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To our spiritual children, the parishioners of our beloved Patriarchal Vicariate in Central America.

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

Worshipping the Lord is the center of every Christian's spiritual life. Worship is organized in the Holy Church under many forms, nonetheless, the practice of the sacraments remains a lively expression of worship that engages the faithful, individually and collectively, with the spirituality of their Church and its rich tradition. The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist constitutes the perfect form of worship; therefore, it is called by the Fathers of the Church **ܐܘܨܬܐܘܠܐ** the Perfection of perfections and the Sacrament of sacraments.

The Divine Liturgy is practiced in the church since its institution, based on the command of the Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples: "Do this in remembrance of me" (I Corinthians 11: 24). Therefore, the Holy Qurobo awakens the spiritual senses of the faithful; it completely captivates their minds and seizes their thoughts with indescribable experience. The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are distributed as spiritual food for the children of faith: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him" (John 6: 56)

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The order of the Divine Liturgy is a tool used by the church collectively, clergy and laity, in order to fully participate in the Holy Sacrament. The priests and the faithful are given time to pray and chant, praising the Lord, each according to their rank and order. Moreover, the deacon has a special role, to assist the priest in the Qurobo, to alert them in certain places where they should be given directions, e.g. the descent of the Holy Spirit when the bread and wine are mysteriously transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

This book, translated into Spanish, was accomplished by our brother in Christ His Eminence Archbishop Mor Yacoub Eduardo Aguirre, our Patriarchal Vicar in Central America, who took care of its completion and publication.

We gladly grant our permission to print and publish this book; furthermore, we encourage all parishioners to use it in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Apostolic benediction to His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo Aguirre and to the clergy who, with him and under his leadership, are serving the faithful and encourage them to partake of the Holy Sacraments as often as they can. We pray that this book will glorify God's holy name and will enable the faithful parishioners to fully participate in the Holy Qurobo for the sake of their spiritual growth.

May the grace of God be with you, ܘܥܡܝܢܐ ܘܥܡܝܢܐ ܘܥܡܝܢܐ