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Blessings to all the Vicars and Faithful of the Diocese of UK-Europe & Africa, in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

“It is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). As members of the Body of Christ, each of us is entrusted with the sacred duty of building up His Church. At this moment in our history, God has placed before us a great responsibility: to establish a renewed Diocesan Office and Metropolitan’s Residence in the U.K., which will serve as the living heart of our Diocese and a lasting witness to our faith.

We gratefully recall that the Diocese was blessed to have had a Metropolitan’s Residence in the past, which we have since sold in order to move forward to this new phase. With prayerful gratitude, I acknowledge the vision, leadership, and service of His Eminence Metropolitan Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios, and all those who strived faithfully for the growth of our Diocese until now. Their labour of love and sacrifice has laid the foundation on which we now build.

This present endeavour is not the burden of a few but the calling of all. With one mind and one heart, we must step forward together. Each family, each faithful member, is invited to share in this campaign through a monthly Standing Order. The amount does not matter—whether great or small. What matters is the love and commitment with which we give, knowing that every contribution strengthens the foundation of the Church for generations to come.

The Psalmist reminds us: ***“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain”*** (Psalm 127:1). Let this be our prayer and conviction—that we may labour with God, so that His Church may be firmly rooted in this land, and that we may joyfully hand over to our children and grandchildren a strong, enduring Christian witness.

I humbly and earnestly ask each one of you to participate in this campaign. May our shared faith, unity, and sacrifice bear fruit in the establishment of our Diocesan Centre, to the glory of God.

Details regarding the practical arrangements and the process of setting up Standing Orders will be communicated by the Diocesan Secretary.

Assuring you of my prayers, and invoking upon you the mercies of God,

Yours in Christ,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos