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To whom it may concern

Re: Recognition of Esderos EOTC Theological Seminary

Spreading the Orthodox Tewahedo Faith throughout western communities and offering a standardized institution of higher level theological study are the goals of the EOTC MK USA Center, which established Esderos EOTC Theological Seminary. Its actions over the past five years have focused mostly on training clergy and laypeople in miaphysite christology and the orthodox faith. The seminary operates under the recognition and support of the Ohio diocese of EOTC, but it also enlists the help and participation of other people in order to achieve its objectives.

I believe that the institution achieved certain results that inspire hope in its future endeavors. The nstitution has so far involved vibrant students of the faith from all walks of life including non-Ethiopians/Eritreans 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 EOTC Theological 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 servants within the diocese. Therefore, I strongly recommend everyone to take advantage of what the seminary has to offer and support its cause.

I admire the initiative to construct such a seminary, and I congratulate everyone who is already serving and learning at the school. I offer my prayers and aid in any way for its cause, and I urge others to do the same. With prayers,

Abba Samuel, Archbishop of EOTC Ohio Diocese

