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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great respect and deep appreciation that I write this letter of recommendation for Nicola Juha, a native of Bethlehem and a devoted Christian whose life and work are a true testament to his faith, talent, and dedication to sacred art.

I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Nicola Juha for many years, during which I have witnessed his growth and mastery in the sacred art of iconography. His work reflects both exceptional technical skill and profound spiritual insight. Using traditional tempera made from natural pigments and adorned with genuine gold leaf. His icons are drawn in the same original Byzantine style, and they not only beautiful expressions of religious devotion but also precise in theological symbolism and artistic accuracy.

One of the greatest testaments to his ability is that his work is permanently featured in several churches, including the historic Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the holiest sites in Christianity. His icons are created with remarkable attention to detail, maintaining the stylistic and spiritual integrity that this ancient tradition requires.

In addition to his artistic achievements, Nicola Juha has demonstrated strong leadership as a supervisor at the Bethlehem Icon Center, where he has guided students and fellow artists in both technique and spiritual understanding. His commitment to preserving and passing on this sacred tradition has made him a respected figure within the community.

I wholeheartedly recommend Nicola Juha for any opportunity or collaboration that allows his art and devotion to shine. He brings with him not only rare artistic talent but also a deep-rooted sense of purpose, humility, and cultural heritage.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Parish Priest

