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To whom it may concern

**Re: Recognition of ESDEROS Seminary**

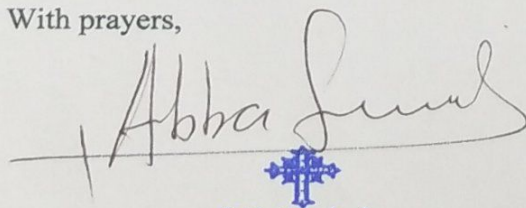
ESDEROS Seminary is a religious educational institution established by Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church Mahibere Kidusan USA Center to share the Orthodox Tewahedo Faith to communities in the West and to establish a standardized institution of higher-level theological education. In the past two years, its activities were mostly focused on the process of its formation. The seminary conducts its affairs with the support and recognition of the Washington DC diocese of EOTC and encourages the support and participation of others to advance its causes.

I believe that the institution achieved certain results that inspire hope in its future endeavors. The institution has so far involved vibrant students of the faith from all walks of life and engaged renowned EOTC Scholars from different parts of the world. It has also streamed pertinent theological courses that strictly follow EOTC's dogmatic and practical teachings and Tradition.

The strength and success of the ESDEROS seminary is of paramount importance to our diocese, because not only does it serve as a source of new servants but also helps build the capacity of current servants within the diocese. Therefore, I strongly recommend everyone to take advantage of what the seminary has to offer and support its cause.

I do appreciate the initiative to establish such a seminary and congratulate everyone already serving and learning in the institution. I offer my prayer and assistance in any capacity possible for its cause and call on others to do the same.

With prayers,



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