



Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch



Proclamation

*2012—A Year of Appreciation for the Contributions of Mary Louise Reynolds
(Matriarch Meri Louise Spruit) to the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch*

Whereas Mary Louise Reynolds, also known as Matriarch Meri Louise Spruit, has dedicated her life to the service of God and to all humanity and,

Whereas she has lovingly served the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch as Archbishop and Matriarch, carrying forth with the utmost fidelity the vision of our Founder, Patriarch Herman Adrian Spruit and,

Whereas her wisdom, insight and dedication have contributed to the stability and the growth of the Church and,

Whereas she has in addition selflessly contributed her multiple talents to the larger Independent and Old Catholic Movement and,

Whereas her maternal love and comfort have witnessed to the presence of the Divine Feminine in the life of our Church,

Now do I, Mark Elliott Newman OC, Presiding Bishop of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch, after consultation with the Episcopal Board of Advisors, hereby declare the year of Our Lord 2012 to be a Year of Appreciation for the Contributions of Mary Louise Reynolds (Matriarch Meri Louise Spruit) to the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch.

I furthermore request that throughout the Year of Appreciation Matriarch Meri be remembered in prayer at all scheduled functions of the chartered ministries of the Church as well as regularly by all clergy and seminarians.

Given this day, the 18th day of December, in the year of Our Lord 2011.

Thanks be to God!

+ Mark Elliott Newman OC

*Most Rev. Mark Elliott Newman, OC
Presiding Bishop*

