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**Blessings to the Vicars, Parish Office bearers, Diocesan Council Members, Sabha Managing committee members, Spiritual Organisation leaders and all the faithful of Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa:**

**Dearly beloved in Lord,**

We are approaching to the most important period of our Spiritual journey of the year. This year the Great Lent will begin on 15 February. We urge you to consider the occasion as very special and should not take it in light spirit. In the past year the humankind has undergone a terrifying shock and still under the threat of that horrifying Virus attack. It is a kind of spark should ignite our thoughts and behaviours. A warning message from the ultimate source of power to the banks of frail strength. Let us reset our priorities and mould ourselves for a better future by repentance, prayers, meditation and mutual love in our Lord. Across the world, people have limitations and restrictions to undertake their routine schedules which affects our Great Lent prayers and events too. We urge you all to utilise the possibilities of modern technology at its best and observe the Lenten prayers and service in its full spirit.

It is overwhelming to see that our newly formed communication department is meeting the objective and its mission. We would gratefully acknowledge your reception to the events/prayers arranged through online platforms. May this venture reach out to more audience and let the gap in interactive involvement in spiritual activities be narrowed as less as possible.

Again dearly beloved Children, We would like to remind in our Lord's Love that we all are the same body and partakers of same flesh and blood of Christ. There should not be any personal egos or hostility take space and shape within our community. We noticed with grief that members of our community are engaged in forming social media groups and arranging events and prayers in parallel with our official online programmes. Also it is brought to Our attention that Church's logo, Photos of Malankara Metropolitan and Diocesan Metropolitan, and name of the diocese with minor omission are used without due permissions. It is more painful to learn that individuals holding official positions of our diocese are knowingly or unknowingly part of such activities. We are not against any social media platforms or individual's right for freedom of expression. However, if such actions create confusions and dilemma to the common people or jeopardise the integrity and unity of our diocesan administration, We urge in love to all of you that to refrain from such unwanted and unhealthy activities for the wellbeing of our diocese and our Church in general. You may remember that aggression of parallel governance made significant damage to our Church in the history and even today we are suffering from the losses. Our amateur actions should not become a tool for others to point their fingers against us or we should not subsidise our image in the society.

Keeping all of you in Prayers

God Bless

  
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