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Patriarchal Vicar

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To the Parishioners of Medhanialem
Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church
Kansas City, Kansas USA

Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

We are writing to you, concerning the matter that you communicated to us. We would like to inform you that we met His Eminence, Archbishop Abuna Zecharias, the Archbishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church for North-East United States, and discussed the matter with him. His response was that; this matter is dealt with in their Holy Synod in Ethiopia. We came to the conclusion that; he cannot help us now, till he gets the results of the Holy Synod, for we could not get any stand from him concerning the "Immaculate Conception" dogma.

While we wait for a response from His Eminence or from the Holy Synod, we commend you on your straightforwardness and firm Orthodox faith, asking our Holy Mother, the Virgin Mary, to intercede on your behalf.

Asking the Lord to richly bless you, and keep your Church in His care, we remain

Yours in Christ,

Mor Cyril Aphrem Karim
Archbishop