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**Blessings to the Vicars and all the faithful members of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa:**

**Dearly beloved of the Lord,**

Thanking Lord Almighty for the abundant blessings received from Heavenly orders for securely walking us in this unprecedented time of the era. As a diocese, this is our 12<sup>th</sup> year of existence. While looking back to the steps of the journey We could see a very overwhelming and joyous growth of prospects in His Vineyard. May We take this opportunity to appreciate all of you especially the Priests, Sunday School Teachers and the Spiritual Organisation officials for your continuous and prayerful contribution which are always catalytic to Our vision and efforts for the development of our diocese.

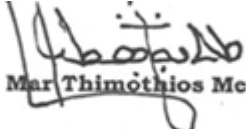
The current year is very challenging to the whole world which disturbs our lives as well. Due to the COVID19 Pandemic outbreak, our usual Social and Spiritual activities and gatherings have been affected in a great level. It is very encouraging to see that we have not lost the vigour but have managed to solemnise liturgical services within the constraints of limited resources. Also we were able to organise Sunday School classes, meetings, seminars, OVBS and other activities through online internet platforms. We gratefully appreciate our Priests and faithful for their enthusiasm and commitment to keep up the faith in uncertain situations.

We are celebrating the first Sunday of November as the Diocesan day. This year the Diocesan day will be celebrated on 01 November 2020. All the parishes in our diocese should observe this day with prayers. If any of the parishes/congregations does not have service on that day, arrangements should be made to observe it on the next scheduled day of service.

As you are aware your financial support is the main source of income which is inevitable for the day to day activities especially the liabilities towards the Diocesan centre. May We urge all of you to participate in the Diocesan Day collection which would be a great support for the day to day functioning and growth of our Diocese.

May God Bless

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd

  
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