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Greetings to all the Vicars, Sunday School Teachers and Parents in the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa, in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

In continuation of the resolutions reached during the Annual General Body meeting of the Sunday School Association in our Diocese, I hereby officially confirm the appointment of the Office Bearers of the Association. Their tenure will remain in effect until further notice.

POSITIONS AND NAMES

Treasurer: Dr. Baby Cherian, St. Gregorios IOC, London (Continuing)

Secretary: Mr. Vinod Philip, St. Mary's IOC, Oxford.

Joint Secretary: Mr. Robin Thomas, St. Thomas IOC Cambridge

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS

South: Mr. Varghese Mathai, St. George IOC, Central London

Central: Dr. Dolly Jacob, St. Stephens IOC Birmingham

North: Mrs. Shiji Biben, St. George IOC Manchester

EVENTS CO-ORDINATORS

OVBS Co-ordinator: Mrs. Merlin Robin, St. Thomas IOC Cambridge (Continuing)

Asst. OVBS Co-ordinator: Mrs. Ruby Sinu, St. John the Baptist IOC, Stoke on Trent

Talent Event Co-ordinator: Mr. Joshi Eapen, St. George IOC Manchester

Asst. Talent Event Co-ordinator: Mrs. Sony Jerrin, St. John the Baptist IOC, Stoke on Trent

Family Conference Co-ordinator: Mrs. Jincy James, St. Gregorios IOC Peterborough

Asst. Family Conference Co-ordinator: Mrs. Viji Syra, St. Thomas IOC Hemel Hempstead

DBS OFFICERS

Diocesan Lead: Mrs. Sony Linz, St. Thomas IOC, Liverpool

DISTRICT DBS OFFICERS

South: Mrs. Reshma Benoy, St. Gregorios IOC, London

: Mrs. Lisha Simon, St. Peters and St. Pauls IOC East Kent

Central: Mrs. Omana Varghese, St. Thomas IOC Cambridge (Continuing)

: Mrs. Sophy Mathew, St. Marys IOC Oxford

North: Dr. Sumin David Joseph, St. George IOC Sheffield 1 of 2

IN SEARCH OF 'WHAT CANNOT' BE SEEN' 2 COR. 4:18 The office bearers of the Irish, rest of Europe and African regions will be announced soon. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the outgoing office bearers for their relentless service towards the Sunday School ministry of our Diocese, especially appreciating their extended tenure due to the Covid pandemic.

It is with understanding that owing to personal difficulties, Fr. Joe Mathew could not assume the responsibility of Sunday School Vice President as previously planned. In light of this situation, I am pleased to announce that Fr. Anoop Malayil will continue as the Sunday School Vice President until further orders. Further to this, I am pleased to convey that Mr. Simon Chacko will continue to serve as the Sunday School Director. Their leadership and dedication have both played instrumental roles in guiding our Sunday School towards excellence, and I have no doubt that their continued efforts will inspire us all.

Furthermore, as we eagerly anticipate the implementation of our new curriculum, we are introducing a new position, that of Curriculum Coordinator. I am pleased to appoint Mr. Suresh Daniel to this vital role. Mr. Daniel's expertise and dedication will greatly contribute to the success of our curriculum's launch and its seamless integration into the framework of the spiritual learning of our children.

As we move forward, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and Sunday School teachers of the profound significance of the ministry of Sunday School. It plays a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of our children, nurturing their faith and helping them grow into devout and responsible individuals. Your commitment to this ministry reflects your love for the Church and your desire to shape the spiritual lives of the next generation.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the Vicars, Sunday School teachers, and office bearers for their relentless efforts in upholding the mission of our Diocesan Sunday School.

May God Almighty bless and guide all of us as we continue to embark on this sacred journey of nurturing young minds and souls. I am confident that, under the capable leadership of the Vicars and Office bearers, our Sunday School will continue to flourish, and our children will thrive in the knowledge and love of Christ.

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