



❖ *The Holy Synod of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East* ❖

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

**STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE HOLY SYNOD CONCERNING THE
RETIREMENT OF HIS GRACE MAR EMMANUEL YOUSIP**

For Immediate Release

To our dear faithful of the Assyrian Church of the East Diocese of Canada, and worldwide, greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this Synodal press release is to inform you of the recent early retirement of His Grace Mar Emmanuel Yousip, heretofore Bishop of the Diocese of Canada, from his administration as the diocesan bishop. His Grace had submitted his early retirement to His Holiness the Patriarch in his letter of December 31, 2023, due to personal reasons, and in accordance with Decree 4.3 (ii) of the 2022 Synod.

His Holiness Mar Awa III Catholicos-Patriarch has been in contact with His Grace to offer any support that he may require and thanked him for his service thus far. As of the date of His Grace's retirement, the Diocese of Canada comes under the direct jurisdiction of the Patriarchal See of the Assyrian Church of the East, until such time that a permanent bishop is appointed or elected.

The Secretariat Office of the Synod will provide further information in the next few days concerning administrative matters of the Diocese of Canada.

Given this 4th day of January, 2024; from the Secretariat of the Holy Synod of the Assyrian Church of the East.

+ Mar Benyamin Elya
*By Grace: Bishop of Victoria and New Zealand &
Secretary of the Holy Synod*