

Melkite-Greek Catholic Patriarchate

His Beatitude Patriarch Maximos V Hakim

of Antioch and all the East, of Alexandria and of Jerusalem

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Damascus, March 29, 1999

We, MAXIMOS V HAKIM, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, of Alexandria and of Jerusalem,

On the occasion of the forthcoming 40th anniversary of the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of the Right Reverend Monsignor Robert L. Stern, Priest of the Archdiocese of New York and Honorary Prelate of His Holiness,

In consideration of his constant and loving, humanitarian and pastoral work on behalf of the Melkite-Greek Catholic Church and other Eastern Catholic Churches, for eleven years, in his capacities as President of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine and Secretary General of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA),

In consideration of the approval given by His Eminence John Joseph Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, in his letter of March 24, 1999,

We have nominated and we appoint

Grand Archimandrite of our Patriarchate of Jerusalem

the Right Reverend Monsignor ROBERT L. STERN, with the right to bear, wherever and whenever local uses permit it, the insigns of his honorary dignity, namely the pectoral Cross and the Epanokalimavkion.

With our Apostolic blessing, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

Given in our Antiochian See of Damascus, March 29, Monday of the Holy Week, 1999.

+ Maximos V HAKIM
Patriarch of Antioch and all the East,
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