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Blessings to all the Achens and the beloved members of the Marth Mariam Vanitha Samajam (MMVS) of the Diocese of UK–Europe and Africa, in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We remain deeply thankful to God for His abiding care for the Church, made visible through the committed service of faithful women and clergy.

In this context, I write to inform you of a change in the leadership of our diocesan women's spiritual organisation, the Marth Mariam Vanitha Samajam (MMVS).

I wish to inform you that with effect from 01 February 2026, Fr. Binu P. J. will be relieved from his responsibilities as the Vice President of MMVS, and Fr. Aby Philip Varghese will assume the office of Vice President.

At this juncture, I place on record my profuse and wholehearted appreciation for the sincere, prayerful, and committed service rendered by Fr. Binu P. J. during his tenure. His ministry was marked by clarity of vision, pastoral sensitivity, and a deep respect for the spiritual vocation of the Marth Mariam Vanitha Samajam. Through his guidance and encouragement, the organisation was strengthened and given a clear sense of direction. I thank him warmly for his devoted service and pray that the Lord may continue to bless his priestly ministry abundantly. I also request that a befitting and dignified farewell be arranged in appreciation of his valuable contributions.

At the same time, I joyfully welcome Fr. Aby Philip Varghese as he takes up this responsibility. I trust that, with God's grace, his pastoral wisdom, spiritual insight, and commitment to the life of the Church will further enrich and strengthen the ministry of MMVS. I extend to him my blessings and prayers.

I request the General Secretary, all Zonal Secretaries, the Treasurer, the Spiritual Lead, and all other office bearers of MMVS to extend their wholehearted cooperation to the new Vice President and to work together to ensure that this transition is smooth, respectful, and supportive, so that the ministry of MMVS may continue without interruption and with renewed strength.

The ministry of the Marth Mariam Vanitha Samajam, as the women's organisation of the Diocese, remains deeply commendable and indispensable. Through its emphasis on prayer, spiritual discipline, service, and faith formation, MMVS plays a vital role in nurturing the spiritual life of families, parishes, and the Diocese as a whole. The faithful witness of women rooted in prayer and Orthodox tradition continues to be a strong pillar in the upkeep of the spiritual life and atmosphere of our parishes and of the Diocese at large.

I sincerely thank all the members of MMVS for their devotion, sacrifices, and steadfast commitment to the life of the Church. May the intercessions of St. Mary, the Mother of God, continue to guide and strengthen this blessed ministry.

With prayers and blessings,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos