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**Blessings to the Vicars, faithful members and well-wishers of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa;**

**He Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

Dearly beloved in the name of Christ,

**.....we may grow into salvation I Pet. 2:2**

Almighty Lord has blessed us with wonders in the development of Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa. When we look back and see the growth since 2009 it is beyond the phrases to express in simple words. The unfailing love and compassion of our Lord has brought us to this point of life. When we look back to the paths we strode together and alone we certainly realize on how the Mercy of the good God showed itself working in our lives. We certainly have the conviction in our heart that the one who brought us to this rostrum of life will continue to bless and guide us to the very end of our journey.

In the year 2009 the Holy Church had bestowed on us the responsibility of the Diocese. By the grace of God and with the support and dedication of our faithful we had accomplished ten years in our episcopal ministry. The paths we had taken were not easier ones. The truth remains that throughout our journeys we were blessed to have the providential guidance. When we had assumed the Office as the Metropolitan of this Diocese our Church had only one Consecrated Parish building for the whole of the Diocese but the relentless and tiresome works of our faithful fastened with the grace of God resulted in the furthering of consecrated Parishes. We certainly hold onto the point that it is not about properties and buildings, but it is a scripturally attested truth that we ought to have dedicated places to worship.

We had been called into salvation which is the free gift of God but salvation is not a stagnant point. We need to be growing in salvation. Ultimately all the achievements we hold onto as great are supposed to be assisting us into the

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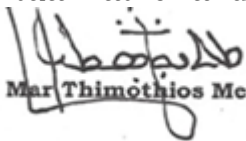
continuous and relentless growth in salvation. Let us hold ourselves together in this intangible dimension of faith and praxis which offer our needed salvation while physically setting our foot in the tangible premises of our Parishes.

It is pleased to know that a souvenir book is published to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our enthronement as the Diocesan Metropolitan and the decennial year of UK Family and Youth Conference.

We wish all the very best for the publication and appreciate everyone working behind the scenes to make this souvenir a reality.

May the blessings and peace of the Risen Lord be with you, now and forever. Amen We are celebrating the greatest Joy the world has ever witnessed. Holy Easter reminds us the triumph of the Faith.

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd in Christ

  
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