend our apostolic benedictions to you, the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Central America and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.




Ignatius Aphrem II
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East