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Beloved in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, praying that this message finds you well and strengthened in His grace.

As we look ahead to the 57th Archdiocesan Convention to be held in Chicago, I write to encourage you—both clergy and laity—to prayerfully identify and support suitable candidates to stand for election to the Archdiocesan Board of Trustees.

It is our fervent desire that the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese fully embrace and exercise their God-given royal priesthood to the highest degree. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, restored the priestly function entrusted to Adam, the first-created, which was marred by the fall. Humanity was created to glorify God in thought, word, and deed—leading their households by example, and showing forth the love of God with all their strength.

This royal priesthood is a divine gift granted to all believers of the church who confess Jesus Christ as the Incarnate God. In this light, I urge you to discern, from among your parish communities, men and women of integrity and commitment—faithful stewards of the Church—and encourage them to submit their candidacy for election to the Board of Trustees.

Those desiring to serve on the Board are asked to review the document entitled "*The Criteria to be Used to Determine Eligibility of a Candidate Seeking Election to the Archdiocesan Board of Trustees*," and to complete the accompanying *nomination form* in full. This form must be signed by both the candidate and their parish priest, and submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than **July 1, 2025**, by email to **Marly** at marly.admin@antiochian.org.

I thank you for your attentiveness to this important matter and for your support in encouraging worthy and faithful members of our Archdiocese to serve in this sacred responsibility.

With paternal love and prayers for your continued service in Christ,

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

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