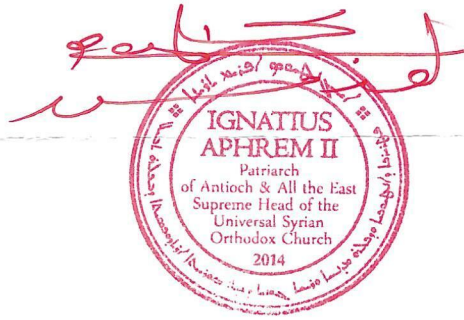




BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Ignatius Aphrem II

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church



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Apostolic Benediction to our beloved Brother in Christ: His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho, Archbishop of the Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America, 236 Old Tappan Road, New Jersey 07675, U.S.A.

We are informed through the letter of Your Eminence, dated: 04-September-2025, that the establishment of the St. John's Theological Seminary, New Jersey is progressing well. We hope and pray that the Seminary will be an important mile-stone in the progress of the diocese and a great help in imparting theological training for our clergy in the North America.

We hereby approve the elected Executive Board of the Seminary and wish them the guidance of the Holy Spirit to serve well for the development of the institution. Also, we hereby convey our consent to be Supreme Patron of the Seminary, as has been requested by you.

We extend our Apostolic Blessings to Your Eminence. May the grace of God be with you and with all the members of the Executive Board of the St. John's Theological Seminary, New Jersey. **والله اعلم**