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Apostolic Letter of Appointment

St. Joseph the Worker

May 1, 2026

To Our Venerable Brother in Christ,

Moved by pastoral concern for the faithful of the American diaspora and dependencies, and after prayerful discernment, We have deemed it fitting to entrust to you as Chorbishop to oversee the Institute for Eastern Christian Studies and to be her Chancellor and also to act as Vicar General until a suitable candidate is available for this position.

In the light of your proven fidelity to the Gospel, your dedication to the service of God's people, and your steadfast witness to the unity of the Church, we are confident that you will shepherd these assignments with wisdom, humility, and zeal.

Therefore, by the authority vested in Us, and in communion with the Holy Synod of Bishops, We appoint you, Chorbishop +JOEL Cycenas, to oversee and shepherd these sacred positions, granting you all rights, duties, and responsibilities in accordance with the sacred canons.

May you be a sign of Christ's closeness to His people, a builder of peace, and a tireless proclaimer of the hope that does not fade. Entrusting your ministry to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, we invoke upon you the grace and blessing of Almighty God. Given at Saint Paul, on this 1st of May, in the Year of Our Lord 2026.

✠ His Beatitude +MICHAEL Wiest
Primate and Metropolitan Archbishop