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To the Vicars, Management Committees, Spiritual organisations Office Bearers and all the faithful of the Diocese.

Beloved in Christ, Blessings to you all in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity.

With gratitude to God Almighty, I am delighted to share the joyous news that by His grace and through your prayers, we have successfully exchanged the contract for the purchase of the new Diocesan Centre in Bromley. This is a historic milestone in the life of our Diocese, and I offer heartfelt thanks to every one of you who has contributed financially, practically and through encouragement and prayer. I wish especially to acknowledge with gratitude the vision and leadership of my predecessor, His Eminence Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios Metropolitan under whose guidance the Swindon property was acquired. The sale of that property has now become the principal capital for this new step. We also remember with appreciation all who laboured alongside Thirumeni.

I extend my special thanks to all the Aghens, Council Members, Managing Committee Members, all the Office bearers and all those who have offered interest-free personal loans, and to all who have set up monthly standing orders and direct debits. Your sacrifice and commitment have strengthened us.

In a spirit of transparency, I wish to share that we are still unable to find the contact details of some individuals who continue to contribute through standing orders originally set up for the Swindon property. And about ten to fifteen current contributors whose parish details we do not have. If you are among them, and have not received acknowledgements, please kindly contact the diocesan office at office@indianorthodoxuk.org

The continued success of this project will depend upon many more members setting up standing orders both to help bring the property purchase to its fulfilment and to provide the regular monthly income required for the mortgage repayments.

As we move towards completion, I humbly request your continued prayers, support and unity. May our loving Lord, who has guided us thus far, continue to bless and unite us in faith and love. With prayers and blessings, in Christ,

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