

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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To The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation on the Occasion of your 17th
Annual Awards Banquet and Conference:

Greetings and Blessings in the Name of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!

We rejoice with you as you gather to convene your 17th Annual Awards Banquet
and Conference. Although I cannot be present with you in person, please know
that my prayers and support for the goals of your organization are assured.

We certainly understand the very difficult circumstances under which our brothers
and sisters in Christ of the Holy Land must live. We are mindful of the need to
support them in every way possible, through prayer, donations, and by speaking
out to the world so as to raise the awareness of their daily struggle. Your efforts
which seek to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land by providing
financial, moral, and spiritual support for the Christian community are truly
pleasing to our Lord. In addition, your development of outreach programs to foster
solidarity between Western and Holy Land Christians help to raise awareness in
the West of the true situation, as opposed to that which might be reported by the
media.

We congratulate you on this occasion, and pray that the Almighty God will
continue to bless your efforts on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Joseph

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joseph'.

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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