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Death of Excellency Mons. Sabri Anar

It is with deep sorrow that I have learned of the death of **His Excellency Mons. Sabri Anar**, Chaldean Archbishop of Diyarbakır (Amed), Türkiye.

Born in Türkiye in 1966, he received his initial religious formation in Istanbul at the seminary of the Capuchin Friars. Responding to the Lord's call to serve Him; as priest he cared for the Chaldean community in France. Since 2023 he had served as Archbishop of the Chaldean community in Türkiye. Archbishop Sabri Anar was a member of the Bishops' Conference of Türkiye and also served as President of Caritas Türkiye.

On this sad occasion, I extend my heartfelt condolences to His Beatitude Patriarch Paul III Nona, to the bishops, priests, and all the faithful of the Chaldean Catholic Church.

Archbishop Sabri was a true shepherd who loved his people and the poor. He was a humble man, filled with a profound love for Christ. Today, as we celebrate the feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr, they are united in the one Lord.

I remember Archbishop Sabri with deep respect and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary I entrust him to the mercy of the Most High. I share wholeheartedly in the grief of our dear Chaldean brothers and sisters, as well as of all those who knew him, during this time of profound sorrow. I pray that the hope of the Resurrection may bring them consolation and comfort.

May his soul rest in peace in the bosom of the Father.



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